



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, April 25, 2024

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, April 25, 2024, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Koch

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Lutz

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: Thomas Young

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Neil Hammerbacher, Jon Ramirez, Mike Miller, Kristy Sutherland, Shelly Lutz

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Register Marianne Brandt, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Renee Francisco, Angie House, Nick Sakon, Carrie Tabar, Barry Lapp, Ashley Gaudett, Chad Tumblin, Debbie Babich, Echo Torrez, Rebecca Evans, Estee Bitzer, Allison Dickerson, Jodi Barrons, Shannon Beach, Steve Root, Karlee Romain, Toni James, Greg Rynearson, Shelly Lutz

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

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2024-M-097

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2024-M-098

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the meeting minutes from the April 11, 2024 Regular meeting and April 11, 2024 Closed Session. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2024-M-099

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Bardwell that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the April 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 2024 Equalization Report -

Move to receive and place on file the 2024 Equalization Report as presented by Angie Daniels, Equalization Director. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

2. Consideration for Using the BS&A Software Company's Help in Updating our Chart of Accounts -

Move to authorize the Controller-Administrator to use the assistance of BS&A Software Company to update Tuscola County's chart of accounts.

3. Consideration of Change Orders #1 and #2 to the People's State Bank (PSB) Construction Project -

Move to approve Change Orders #1 and #2 of the Booms Construction contract for the People's State Bank (PSB) Construction Project. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

New Business

1. Discussion of Board of Commissioners' Compensation -

Matthew Koch, Commissioner, discussed an article that was included in the Michigan Association of Counties magazine regarding Commissioner compensation as the Commissioners will be transitioning from 2-year terms to 4-year terms. Board directed the discussion to health insurance benefits received by the Commissioners. Also discussed that the number of hours a Commissioner works can vary from Commissioner to Commissioner.

2. Appointment of Erica Walle as the Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Effective April 23, 2024 -

2024-M-100

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the recommendation of Prosecuting Attorney, Mark Reene, Erica Walle be appointed Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney effective April 23, 2024 refilling the recently vacated position due to a resignation. Also, based on the current wage scale, experience and years of service, Erica Walle be placed at Step 5 of the pay scale which is \$85,531.07 per year. Any necessary potential budget adjustments are authorized. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Fund Balance Policy Update for General and Special Revenue Funds -
Neil Hammerbacher, Controller-Administrator, presented an updated policy for potential adoption.

2024-M-101

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the update to the Tuscola County Fund Balance Policy per the recommendation of the Controller-Administrator, Neil Hammerbacher. Motion Carried.

2. Ballot Language for Millage Renewal, Senior Citizens -

2024-M-102

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to approve the proposed Senior Citizens Millage Renewal language for the August 2024 election.

Tuscola County Senior Citizen Programs Millage Renewal

Shall Tuscola County renew the current Senior Citizen Programs millage levy of 0.3200 mills (\$0.32 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon the taxable value of property in Tuscola County for a period of 8 years, 2025 through 2032, inclusive, for operation of Senior Citizen programs within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage raises an estimated \$732,202 in the first year that it is levied. All revenue will be disbursed to Tuscola County and shall be exclusively used for Senior Citizen activities within Tuscola County.

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

Motion Carried.

3. Ballot Language for Millage Renewal, Recycling Fund -

2024-M-103

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the proposed Recycling Fund Millage Renewal language for the August 2024 election.

**Tuscola County
Recycling Millage Renewal**

Shall Tuscola County renew the current Recycling millage levy of .1500 mills (\$.15 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) upon the taxable value of property in Tuscola County, for a period of 8 years, 2025 through 2032, inclusive, to provide funds for recycling within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage raises an estimated \$343,219 in the first calendar year after its approval. All revenue will be disbursed to Tuscola County and shall be exclusively used for recycling activities within Tuscola County.

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

Motion Carried.

4. Ballot Language for Millage Renewal, Sheriff Road Patrol -
Board discussed the fund balance that is currently in this line item.

2024-M-104

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the proposed Sheriff Road Patrol Millage Renewal language for the August 2024 election.

**Tuscola County
Sheriff Road Patrol Millage Renewal**

Shall Tuscola County renew the current Sheriff Road Patrol millage levy of 1.3300 mills (\$1.33 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon the taxable value of property in Tuscola County, for a period of 8 years, 2025 through 2032, inclusive, for operation of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Road Patrol within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage raises an estimated \$3,043,213 in the first year that it is levied. All revenue will be disbursed to Tuscola County and shall be exclusively used for Sheriff's Road Patrol activities within Tuscola County.

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

Motion Carried.

5. Ballot Language for Proposed Millage, Dispatch-911 -
Board discussed the current fund balance in the Dispatch line item.

Director Ramirez addressed future projects that are being considered and the option of billing local jurisdictions for services provided.

Discussed the option of increasing the surcharge amount which would require a ballot initiative. Board would like to explore this option for the November ballot.

There was no action to move language forward to the August 2024 ballot.

6. Ballot Language for Proposed Millage, Senior Citizen Home Delivered Meals -
2024-M-105

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the proposed Senior Citizen Home Delivered Meals Millage language for the August 2024 election.

Tuscola County Senior Citizen Home Delivered Meals Millage

Shall Tuscola County impose a new Senior Citizen Home Delivered Meal millage levy of 0.2000 mills (\$0.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon the taxable value of property in Tuscola County for a period of 5 years, 2025 through 2029, inclusive, for operation of Senior Citizen Home Delivered Meals within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage raises an estimated \$457,626 in the first year that it is levied. All revenue will be disbursed to Tuscola County and shall be exclusively used for Senior Citizen Home Delivered Meals within Tuscola County.

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

Absent: Thomas Young

Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Update on 312 Arbitration Between Tuscola County and Police Officers Labor Council (Command Unit)
Board discussed the proposed Last and Best Offer.
2. Annual Remembrance of Resolution 2023-08 for Workers Memorial Day on April 28th
3. Crawford County Resolution Supporting "The Protect MI Kids Bill Package"
4. Eaton County Resolution Opposing "FY 2025 Governor's Recommended Budget for the Reduction of Operational Funding to the Michigan Conservation Districts and the Elimination of Local Administration of the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP)"
5. Washtenaw County Resolution Requesting "The Michigan Legislature Support a Significant Increase in Funding for Michigan 2-1-1 in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget"

6. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Legislative Update 4-5-2024

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Koch

No Update

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

There is a meeting upcoming which all Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee

NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)

Local Units of Government Activity Report

An update was provided regarding the safety issues for Amish traveling on M53 and the possibility of building an alternative road. Representative Greg Alexander is continuing to work on the project.

Young

Absent

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
Tuscola 2020
Local Units of Government Activity Report

Vaughan

No Update

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

Lutz

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Meeting held and update provided.
Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Jail Planning Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
MAC Judiciary Committee
Shortage of Prosecutors state-wide discussed.
MEMS All Hazard
Local Units of Government Activity Report
Recognized work of Deputy Spencer Coleman and K9 Belo.
Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

Other Business as Necessary

Commissioner Bardwell read a letter regarding the Moore House in Caro City being a Historical Home.

At 9:19 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

None

Adjournment

2024-M-106

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO