



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Tuesday, January 3, 2023

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

Commissioner Vaughan 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 Tuesday, January 3, 2023, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Koch

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Oath of Office Administration - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, Matt Koch

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Tracy Violet, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Mike Miller, Representative Matthew Bierlein, Matthew Bierlein, Maddison Bierlein, Maddox Bierlein, Shelly Lutz, Register John Bishop

Also Present Virtual: Eean Lee, Mary Drier, Dara Hood, Debbie Babich, Echo Torrez, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Kate Curtis, Lorna Violet, Renee Francisco, Shannon Beach, Amanda Michael, Steve Root, Christy Poulos, Matt Brown

At 8:14 a.m., there were a total of 18 participants attending the meeting virtually.

New Business

1. Nominations for and Election of Board Chairperson -
Clerk Fetting explained the Board could vote for the position of Chairperson by nomination or by secret ballot. Also, the Chairperson could be for a 1-year term or a 2-year term. Clerk Fetting opened the floor up to nominations.

Commissioner Young nominated Thomas Bardwell as Chairperson for a 2-year term.

Commissioner Lutz nominated Kim Vaughan as Chairperson for a 2-year term.

Clerk Fetting called for additional nominations and with none stated she closed nominations.

2023-M-001

Clerk Fetting called for the vote for Thomas Bardwell to be elected Chairperson for a 2-year term.

Yes: Young, Bardwell

No: Vaughan, Lutz, Koch Motion Failed.

2023-M-002

Clerk Fetting called for the vote for Kim Vaughan to be elected Chairperson for a 2-year term.

Yes: Vaughan, Lutz, Koch, Young, Bardwell

No: None Motion Carried.

Clerk Fetting turned the meeting over to Chairman Vaughan.

2. Nominations for and Election of Board Vice-Chairperson -
Commissioner Vaughan called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner Vaughan nominated Thomas Bardwell as Vice-Chairperson for a 1-year term.

Commissioner Vaughan called for additional nominations and with none stated he closed nominations.

2023-M-003

Commissioner Vaughan called for the vote for Thomas Bardwell to be elected Vice-Chairperson for a 1-year term.

Yes: Lutz, Koch, Young, Bardwell, Vaughan Motion Carried.

3. Finance, Personnel and Building and Grounds Standing Committee Commissioner Appointments -

Board discussed the various Committee appointments.

2023-M-004

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Young to have Commissioner Koch and Commissioner Young serve on the Finance Committee; to have Commission Bardwell and Commissioner Vaughan serve on the Personnel Committee; to have Commissioner Lutz and Commissioner Koch serve on the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, and Matt Koch

Motion Carried.

4. Appointment of Commissioners to Boards/Commissions -
Commissioners discussed the various sub-committee appointments. Commissioner Young, Commissioner Bardwell and Commissioner Vaughan will retain their current appointments. Commissioner Lutz will assume the Committees that Commissioner DuRussel served on and Commissioner Koch will assume the Committees that Commissioner Grimshaw served on.
5. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Board Rules as of March 25, 2021 -
Board discussed the current Board Rules. Commissioner Vaughan no longer wants the Committee Meetings to be posted to the public. There was a legal opinion previously issued. Matter to be reviewed and the legal opinion provided to the Commissioners. Clerk Fetting would like to remove Postal Mail as an option to receive the agenda and move forward to an electronic only means. Proposed changes to be made and presented for review by the Board prior to adoption.
6. Adoption of the 2023 Board and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule -

2023-M-005

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting schedule Motion Carried.

7. 2023 County Holidays -
Board discussed if the Juneteenth Holiday should be recognized as a county holiday.

2023-M-006

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve Juneteenth as a County Holiday and to adopt the County holiday schedule. Motion Carried.

Other Business as Necessary

None

At 8:43 a.m., there were a total of 18 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

2023-M-007

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

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO