

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
August 29, 2013 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner Thomas Bardwell called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners Of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 29th day of August, 2013 to order at 7:31 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

Roll Call - Deputy Clerk McKinney-Volz

Commissioners Present: District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: District 1 – Roger Allen

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Mike Miller, Mary Drier, Clayette Zechmeister, Val Hartel-CPA for Anderson, Angela Burnette-CPA from Anderson, Michael Beardon, Margot Roedel, Maggie Root, Mary Kulis – Consumers Energy,

13-M-181

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the agenda. Motion Carried.

13-M-182

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the August 16, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period – None

**Consent Agenda Resolution**

13-M-183

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution with the removal of agenda reference D. Motion Carried.

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13

**Description of Matter:** Move that a resolution be sent to appropriate state officials in opposition to fee increases for licensing, training and other functions of local emergency service operations and personnel.

**Agenda Reference: B****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13**Description of Matter:** Move that the Controller work with the Sheriff to develop a multi-year repayment schedule for the \$52,500 appropriation made in 2013 from the General Fund to the Road Patrol Fund. This funding was necessary in 2013 to meet bare minimum operating costs of the road patrol after several years of decline in property tax revenue and a failed request for a millage increase to operate the police road patrol.**Agenda Reference: C****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13**Description of Matter:** Move that an ad-hoc workgroup consisting of Dennis Stein, Walt Schlichting, Michael Hoagland, Craig Kirkpatrick and John Bishop be formed to plan and prepare for shale/natural gas mining in Tuscola County including appropriate assessing and tax structure.**Agenda Reference: E****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13**Description of Matter:** Move that per the August 16, 2013 request from Susan Rickwalt-Holder that the Courthouse Lawn be authorized for use during the 2013 Pumpkin Festival. Also, to allow an entertainment tent on the lawn with the understanding alcoholic beverages will not be served because of county insurance restrictions.**Agenda Reference: F****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13**Description of Matter:** Move that per the August 16, 2013 request from Susan Rickwalt-Holder that art pieces are authorized to be displayed at the Purdy Building and/or County Courthouse with the understanding the county is not responsible for any damages or theft that could occur to the art.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that any motion, resolution, or other act of Tuscola County inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded, modified, replaced or superseded by this Resolution.

YEAS: Bardwell, Trisch, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Medical Care Facility Small House Project Update – Update provided by Margot Roedel
- County Dashboard/State Revenue Sharing – Update provided by Mike Hoagland
- DTE Local Fire Service Payment Policy – Update provided by Mike Hoagland

## 13-M-184

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to receive and file the 2012 County Audit as presented by the County Auditors. Motion carried.

## 13-M-185

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to approve that the August 29, 2013 proposal from Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt, and Doran to continue auditing services to Tuscola County for 2013, 2014, and 2015 for the following amounts: 2013 - \$35,000, 2014 - \$35,000, and 2015 - \$36,000. Appropriate documents regarding this service are authorized for signature. Motion carried.

## 13-M-186

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to receive and file the 2011-2012 Health Department Annual Report. Motion carried.

## 13-M-187

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that the proposal from State Street Fitness is approved to provide reduced membership costs to county employees for \$19.95 per month with payroll deduction available for employees who choose to participate in the program. Motion carried.

## 13-M-188

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to receive and place on file the 2011-2012 Health Department Annual report. Motion carried.

## Old Business

-Entrance mats – Mike Miller is continuing to work with supplier.

## Correspondence/Resolutions

-Updates provided by Mike Hoagland

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS****BIERLEIN**

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

Planning Commission

Behavioral Health Systems Board – Met last week

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Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Multi County Solid Waste

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

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ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board  
County Road Commission  
Board of Public Works  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative  
Dental Clinic for Indigents  
Parks & Recreation  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL

NACo  
NACo Rural Action Caucus  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment – Golf outing was successful  
Caro DDA/TIFA – Meeting in September 2013  
MAC Economic Development/Taxation – Meeting in September 2013  
Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District -  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRISCH

Board of Health  
Human Development Commission (HDC)  
TRIAD  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment – Golf outing went very well  
Human Services Collaborative Council  
Great Start Collaborative  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works – attended meeting regarding re-employing individuals recently released from jail/prison.  
Board of Health  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition  
MEMS All Hazards  
Cass River Greenways Pathway – signs installed along the river  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report – Emerald ash still an ongoing problem  
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Closed Session: None

Other Business as Necessary: None

Extended Public Comment:

Mary Kulis – Consumers Energy

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 AM

Cindy McKinney-Volz  
Chief Deputy Clerk