

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 14, 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 14th day of November, 2013 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Allen

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick (via Google Hangouts), District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Mark Ransford, Dick Ransford, John Bishop, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Gretchen Tenbush, Steve Anderson, Margot Roedel, Tonya Hahn, John Axe (via phone), Bob Klenk, Donna Fraczek, Judge Nancy Thane, Sandy Erskine, Sheila Long, Adam Pavlik

13-M-224

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to adopt the agenda as amended.
Motion Carried.

13-M-225

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 31, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period – Mark Ransford and other area funeral directors received a letter from the Health Department. Mr. Ransford addressed the Board regarding the fees to be accessed by the Medical Examiner's Office. Mr. Ransford also stressed the importance of the office being open 5 days a week. Gretchen Tenbush spoke on behalf of the Health Department regarding this issue. A workgroup is to be formed to work with the Finance Committee to put together possible solutions.

Recessed at 8:20 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:24 a.m.

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business

-Medical Care Facility Small House Project - John Axe called in to give input regarding the financing for the revenue bonds for the Medical Care Facility and the requirements needed. Tonya provided update as to Chemical Bank's proposal. Tonya will continue to work with Chemical Bank regarding the final terms of the proposal.

-Jail Food Cabinets

13-M-226

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that per the request of the Undersheriff that the 2013 equipment budget be amended by \$3,000 to purchase food service cabinets to replace the current cabinets which are too costly to maintain. Motion Carried.

-Felony Court Appointed Attorney Contract

13-M-227

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that the one year agreement for 2014 for legal representation of indigents in the 54th Judicial Circuit Court be approved for an annual amount of \$165,000.00. Also, the chairperson be authorized to sign said agreement. Motion Carried.

-District Court Indigent Contract

13-M-228

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that the one year agreement for 2014 for representation of indigent misdemeanants in 71-B District Court be approved for an annual amount of \$110,000.00. Also, the chairperson is authorized to sign said agreement. Motion and Support were *withdrawn* for further clarification from Court Administrator.

-Probate Court Developmentally Disabled Contract

13-M-229

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the one year agreement for 2014 for legal representation for alleged developmentally disabled individuals in the Tuscola County Probate Court be approved for an annual amount of \$4,500.00. Also, the chairperson is authorized to sign said agreement. Motion Carried.

-Advertising for Vacant Boards and Commissions

13-M-230

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that the County Clerk be requested to advertise for all positions which terms are expiring or are vacant on Tuscola County Boards and Commissions. Motion Carried.

-Regional DWI Court Budget

13-M-231

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that a new fund be established to provide a system of accounting and budgeting to properly administer the Regional DWI Court Grant for the period of October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. Motion Carried.

-Tuscola/Huron Equalization Waiver Request - Senator Green has been in contact with Mike Hoagland regarding the waiver of Level 4 Director requirement.

-2013 County Apportionment Report

13-M-232

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the 2013 Tuscola County Apportionment Report as presented by the County Equalization Director be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Tuscola County Senior Advisory Board - Margaret Wenta is requesting an appointment to the Tuscola County Senior Advisory Board. Clerk to advertise under previous motion.

-Correction to Water Softener Bid

13-M-233

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to rescind motion number 13-M-224 from the October 31, 2013 meeting that accepted the bid from Culligan in the amount of \$3,989.00 as the end date was not included in the original posting. Motion Carried.

13-M-234

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to rebid the replacement of the water softer at the Michigan State Police Post and establish a deadline to receive bids. (Past bidders to be notified). Motion Carried.

-Senior Citizen Birth Certificate Cost

13-M-235

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that in order to establish consistency with the State fee schedule that effective January 1, 2014 senior citizens (65 and older) birth certificates be increased from \$7 to \$14. Yeas - Allen, Bardwell, Bierlein, Kirkpatrick Nay - Trisch. Motion Carried.

-Courthouse Lawn Usage Request

13-M-236

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the Courthouse lawn be authorized for use from November 30, 2013 through January 4, 2014 per the November 12, 2013 letter of request from the Caro Interfaith Committee. Motion Carried.

13-M-237

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the one year agreement for 2014 for representation of indigent misdemeanants in 71-B District Court be approved for an annual amount of \$110,000.00. Also, the chairperson is authorized to sign said agreement. Motion Carried.

-Medical Examiner System - Matter to be forwarded to the Finance Committee for further discussion and possible solutions.

-2014 County Budget Development - Packet provided by Mike Hoagland regarding further information and detail for the 2014 Proposed Budget. Discussion held over the many items still outstanding on the 2014 budget. Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. to further review the 2014 budget.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions - None

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Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - EDC is working on a special grant request with Huron County.
Planning Commission
Behavioral Health Systems Board
Tuscola 2020
Recycling Advisory Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Multi County Solid Waste
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync

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
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors
MAC 7th District
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRISCH

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

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
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
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
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Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment –

John Bishop spoke regarding the non-mandated services that Tuscola County provides.

Donna Fraczek provided information regarding the DWI grant that Tuscola County was awarded.

Thomas Bardwell provided information regarding the mock disaster that was held November 13, 2013 in Cass City. The training went great!

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk