



# MINUTES

## Board of Commissioners

### Meeting

8:01 AM - Thursday, February 24, 2022

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

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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 24, 2022, to order at 8:01 a.m. local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Grimshaw

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Bardwell

Roll Call -Deputy Clerk Judy Cockerill

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

Commissioners Absent: Kim Vaughan

Others Present In-Person: Eean Lee, Judy Cockerill, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Gedaliah Krasner, Steve Anderson, Jon Ramirez, Register John Bishop, Larry Zapfe, Mark Ransford, Damian Wasik

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Matt Brown, Matthew Lane, Jessica VanHove, Pam Stefan, Kathleen Curtis, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Mark Haney, Dara Hood, Debbie Babich, Kim Brinkman, Mary Drier, Bob Baxter, Sandra Nielsen, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Shannon Beach, Cody Horton, K. Free, Nick Sakon, Barry Lapp

At 8:01 a.m., there were a total of 10 participants attending the meeting virtually.

#### Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2022-M-033

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

## **Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2022-M-034

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the February 10, 2022 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

## **Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only**

None

## **Consent Agenda**

None

## **New Business**

1. Mosquito Abatement Material Purchase for 2022 -  
Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, presented his request to purchase a truck mounted fogger and mosquito control material.

2022-M-035

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Thomas Young that per the February 24, 2022 letter from Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, to authorize the purchase of one (1) Grizzly truck mounted fogger in the amount of \$15,897.66. Also, insecticide materials from Valent Bio Sciences for a total of \$21,902.80. All of these purchases have been budgeted in the 2022 Mosquito Abatement Fund. Motion Carried.

2. Saginaw Bay Cooperative Invasive Species Management (CISM) Strategic Plan -  
Gedaliah Krasner, Saginaw Bay CISM Coordinator, presented to the Board the Strategic Plan regarding prevention of invasive species, resources available to counties and to the public. They work in connection with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and private landowners regarding phragmites.

2022-M-036

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to receive and place on file the Saginaw Bay Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (SB-CISMA) Strategic Plan dated November 9, 2021. Motion Carried.

3. Thumb Electric Right of Ways/Variances -  
Commissioner Young provided an update regarding permit policy that needs to be in place for work to be completed in the right-a-ways. There has been discussion in requiring one blanket permit rather than a permit for each driveway. Eean Lee expressed how important this project is for Tuscola County in getting broadband to the residents.

4. TelNet Five Year Proposal -  
Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, explained the benefits of the proposal and the proposed cost-savings to Tuscola County.

2022-M-037

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw that per the recommendation of Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer (CIO), to approve the TelNet 5-year phone service at a monthly rate of \$282.00. Also, all authorized signatures be approved. Motion Carried.

5. Truck Purchase -  
Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds Director, explained the request to replace a current truck on his fleet.

2022-M-038

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel that per the recommendation from Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds Director, the 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD in the amount of \$40,860.00 be purchased from Cook GM Super Store in Vassar. This is a 2022 budgeted item. Motion Carried.

6. Review Bids for the Seamless Padding System at the County Jail -  
Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds Director, opened the bids received for a seamless padding system to be installed in one holding cell at the jail.

Primcoat, Illinois - \$22,085.00  
WDSI, Wisconsin - \$48,000.00 (base)  
Cornerstone, Alabama - \$43,250.00

Mike Miller will review the bids received and will bring a recommendation back to the Board at the next Board meeting.

7. Tuscola County Health Department Fee Schedule -  
Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the request received from the Health Department as included in the agenda packet.

2022-M-039

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to approve the changes to the Tuscola County Health Department Fee Schedule under the Miscellaneous Section to add a Lead Sample Collection fee in the amount of \$10.00. Effective date will be March 1, 2022. Motion Carried.

8. Resolution For The Elected Officials To Fix The No-Fault Law - Commissioner DuRussel presented regarding the proposed resolution.

2022-M-040

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to approve Resolution #2022-01 titled Resolution Urging State Legislature to Amend the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act to Address a Reimbursement Cap for Auto Accident Victims. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Kim Vaughan

Motion Carried.

9. Amendment to the Agreement for Records Management and Imaging with GOVOS, Inc. (A Kofile Company) in the Register of Deeds Office - (matter added)  
Register John Bishop explained the amendment and the monthly increase. This will allow for improvements including speed of the system.

2022-M-041

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to approve amendment one to the Agreement for Records Management and Imaging System contract between the Register of Deeds and GOVOS, Inc (A Kofile Company). Also, authorize all necessary signatures. Motion Carried.

10. Tuscola County Treasurer's Office New Hire - (matter added)  
Treasurer Ashley Bennett explained the request to fill a vacant position within the Treasurer's Office.

2022-M-042

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw that per the recommendation of Ashley Bennett, Tuscola County Treasurer, that Amanda Rushlo be hired to fill the vacant full-time Account Clerk III position, pending a favorable background check, drug screen and physical. Tentative start date of Monday March 14, 2022. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 9:55 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

11. Rescind the Vaccine Mandate Policy in the Register of Deeds Office on February 10, 2022 and refill the vacant Part-Time Account Clerk II position. - (matter added)  
John Bishop, Register of Deeds, stated publicly that he is rescinding the Vaccine Mandate Policy for the Register of Deeds Office. Register Bishop is also requesting to refill the vacant part-time position in his office.

2022-M-043

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the hiring of Rachel Chaney-Ruiz to the position of part-time Account Clerk II at beginning rate of \$16.51 per hour in the Register of Deeds office. Effective date of hire February 28, 2022. Motion Carried.

### **Old Business**

1. IT Space Needs -

Board discussed scheduling a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting to discuss how to move the project forward and the various options that are available. Clayette will send an email to Elected Officials and Department Heads to invite them to the meeting. The meeting will be held on March 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room with no virtual meeting participation.

### **Correspondence/Resolutions**

1. Consumers Put Your Town on the Map Competition
2. New Grant Program to Bolster Relief for Michigan Businesses Impacted by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
3. Tuscola County Road Commission Minutes
4. Tuscola CD 2022 Pruning Workshop Flyer
5. Legislative Update February 11, 2022

### **Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports**

#### ***Bardwell***

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Meeting tonight.

Caro DDA/TIFA  
Update provided.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
Meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee

TRIAD  
Update provided.

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

Update provided.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
Update provided.

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  
Meeting tonight.

Recycling Advisory

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government

## **Young**

Board of Public Works  
Update provided.  
County Road Commission Liaison  
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

## **Other Business as Necessary**

1. Caro Center Update -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, provided an update on the progress of the project. The completion date is expected to be March of 2023. Clayette reported the census of patients is being tracked.
2. New Hire Step Rate Clarification (matter added) -  
Board discussed when a new hire is offered a position how it is determined what Step Rate that person would start at. Board would like motions for new hires to include the Step Rate for clarification in the future. If the new hire is being offered a Step Rate higher than Step 1, the Board would like supporting documentation presented for the qualifications to be at a higher step.

At 10:52 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

## **Extended Public Comment**

-Mary Drier questioned why there will not be any virtual meeting participation at the Building and Grounds Committee meeting. Commissioner Grimshaw stated that it will not be virtual as it is a Committee meeting not a Committee of the Whole or a Board meeting.

## **Adjournment**

2022-M-044

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. Motion Carried.

Judy Cockerill  
Deputy Clerk  
Tuscola County Clerk's Office