



# MINUTES

## Board of Commissioners

### Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, October 13, 2022

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln Street, 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 Street, Caro, MI 48723, on Thursday, October 13, 2022, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Grimshaw

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner DuRussel

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioner Grimshaw arrived at 8:05 a.m.

Commissioners Absent: Kim Vaughan

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Jon Ramirez, Steve Anderson

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Amanda Ertman, Bob Baxter, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Cody Horton, Linda Strasz, Debbie Babich, Barry Lapp, Kate Curtis, Steve Root, Dara Hood, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Mike Miller, Pam Shook, Kim Brinkman, Mark Haney

At 8:03 a.m., there were a total of 14 participants attending the meeting virtually.

#### Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2022-M-222

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-223

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 29, 2022 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

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

None

### **Consent Agenda**

2022-M-224

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the October 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting as well as the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2022 be adopted.

Motion Carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Move to approve the FEMA Memorandum of Agreement so Tuscola County can be signed up in the IPAWS System (Integrated Public Alert & Warning System). There is no cost to Tuscola County for this program. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
2. Move to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement with the State of Michigan in the amount of \$37,873.00. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
3. Move to approve the purchase of additional security cameras for the Purdy Building in the amount of \$2,286.22.
4. Move to approve the purchase of additional security cameras for the County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$6,118.00.
5. Move that Chief Information Officer (CIO), Eean Lee, purchase two additional web cameras to facilitate the video presence of the County Administrator/Controller and the Chief Information Officer in the County's official public meeting broadcast. As indicated by CIO, Eean Lee, no additional funding or budget adjustments need to be made to fund this purchase.

### **New Business**

1. 2023 Mosquito Abatement Wages -  
Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, presented at the October 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2022-M-225

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to approve the 2023 Mosquito Abatement seasonal employees wage increase for 2023. First year Technicians hourly wage increase from \$11.74 to \$14.00, second year (returning) Technicians hourly wage increase from between \$12.50-13.34 to \$14.50. Technician II hourly wage increase from \$14.20 to \$15.20 and Utility Person hourly wage increase from \$13.11 to \$14.11. These positions will not receive the cost-of-living increase proposed by the Commissioners for 2023. All other positions at Mosquito Abatement will be covered under the Board approved cost of living increase.

Yes: Thomas Young and Thomas Bardwell

No: Doug DuRussel and Dan Grimshaw

Absent: Kim Vaughan

Motion Failed.

2. Register of Deeds Office Index Book Restoration -  
John Bishop, Register of Deeds, presented at the October 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2022-M-226

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to approve the index book restoration in the Register of Deeds Office for the last of the grantor/grantee indexes by Kofile. The cost of \$85,796.00 will be charged to the Automation Fund account 256-100-801-000 that has sufficient fund balance to cover the cost of this project. Motion Carried.

3. New Commissioner School -  
Michigan Association of Counties has trainings scheduled. The two Commissioner elect candidates are interested in attending.

2022-M-227

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to offer the training classes to the incoming Commissioners for 2023 as has been done in the past and process the payment from the training line item for the Board of Commissioners. Motion Carried.

4. Corrections Deputy New Hire -

2022-M-228

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel that per the request from Undersheriff Baxter that Kimberly Craig be given a conditional job offer pending a favorable background, physical and drug test. She will be filling an open position in Corrections, starting at Step 1 on the pay scale. Her anticipated start date will be the beginning of November 2022. Motion Carried.

5. Draft 2023 Board Meeting Schedule -  
A proposed schedule was included in the agenda packet which will be adopted at the Organizational meeting.

6. 2023 Attorney Contract for Alleged Developmentally Disabled Individuals -

2022-M-229

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw that per the October 12, 2022 correspondence from the Chief Judge, the Contract for Representation for Alleged Developmentally Disabled Individuals in the Tuscola County Probate Court for January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$6,300.00 be approved. The agreement may be renewed in writing for 2024 at the annual rate of \$6,500.00 if agreed upon by all parties. Also, all appropriate signatures be authorized. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

-Information Systems Department (matter added) - Commissioner Young expressed his appreciation for the Department being aware of a malicious attack known as Killnet.

**Correspondence/Resolutions**

1. Tuscola FY2023 Child Care Fund Budget Approval Letter
2. Michigan Counties Workers Compensation September 21, 2022 - Commissioner Bardwell provided a review and update.
3. ProQA Dispatch Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Certification & Accreditation Program (CAP) Grant Award - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update of the award that was received.

**Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports**

***Bardwell***

Behavioral Health Systems Board -  
CEO Interviews were completed this week.

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee -

Commissioner Bardwell reviewed matters that he would like Deena Bosworth to cover with the Board.

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Local Units of Government Activity Report

## ***Young***

Board of Public Works -

Upcoming Public Works projects were discussed at the meeting.

County Road Commission Liaison -

Meeting was held yesterday regarding the Vanderbilt Park Road. Brent Dankert has multiple options that could provide a solution. He will attend an upcoming meeting to present to the Board.

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

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## ***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

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## ***Grimshaw***

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Jail Planning Committee  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)  
Local Units of Government

***DuRussel***

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  
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**Other Business as Necessary**

-Treasurer's Staff Wages - Board discussed how they are presented in the 2023 proposed budget.

At 8:42 a.m., there were a total of 27 participants attending the meeting virtually.

**Extended Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

2022-M-230

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO