

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 28, 2014 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Trisch

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

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, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Steve Erickson, Vicky Sherry, Sandy Nielsen, Jim McLoskey, Mike Miller, Register John Bishop, Karen Southgate, Charles Kurtansky, Lorraine Kurtansky, Scott Asperger, Beth Asperger, Steve Anderson, Senator Mike Green

*Adoption of Agenda*

14-M-138

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes*

M-14-139

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the August 14, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period -*

-Gary Johnson addressed the Board regarding the Denmark Township Water Project.

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*

14-M-140

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/25/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the August 20, 2014 memo from the Department of Human Services Director that an internal budget amendment is authorized to transfer \$5,057 from the In-Home Care line item to the Independent Living line item.

**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/25/14

**Description of Matter:** Move to send communication to Sanilac County affirming the interest of Tuscola County to continue to contract with Sanilac for Animal Control Services because of the cost savings and efficiencies this arrangement produces. Also, explain that Tuscola County wants to be involved and have representation in the process to hire the new director.

**Agenda Reference:** C

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/25/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that the resolution of appreciation to Darrell Gill for 30 years of dedicated service to Tuscola County be approved.

**Agenda Reference:** D

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/25/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that the Dispatch Radio Tower continue to be leased to Anderson Radio for 5 years at the rate of \$200 per month. Also, the Chairperson is authorized to sign the new lease.

### **New Business**

*-EDC Request for County Commissioners to Send Letter to Road Commissioners Regarding Dairy Farmers of America* -Steve Erickson explained the request at hand to the Board regarding using an open cut method to help benefit the Dairy Farmers of America project.

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of the County Economic Development Corporation a letter be sent by the Board of Commissioners to the County Road Commissioners recommending that an open cut method be used on Elmwood/Doerr Road for the Dairy Farmers of America Plant water drainage to the Cass River. Motion Carried.

-Vicky Sherry updated the Board that the Park Plan Update is progressing and the Solid Waste Management Update Committee recently met and the meeting went well.

*-Medical Examiner Budget Amendment Request -*

14-M-142

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that per the request of the Medical Examiner that the Medical Examiner budget be increased by \$1,500 to purchase certain computer equipment items for operational efficiencies. Also, necessary budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

*-DHS Board 501 C3 Foundation -*

14-M-143

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein to concur with the Department of Human Services establishment of a 501 C3 entity so that donations can be received and maintained as a foundation for the Medical Care Facility. Concurrence is approved with the understanding that complete and proper financial management of funds is maintained and administered. Motion Carried.

*-Tether Program Contract from Sheriff Department -*

14-M-144

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that per the request of the Undersheriff that the prisoner tether contract with Satellite Tracking of People, LLC be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

*-Concur with Hiring in County Prosecutor's Office -*

14-M-145

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick to concur with the transfer of Jody Markle from the Deputy Court Clerk position to the position of Secretary II in the County Prosecutor's office effective September 2, 2014. Motion Carried.

14-M-146

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the Prosecutor, that Jody Markle be hired at Step IV of the AFSCME wage schedule for the Secretary II position which is \$14.34 per hour. Motion Carried.

## **Old Business**

-Mike Hoagland is contacting Departments regarding participating in the GIS Program.

**Correspondence/Resolutions -**

-Thumb Regional Counties (Region6A) Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. This Regional Meeting conflicts with the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled at 3:30 p.m. Discussion to re-schedule the Board meeting to 7:30 a.m. on September 11, 2014.

14-M-147

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to change the starting time for the Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2014 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Motion Carried. Clerk Fetting to prepare notice.

-Don Duggar has resigned from his appointed position on the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

-Resolution received from Huron County Board of Commissioners regarding the Environmental Protection Agency. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners would like further information and no action was taken.

Meeting Recessed at 8:02 a.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:26 a.m.

-Closed Session – To Consider the Purchase or Lease of Real Property

14-M-148

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to go into closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meeting Act to consider the purchase or lease of real property. Also authorized to attend the Closed Session are Senator Mike Green, Jim McLoskey and Register John Bishop.

Discussion held as to the need to call a closed session regarding the acquisition of said property.

Roll Call Vote - Allen - absent; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - no; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried at 8:33 a.m.

Reconvened from closed session at 9:50 a.m.

Meeting Recessed at 9:51 a.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

TRISCH - no new updates

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

TRIAD

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Multi County Solid Waste

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync

MAC Board of Directors - MAC Fall Conference has good sessions planned.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC-Economic Development &amp; Taxation

NACo - Confirmation to the Agriculture Board.

BARDWELL

NACo

NACo Rural Action Caucus – Commissioner Bardwell has been re-appointed to Committee.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC – Past President

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works  
Board of Health  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
Land Acquisition  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition  
MEMS All Hazards  
MAC-Environment Energy Land Use  
Oil/Shale Work Group  
Cass River Greenways Pathway  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Tuscola In Sync  
NACo- Energy, Environment & Land Use – Commissioner Kirkpatrick has been re-appointed to Committee.  
Zimco - Meeting went well and discussion was positive.

ALLEN - absent  
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

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

- Clerk Jodi Fetting announced that she was elected as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President for the Michigan Association of County Clerks.
- Clerk Jodi Fetting made the Board aware that Gary Lasceski, Tuscola County Liberty Bell Award Recipient, was 1 of 2 State of Michigan Award Recipients.
- Clerk Jodi Fetting requested clarification for Don Duggar's resignation as to which committee is correct - The Solid Waste Management Committee as the Environmental Representative or the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk