



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, December 15, 2022

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln Street, 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 Street, Caro, MI 48723, on Thursday, December 15, 2022, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Grimshaw

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell

Commissioners Absent: Kim Vaughan

Commissioner DuRussel participated virtually from Tuscola Township

Commissioner Vaughan participated virtually from Florida

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Steve Anderson, Jon Ramirez, Michael Clinesmith, Shirley Schaefer, Laura Boyke-Hawes

Also Present Virtual: Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel, Tracy Violet, Debbie Babich, Renee Francisco, Mary Drier, Amanda Ertman, Mark Haney, Samantha Dennis, Kate Curtis, Cody Horton, Pam Shook, Echo Torrez, Mitch Holmes, Bob Baxter, Eric Morris, Lorna Violet, Matt Brown, Carrie Tabar, Barry Lapp, Rachel Adam, Trace Lopez, Mike Miller

At 8:10 a.m., there were a total of 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Virtual Participation by Commissioner -

Board discussed the virtual participation of a Commissioner and if it is allowable under the Open Meetings Act. Eric Morris provided information regarding virtual participation allowed for Military Service or under American Disability Act Section 1 and 2. As of today, Eric stated from his research so far, Commissioner DuRussel would not be able to participate virtually. Board directed Eric to research further.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda

2022-M-282

Motion by Thomas Young, 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-283

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 1, 2022 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

2022-M-284

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 1, 2022 Public Hearing. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

- Eean Lee spoke regarding virtual participation by Commissioners.
- Commissioner Young would like to discuss phragmites and wind turbine with our new state legislators.
- Commissioner DuRussel stated that he will be in physical attendance on December 29, 2022.
- Shirley Schaefer spoke regarding virtual participation by Commissioners.

Consent Agenda

None

New Business

1. Refill Vacant Full-Time Corrections Position -

2022-M-285

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw that per the request from Undersheriff Baxter to hire Daniel Velasco for an open full-time Corrections position. His background investigation, physical & drug test have been completed. He will be starting at Step 1 at the beginning hourly wage of \$18.97 with an anticipated start date of December 26, 2022. Motion Carried.

2. Refill Vacant Road Patrol Deputy Position -

2022-M-286

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Thomas Bardwell that per the request from Undersheriff Baxter that Samantha Dennis be hired to fill a full-time vacant position as a Road Patrol Deputy pending a background check, physical, drug screen and psychological testing. She will vacate her current full-time position in the Treasurer's Office on January 6, 2023 and move to the Road Patrol at Step 1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Samantha Dennis will attend Delta's Police Academy from January 9, 2023 through the first week of May 2023.

Yes: Thomas Young and Thomas Bardwell

No: Dan Grimshaw

Absent: Kim Vaughan and Doug DuRussel

Motion Carried.

3. Refill Vacant Dispatcher Position -

Jonathon Ramirez, Dispatch Director, explained the request to rehire Paige Rushlo at a Step 3 level as she was a previous Dispatch employee.

2022-M-287

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw that per the request from the Dispatch Director, Jonathon Ramirez, that Paige Rushlo be rehired to fill the remaining vacant full-time 911 Dispatcher Position at Step 3 hourly rate of \$19.21 with a tentative start date of January 2, 2023 pending a satisfactory background check, physical and drug screen. Motion Carried.

4. Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Opportunity to Purchase DNR Surplus Lands Prior to the Properties Getting Auctioned to the Public -

Ashley Bennett, Tuscola County Treasurer, explained the potential state land that Tuscola County would have first option to purchase. Board took no action at this time.

5. Tuscola County Recycling 2021 Annual Report -

Mike Miller, Director, presented the 2021 report.

2022-M-288

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to receive and place on file the 2021 Tuscola County Recycling Annual Report. Motion Carried.

6. New Software and Body Worn Cameras -
Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, explained the request being presented for Law Enforcement Body Worn cameras.

2022-M-289

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw that the agreement between Tuscola County and Axon Enterprise, Inc be executed. This will provide Tuscola County Sheriff's Law Enforcement with replacement body cameras, increased data storage, and a Technology Assessment Program for future camera replacement and maintenance. Also, any appropriate budget amendments be authorized. Motion Carried.

7. Department of Public Works Term Expiration Correction -
Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, explained requested correction.

2022-M-290

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw Move to correct the term expiration date for Michael DuSute and Robert McKay on the Department of Public Works from February 28, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Motion Carried.

8. Planning Commission Appointment to a Partial Term Which Will Expire December 31, 2023 -
Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, requested the Board appoint a person to complete the seat held by Cindy Kapa.

2022-M-291

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Thomas Young to appoint Don Wellington to the Planning Commission for a partial term which will expire December 31, 2023. Motion Carried.

9. MGT One-Year Extension on Contract for Cost Allocation Plan Services -
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained proposed contract extension.

2022-M-292

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Thomas Bardwell that in accordance with Section 3 of the current Consulting Services Agreement dated February 13, 2020 between Tuscola County and MGT of America Consulting, LLC that Tuscola County be authorized to exercise the option for a one-year extension. The term of one-year shall be from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. All other terms and conditions, including compensation, shall remain unchanged.

Yes: Thomas Young and Thomas Bardwell

No: Dan Grimshaw

Absent: Kim Vaughan and Doug DuRussel

Motion Carried.

10. Request to use the Courthouse Steps -

2022-M-293

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw that per the December 13, 2022 correspondence from Right to Life Board Member, Jim McLoskey, that the Tuscola County Right to Life Chapter may hold its Annual Memorial Service in front of the Tuscola County Courthouse on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 3:00 in the afternoon. Motion Carried.

11. Caro Center Update -

Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, provided an update regarding the completion of the Caro Center project. Also, addressed the demolition of the non-occupied buildings.

12. Non-Union 2023 Wage Increases -

2022-M-294

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to approve the 5% wage increase for all non-union employees effective January 1, 2023. Motion Carried.

13. Road Commission Bridge Transfer -

2022-M-295

Motion by Thomas Young, that per the request of the Road Commission to approve the Local Bridge Millage transfer to the Road Commission General Fund of \$419,754.38 as identified by Voucher # Bridge 2022-2 dated December 13, 2022. Motion Carried.

Old Business

-Commissioner Grimshaw spoke regarding the inflation rate versus the wage increase rate.

Recess at 10:12 a.m.

Reconvene at 10:25 a.m.

At 10:25 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Legislative Update December 9, 2022 - Michigan Association of Counties (MAC)

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

DuRussel

Absent

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

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District -

District Meeting was held. The account will be closed but meetings will continue.

MAC Workers Comp Board

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 -

The Board will be looking to fill the Chair position.

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

Jail Planning Committee

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Region VII Economic Development Planning

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative -

A request for phragmite assistance will be presented.

Senior Services Advisory Council

Tuscola 2020

Local Units of Government Activity Report -

Agreement with the Road Commission and Vanderbilt Park is hopeful to be presented at the December 29, 2022 meeting.

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

Grimshaw

Behavioral Health Systems Board -

Process of replacing the CEO is continuing.

Recycling Advisory

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government -

Denmark Township is still in process of fixing the lagoon.

Other Business as Necessary

-Clayette Zechmeister reported that Teri Lynn is working hard to complete the grant application.

-Commissioner Bardwell stated the Commissioners Elect Koch and Lutz attended the new commissioner training provided by MAC.

-Board discussed how legislative representation is changing for 2023 with going from two legislators to five legislators

-Eean Lee would like to send a letter to State Officials regarding virtual participation in meetings to be allowed.

-Eean Lee presented a robot that can map physical spaces.

At 10:43 a.m., there were a total of 22 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

-Michael Clinesmith addressed regarding the November 2022 election and FOIA requests in Vassar Township.

-Shirley Schaefer presented a report on the November 2022 election held in Vassar Township.

Adjournment

2022-M-296

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO