



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, April 28, 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, April 28, 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, Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel, Dan Grimshaw

Commissioner Grimshaw arrived at 8:07 a.m.

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Shelly Lutz, Renee Francisco, Jon Ramirez, Deanna Higley, Ryan Pierce, Jim Hook, Barb Thayer, Register John Bishop, Mark Ransford, Damian Wasik, Steve Anderson, Cody Horton

Also Present Virtual: Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Cindy Hughes, Barry Lapp, Cody Horton, Dara Hood, Debbie Babich, Mark Haney, Matt Brown, Steve Root, Steve Anderson, Tracy Violet, Mark Ransford, Jessica VanHove, Renee Francisco, Linda Strasz, Register John Bishop, Angie Daniels, Angie House, Missie Jaster, Tim Green

At 8:08 a.m., there were a total of 19 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda

2022-M-084

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-085

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Kim Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the April 14, 2022 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2022-M-086

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel that the Consent Agenda Minutes from the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 20, 2022 and the Consent Agenda Minutes and the Consent Agenda Items from the April 25, 2022 Regular Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Health Department 2021 Audit Presentation -

Move to receive and place on file the Tuscola County Health Department 2021 Audit.

2. Jail Stove Bids -

Move to award the Jail stove bid to Douglas Equipment from Bloomfield, West Virginia in the amount of \$15,240.00.

3. Budget Amendments for First Quarter -

Move to approve the first quarter budget amendments to the 2022 Health Insurance and Retirement budgets and the various General Fund expenditures as presented by the Controller/Administrator at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 25, 2022.

4. Tuscola County Medical Care Facility Funds Transfer Request for Various Capital Projects -

Move that per the request from the Medical Care Community Chief Executive Officer, Brenda Kretschmer, that \$119,526.89 be transferred from the Voted Medical Care Facility Fund (298) to the regular Medical Care Facility Fund (291) for the items listed in the April 21, 2022 letter.

New Business

1. Employee Retirement Resolution 2022-05 Honoring Deanna Higley -

2022-M-087

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw that County Resolution 2022-05 honoring Deanna Higley, Tuscola County Sheriff's Office Records Clerk, for over 20 years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Tuscola County be approved and placed on file.

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

Motion Carried.

2. Employee Retirement Resolution 2022-06 Honoring James Hook -

2022-M-088

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan that County Resolution 2022-06 honoring James Hook, Tuscola County Sheriff's Office Detective/Road Patrol Sergeant, for 27 years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Tuscola County be approved and placed on file.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

3. Employee Retirement Resolution 2022-07 Honoring Ryan Pierce -

2022-M-089

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel that County Resolution 2022-07 honoring Ryan Pierce, Tuscola County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol Sergeant, for over 27 years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Tuscola County be approved and placed on file with the year corrected to 2018.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

4. Employee Retirement Resolution 2022-08 Honoring Barbara Thayer -

2022-M-090

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel that County Resolution 2022-08 honoring Barbara Thayer, Tuscola County Sheriff's Office Corrections Training Officer and District Court Probation Deputy Court Clerk, for over 20 years of combined dedicated public service to the citizens of Tuscola County be approved and placed on file.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

5. Request to Use Courthouse Lawn for Pumpkin Festival -

2022-M-091

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Kim Vaughan to approve the request dated April 24, 2022 from the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival Board to use the Courthouse lawn from October 1, 2022 to October 10, 2022 for the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival. Motion Carried.

6. CrowdStrike Falcon Platform Antivirus Solution Quote -

2022-M-092

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel that the CrowdStrike Antivirus Solution quote be accepted and any necessary budget amendments be made. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Road Commission Millage and Projected Projects -

2022-M-093

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel that the following language for a millage request to fund the Primary Roads and Street Improvement as reviewed and approved by corporate council be approved. This language is to be placed on the August 2, 2022 ballot.

**TUSCOLA COUNTY
PRIMARY ROADS AND STREET IMPROVEMENT
RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

For a period of eight (8) years, from 2024 and continuing through 2031, both inclusive, shall the previously voted increase in the taxable property rate limitation of Tuscola County be renewed at the rate of .9657 mills (\$.9657 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) to provide funds for primary county roads and streets within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise in the first year an estimated \$1,965,917. Revenue shall be disbursed to the Tuscola County Road Commission as well as villages and cities within Tuscola County, and be used exclusively for the construction, repair and maintenance of primary county roads and major streets within Tuscola County. As required by State law, a small portion of the millage may be captured by the Millington Downtown Development Authority, the Cass City Downtown Development Authority, the City of Vassar Downtown Development Authority, and the City of Caro Downtown Development Authority.

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

Motion Carried.

2. Bridge and Street Improvement Renewal Millage -

2022-M-094

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Thomas Young that the following language for a millage request to fund the Bridge and Street Improvement Renewal as reviewed and approved by corporate council be approved. This language is to be placed on the August 2, 2022 ballot.

**TUSCOLA COUNTY
BRIDGE AND STREET IMPROVEMENT
RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

For a period of eight (8) years, from 2024 and continuing through 2031, both inclusive, shall the previously voted increase in the taxable property rate limitation of Tuscola County be renewed at the rate of .4807 mills (\$.4807 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) to provide funds for local bridges, roads, and streets within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise in the first year an estimated \$978,581. Revenue shall be disbursed to the Tuscola County Road Commission as well as villages and cities within Tuscola County, and be used exclusively for improvement to local bridges, roads and streets within Tuscola County. As required by State law, a small portion of the millage may be captured by the Millington Downtown Development Authority, the Cass City Downtown Development Authority, the City of Vassar Downtown Development Authority, and the City of Caro Downtown Development Authority.

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

Motion Carried.

3. Proposed Resolution Proclaiming the Month of May Motorcycle Awareness Month -

2022-M-095

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Young to approve Resolution 2022-09 Proclaiming May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

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

Motion Carried.

4. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) List of Projects, Provision of Government Services Details Potential Action -

2022-M-096

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to authorize the transfer of \$6,883,096.41 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the County General Fund for Provision of Government Services. Also, designate this same amount

as reserved fund balance for Board authorized potential uses in the future. Motion Carried.

5. Resignation of Michael Rolando, Tuscola County Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator -

2022-M-097

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Young to regretfully receive and place on file the April 18, 2022 letter of resignation from Michael Rolando, Tuscola County Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator, effective May 31, 2022. Motion Carried.

6. Tuscola County Managed Assigned Council Request to Add Staff Attorney -

2022-M-098

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Young that due to the increased demands on the Managed Assigned Counsel Office with the additional Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) standards that we authorize the hiring of a new Staff Attorney. Salary will be based on experience up to \$74,057.08 and standard benefit cost of \$30,751.00 for a total potential cost of \$104,808.08. All funds to cover this position are provided by the State of Michigan through the MIDC grant.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, and Kim Vaughan

No: Doug DuRussel and Dan Grimshaw

Motion Carried.

7. List of all Potential Sites for County Space Needs reviewed in 2021-2022 -
Board discussed the earlier proposed options of the Frank Street Property, the Ransford-Wasik Property or the adding square footage on to the Annex to solve the Space Need Project. Board discussed the matter at length.

2022-M-099

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to lease property located at 171 N. State Street, Caro Michigan from Ransford-Wasik, LLC or one of its subsidiaries at \$5.00 per square foot with the final lease agreement to be reviewed by county legal counsel. The project is to be overseen by Building and Grounds Director Mike Miller, Controller/Administrator Clayette Zechmeister and the Board of Commissioners as a whole. Project Funding is approved through ARPA funds for lease costs through 2026 and project renovations.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, and Kim Vaughan

No: Doug DuRussel and Dan Grimshaw

Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. MAC Legislative Update - April 22, 2022
Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the updates.
2. Michigan's Cannabis Regulatory Agency Replaces the Marijuana Regulatory Agency, Brings Hemp Processing into the Fold

3. Road Commission Board Minutes - March 31, 2022

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

DuRussel

No Updates

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

Meeting Cancelled.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

Meets in June.

MAC Finance Committee

TRIAD

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Young

Board of Public Works

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
Attended the Columbia Township meeting.

Vaughan

Board of Health
County Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
-Caro Strand has been sold. There will be celebration planned as it is 100 years old.
-Caro City has adopted the Water Agreement for the Putman Project awaiting approval by the Indianfields Township Board.
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

Grimshaw

No Update.

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Jail Planning Committee
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)
Local Units of Government

Other Business as Necessary

None

At 10:35 a.m., there were a total of 24 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

-Clerk Fetting expressed her appreciation of Dispatch Director Jon Ramirez in working together to implement processes to streamline communication between their Departments.

Adjournment

2022-M-100

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Kim Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk