



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:11 AM - Thursday, January 27, 2022

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723, on Thursday, January 27, 2022, to order at 8:11 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Young

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner DuRussel

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Doug DuRussel, Dan Grimshaw

Commissioners Absent: Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Tracy Violet, Register John Bishop, Billy Putman, Jen Putman, Shelly Lutz

Also Present Virtual: Eean Lee, K. Free, Debbie Babich, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Commissioner Kim Vaughan, Mike Miller, Mike Slade, Sandy Nielsen, Steve Anderson, Steve Root, Dara Hood, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Debbie Mika, Eric Morris, Bob Baxter, Mark Haney, Matt Brown, Shannon Beach, Bryan Hemerline

At 8:11 a.m., there were a total of 15 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2022-M-011

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2022-M-012

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to adopt the meeting minutes from the January 13, 2022 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2022-M-013

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Dan Grimshaw that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the January 24, 2022 Committee of the Whole be adopted.

Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Tuscola Food Access Collaborative (TFAC) Annual Report -
Move to receive and place on file the Tuscola Food Access Collaborative 2020-2021 Annual Report
2. Tuscola County Medical Examiner Annual Report -
Move to receive and place on file the Tuscola County Medical Examiners 2021 Annual Report.
3. Out of State Travel Request -
Move that per the January 19, 2022 request from the Chief Information Officer that authorization is given to attend the out-of-state Dell Technologies World conference from May 2 to 5, 2022 in Las Vegas, Nevada.
4. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Building Carpet Replacement -
Move to proceed with MiDeal for the carpet replacement at the Department of Health and Human Services Building. This will benefit the County directly from the reduced cost of goods and services and indirectly by eliminating the time needed to process bids.

New Business

Continued below

1. Office Closure of Tuscola County Register of Deeds Office -
Register John Bishop explained the request to have his office close at noon on February 18, 2022 due to the Building and Grounds Department installing a new entrance door to his office.

Matter of the Register of Deeds office staff receiving pay for the time of the closure shall be added to the February 7, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

2022-M-014

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to approve the closure of the Register of Deeds Office on February 18, 2022 beginning at noon for the Building and Grounds Department to complete necessary work. Motion Carried.

2. Tuscola County Register of Deeds Proposed Department Policy -
Register John Bishop explained that he is implementing an Office COVID-19 Vaccination Policy effective immediately. Board discussed the matter and if the Register has authority to implement a policy of such content.

2022-M-015

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to reject the Register of Deeds proposed Office COVID-19 Vaccination policy as it is contrary to county policy and the policy is not to be adopted by the Board of Commissioners. Motion Carried.

3. Parks and Recreation Commission Member Appointment -

2022-M-016

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to appoint Paul Newby to the Parks and Recreation Commission to fulfill the term held by Gerald Peterson. The partial term expiration date will be December 31, 2022. Motion Carried.

4. Courtroom Security Settlement Agreement -

2022-M-017

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to approve the proposed Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims regarding Court Security issues. Further moved that Chairman Bardwell is authorized to execute such agreement.

Yes: Doug DuRussel, Dan Grimshaw, and Thomas Young
Absent: Thomas Bardwell and Kim Vaughan

Motion Carried.

5. 2022 Budget Amendment for Courthouse Security -

2022-M-018

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to establish a new Courtroom Security Department in the General Fund under Unified Court control. Further moved to amend the 2022 General Fund Budget by moving \$157,846.00 from the Courthouse Security Budget (101-303) to the newly created Courtroom Security Department budget (101-277) with this Department's associated accounts being 101-277-704-000 through 101-277-957-000. Further moved that the funds transferred under this motion shall be

used in a manner consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims entered into between the County and the Tuscola County Unified Court.

Yes: Thomas Young, Doug DuRussel, and Dan Grimshaw
Absent: Thomas Bardwell and Kim Vaughan

Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Tuscola County Clerk Stipend -

2022-M-019

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to authorize the creation of an election coding stipend for the County Clerk. If there are 15 or less ballot styles in one election, then the stipend payment per ballot style is \$85.00 for ICP programming and \$15.00 for ICX programming. If there are 16 or more ballot styles in one election, then the stipend would be a flat stipend of \$2,000.00. Stipend to be paid to the County Clerk at the conclusion of canvassing an election and documentation to be provided to the Human Resource Director for payment. This only applies if the election coding is done in-house and not contracted out, effective January 1, 2022. Also, all budget amendments are authorized as necessary.

Yes: Thomas Young, Doug DuRussel, and Dan Grimshaw
Absent: Thomas Bardwell and Kim Vaughan

Motion Carried.

Recessed at 9:18 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:29 a.m.

New Business

Continued from above

6. Closed Session on Labor Negotiations -

2022-M-020

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel that the Board meet in closed session, pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, in order to discuss strategy connected with the pending negotiation of collective bargaining agreements with Eric Morris with Braun Kendrick, Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting, Shelly Lutz, Eean Lee and Tracy Violet to be allowed to attend the closed session at 9:30 a.m.

Yes: Thomas Young, Doug DuRussel, and Dan Grimshaw
Absent: Thomas Bardwell and Kim Vaughan

Motion Carried.

Recessed to Closed Session at 9:30 a.m.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 9:38 a.m.

At 9:38 a.m., there were a total of 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

7. Dispatch Labor Contract Ratification

2022-M-023

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Dan Grimshaw that the County accept and ratify the January 18, 2022 tentative agreement for the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) 911 Unit. Also, further move that Chairman Bardwell is authorized to execute a final collective bargaining agreement consistent with the terms of the January 18, 2022 tentative agreement with an effective date of January 27, 2022.

Yes: Thomas Young, Doug DuRussel, and Dan Grimshaw

Absent: Thomas Bardwell and Kim Vaughan

Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Village of Cass City Meeting Notice for Public Hearing on Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate
2. January 6, 2022 Road Commission Minutes
3. Department of Airforce Meeting Notice dated January 6, 2022
4. Marquette County Resolution 1.18.22 Ballot Protections
5. SB705
6. Guidehouse Meeting - EDC Members may also want to attend.

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Young

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison -

Solar Panels installed at intersections is a DTE pilot program.

Dispatch Authority Board

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

Jail Planning Committee

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee
Region VII Economic Development Planning
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Senior Services Advisory Council
Tuscola 2020

Local Units of Government Activity Report -
-Village of Reese will be participating in the RAVE Alert program.
-Bill Bushaw is working with NextERA on the M81 laydown yards as groups are interested in the broken concrete and culverts located there.

Bardwell

Absent

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Caro DDA/TIFA
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board
MAC Finance Committee
TRIAD
Local Units of Government Activity Report

Vaughan

Absent

Board of Health
County Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC Environmental Regulatory
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use
Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison
Local Units of Government Activity Report

DuRussel

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison -
In Tuscola County, one-third of the population is on some type of food assistance program.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Grimshaw

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Meets tonight.

Recycling Advisory

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government

Denmark Township lagoon is in need of repair. This is a possible ARPA project.

Other Business as Necessary

-Board would like the Register of Deeds Office COVID-19 Vaccination Policy referred to Legal Counsel for review.

-Building and Grounds Committee members would like to independently tour the buildings next week on Thursday or Friday in the morning.

At 9:38 a.m., there were a total of 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

-Billy Putman, Tuscola County Republican Chair, updated the Board on the local Republican party. He also stated the Redistricting maps have been completed.

Adjournment

2022-M-024

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk