



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, October 12, 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 Thursday, October 12, 2023, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Lutz

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Koch

Roll Call - 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, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Steve Anderson, Register Marianne Brandt

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Cody Horton, Greg Rynearson, Debbie Babich, Isaac White, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Tim Green, Matt Brown, Carrie Tabar, Steve Root, Cindy Hughes, Dara Hood, Barry Lapp

At 8:03 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2023-M-227

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2023-M-228

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 28, 2023 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2023-M-229

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the October 9, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) 2024 Renewal -

Move that the county health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBS) be renewed for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. This action includes the fixed administrative fees for the estimated 179 contracts at \$68.10 each per month with an estimated annual cost of \$147,279.00. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

2. Amendment to Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grants American Rescue Plan Act (EMPG ARPA) -

Move to accept the official amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grants American Rescue Plan Act (EMPG ARPA), grant agreement in the amount of \$9,217.00.

3. Fiscal Year 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant (FY 23 EMPG) -

Move to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement with the State of Michigan in the amount of \$22,296.00. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

4. Varipro 2024 Agreement -

Move to approve the 2024 Varipro agreement. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

New Business

1. Register of Deeds Closure for Training -

Marianne Brandt, Register of Deeds, explained the request to close the office for training with notice to be placed on the door and on the county website.

2023-M-230

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to approve the request from Marianne Brandt, Register of Deeds, to close the Register of Deeds Office for Training on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 from 1:00p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

2. Circuit Court/Family Court Legal Services Contract for 2024 - Clayette Zechmeister explained the request received from the Court.

2023-M-231

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the October 9, 2023 correspondence from Sheila Long, Court Administrator, that the Circuit Court/Family Court Legal Services Contract for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$257,500.00 be approved. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

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3. Probate Court Contract for Representation for Alleged Developmentally Disabled Individuals - Clayette Zechmeister explained the request received from the Court.

2023-M-232

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that per the October 9, 2023 correspondence from Sheila Long, Court Administrator, that the Contract for Representation for Alleged Developmentally Disabled individuals in the Tuscola County Probate Court for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$6,500.00 be approved. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

Old Business

None

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Legislative Update 9-29-23 - The Michigan Association of Counties
2. Legislative Update 10-6-23 - The Michigan Association of Counties
3. September 26, 2023 Letter from Huron County Board of Commissioners
4. September 26, 2023 Letter from Dan Lauwers, State Senator, 25th District
5. Alcona County Resolution 2023-16 Opposing Any Legislation Preempting Local Control for Solar and Wind Developments
6. Alpena County Resolution 23-20 Opposing Preempting Local Control for Solar and Wind Developments
7. Clinton County Resolution 2023-17 Opposing Preemption of Local Control for Solar and Wind Developments

8. Kalkaska County Resolution 2023-41 Opposing Preempting Local Control for Solar and Wind Developments
9. Osceola County Resolution 2023-0016 Opposing Updating Sanitary Code Provisions

Internet connection restored at 8:18 a.m.

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

Mike Bauerschmidt has retired from the Board. The Vice Chair, Randy Whittaker, will serve until a new Chair can be appointed.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

Meeting has been set and an agenda has been presented.

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee

NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Young

Encouraged the Commissioners to attend the MAC 7th District meeting.

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison

Dispatch Authority Board

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Region VII Economic Development Planning

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Senior Services Advisory Council

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Local Units of Government Activity Report

Vaughan

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

Board discussed that Townships should be engaged with Michigan Township Association in order to stay abreast of pending legislation.

Lutz

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Tuscola County Medical Care Facility was rated #1 in the State of Michigan.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

Koch

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Committee is working to understand the legislation.

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government

Other Business as Necessary

-Clayette Zechmeister will be attending a MAC Administrative meeting this afternoon.

At 8:32 a.m., there were a total of 22 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

-Clerk Jodi Fetting addressed the Board regarding a meeting of Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss matters prior to AFSCME labor discussions.

Adjournment

2023-M-233

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO