



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, February 10, 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, February 10, 2022, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner DuRussel

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Young

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioner Grimshaw arrived at 8:08 a.m.

Commissioners Absent: Kim Vaughan

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Tracy Violet, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Jon Ramirez, Register John Bishop, Mark Ransford, Damian Wasik, Shelly Lutz

Also Present Virtual: Eean Lee, Kate Curtis, Nick Sakon, Sandy Nielsen, Mary Drier, Kim Brinkman, Debbie Babich, K. Free, Matt Brown, Mike Slade, Steve Root, Cody Horton, Mark Haney, Barry Lapp, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Debbie Mika, Eric Morris, Nancy Cook, Jon Ramirez, Pam Shook

At 8:05 a.m., there were a total of 16 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2022-M-025

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2022-M-026

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to adopt the meeting minutes from the January 27, 2022 Regular meeting.

Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2022-M-027

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items listed below from the February 7, 2022 Committee of the Whole be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Tuscola County Planning Committee 2021 Annual Report -
Move to receive and place on file the 2021 Tuscola County Planning Commission Annual Report.
2. Use of Courthouse Lawn/Steps for Child Abuse Prevention -
Move that per the request from Chairperson Rachael Koepf of the Tuscola County Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council that permission be granted to use the Courthouse lawn for the month of April. Also, approve use of the Courthouse steps on April 4, 2022 from Noon-1:00 p.m. for the short kickoff event.
3. Courthouse Security X-Ray Equipment Maintenance Agreement -
Move to approve the one (1) year equipment maintenance contract March 25, 2022 to March 24, 2023 for the Courthouse Security X-ray system with Leiodos Security Detection & Automation, Inc. in the amount of \$6,100.00 with any budget adjustments necessary authorized.

New Business (continued below)

1. Local First Responder Recruitment and Training Grant (FRGP) Application -
Steve Anderson, Emergency Services Manager, explained the grant opportunity. A portion of the grant would be used by the Sheriff's Office for recruitment efforts and a portion by the Emergency Services Department for First Responder Training.

2022-M-028

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to approve the Local First Responder Recruitment and Training Grant Program (FRGP) grant application with no County funds needed to match and authorize Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator or Steven Anderson, Emergency Manager to be the Authorized Representatives of the County to complete the process. Motion Carried.

2. Parking Lot Repair and Sealing Bid Recommendation for the Sheriff's Department and the Annex Building -
Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds Director, reported that all of the bids submitted met the requirements of the RFP. He is recommending that Yeager Asphalt, as the low bidder, be awarded the project.

2022-M-029

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Thomas Young that the Annex building parking lot and the Sheriff's Department parking lot sealing and repair bid be awarded to Yeager Asphalt who was the low bidder for an amount of \$7,700.00 (Annex for \$3,300.00 and Sheriff's for \$4,400.00). Motion Carried.

3. Register of Deeds' Office Staff Paid Time for Office Closure -
Board discussed if the Register of Deeds' office staff would be paid if the office were to be closed to allow the Maintenance Department the opportunity to begin the office door entrance project during the afternoon hours on February 18, 2022. Board discussed the matter at length.

2022-M-030

Motion by Thomas Young, to pay the Register of Deeds staff 3.5 hours for office closure due to construction on Friday, February 18, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Motion died due to lack of support.

The request has been withdrawn by the Buildings and Grounds Director. The Maintenance Department will begin work after hours.

Old Business (continued below)

1. IT Department Space Needs - Cost Analysis -
Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the Review of Buildings included in the agenda packet. Board discussed the costs included on the review. Board discussed issuing an RFP for a purchase of a building. The previous RFP was for a lease of a building.

New Business (continued from above)

4. Closed Session for a Legal Opinion -

2022-M-031

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel that the Board meet in Closed Session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the contents of a

written legal memorandum from its attorney regarding personnel policies, which is exempted from disclosure under Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, with Eric Morris with Braun Kendrick, Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting, Shelly Lutz, Tracy Violet and Eean Lee to be allowed to attend the closed session at 9:11 a.m.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Doug DuRussel, and Dan Grimshaw

Absent: Kim Vaughan

Motion Carried.

Recessed to Closed Session at 9:11 a.m.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 9:41 a.m.

At 9:42 a.m., there were a total of 18 participants attending the meeting virtually.

5. Register of Deeds Position Replacement Hire -

John Bishop, Register of Deeds, presented the candidate he is recommending for the vacant position in his office. The Board asked if the candidate has been made aware of the vaccination policy that Register Bishop has implemented. The Board reiterated that the Board has not adopted nor agreed to the vaccination policy implemented. The Board requested Register Bishop to publicly withdraw the Vaccine policy and Register Bishop did not. The Board did not offer a motion for the filling of the vacant position. Board discussed reimplementing the hiring freeze policy. Board is concerned over third party personnel policies related to human resource matters that are implemented by Department Heads or Elected Officials and the legal ramification to the County. Board would like to review a potential hiring freeze policy at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

Old Business (continued from above)

1. IT Department Space Needs -

Board discussed the RFP that was issued in the Fall of 2020 for leasing space for the county and the stipulations that were included. The Board discussed buying property versus leasing property. Board discussed the flex space and how much the space would be used.

2022-M-034

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel for the Building and Grounds Committee to proceed to prepare a Request for Information (RFI) for review by legal counsel to have presented for review and possible adoption at a future Board meeting for property to be purchased for County Space Needs.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Doug DuRussel, and Dan Grimshaw

Absent: Kim Vaughan

Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Tuscola County Planning Commission January 2022 Newsletter
2. Leelanau County Resolution No. 2022-001
Commissioner Grimshaw provide an update on current legislation regarding Community Mental Health.
3. Road Commission Minutes January 20, 2022
All 2021 and 2022 Road Commission minutes are available online.

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Young

Referenced the drone article in the Planning Commission Newsletter.

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison

Commissioner Bardwell has received communication for a request for a bridge to be built to allow for a more direction connection off from M53. Commissioner Bardwell will get the details for Commissioner Young.

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

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

Met yesterday. The former Family Video building will be home to a used car lot. A review of the new Farmer's Market was provided of the success realized the first year of being opened.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board
MAC Finance Committee
TRIAD
Local Units of Government Activity Report

Vaughan

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
Meets next week.
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
Recycling Advisory
Jail Planning Committee
Meets today at 1:00 p.m.
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government

City of Vassar has decided to participate in the meeting being hosted by Guidehouse.

Other Business as Necessary

None

At 12:15 p.m., there were a total of 18 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

None

Adjournment

2022-M-032

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Thomas Young to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk