

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 15, 2016 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 15th day of December 2016, to order at 8:12 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Young

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: District 3 - Christine Trisch

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Andrew Dietderich, Register John Bishop, Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey, Caryn Painter, Sheila Long, Kim Vaughan, Jeff Bliss, Steve Anderson, Treasurer Pat Donovan-Gray

Adoption of Agenda

16-M-213

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

16-M-214

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution -

16-M-215

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the December 12, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Drain Commissioner billing drainage districts for a portion of wages (\$2,113) paid to the Account Assessment Specialist position in the drain office for assessing work be discontinued because of the time/cost required to perform this procedure. This portion of wage cost will be paid from the general fund to allow more time for the Account Assessment Specialist to dedicate to reducing County Drain-At-Large costs and performing other vital office functions.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the two-year agreement for 2017 and 2018 for legal representation of indigents in the 54th Judicial Circuit Court be approved for a 2017 annual amount of \$173,250.00 and a 2018 annual amount of \$181,912.50. Also, the chairperson be authorized to sign said agreement.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the one-year agreement for 2017 for representation of indigent misdemeanants in 71-B District Court be approved for an annual amount of \$120,000.00. Also, the chairperson is authorized to sign said agreement.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the two-year agreement for 2017 for legal representation for alleged developmentally disabled individuals in the Tuscola County Probate Court be approved for a 2017 annual amount of \$5,500.00 and a 2018 annual amount of \$5,500.00. Also, the chairperson is authorized to sign said agreement.

- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Community Foundation (\$6,000) and Future Youth Involvement (\$3,920) grant funds to establish a garden area for youth involved in the county juvenile justice program be accepted and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Also, appropriate accounting for these funds be established.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that in order to avoid added unnecessary accounting the County Register of Deeds is directed to provide copies of land records at the request of other county government departments for their internal use at no charge. (This action is taken at the request of the County Register of Deeds to clarify current rules related to charging for documents).
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Buildings and Grounds Director that the contract with Cintas which provides uniforms to maintenance staff be approved for a three year period beginning January 1, 2017 for an annual amount of \$1,924. Also, the chairperson is authorized to sign said agreement.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the December 1, 2016 communication from the Municipal Employees Retirement System that the county continue to allow employees to purchase service time credit in the retirement system with the understanding that the employee pays both the employee and employer share of costs.

- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move to concur with the hiring of Shelly Lutz as a short-term full-time employee for an estimated 4 to 8 week period while the current Human Resource Coordinator is on FMLA disability. Pay will be at the beginning step of the Human Resource Coordinator position. (This is budget neutral). (Satisfactory physical and background check have been completed).
- Agenda Reference:** J
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the December 7, 2016 communication from the Dispatch Director, to concur with the appointment of Dispatcher Carrie Tabar to the position of Supervisor effective December 31, 2016 at Step 3 of the pay scale.
- Agenda Reference:** K
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move to concur with the appointment of Commissioner Thomas Bardwell to the Michigan Counties Workers Compensation Fund Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2017.
- Agenda Reference:** L
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Tuscola County Right to Life that use of the Courthouse Lawn on January 15, 2017 is authorized. Also, the Buildings and Grounds Director inform the party that their request has been approved.
- Agenda Reference:** M
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2016 Tuscola Area Airport Zoning Administrator's Annual Report be received and placed on file.

- Agenda Reference:** N
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that Mr. Ron Sting be recognized by the County Board of Commissioners for his outstanding commitment to the environment and for assuring that agricultural resources and a quality of life are available for current and future generations by achieving the standards of the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). This Board of Commissioners expresses its gratitude to this dedicated Tuscola County farmer for protecting the environment and accomplishing the high standards of MAEAP.
- Agenda Reference:** O
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move to concur with the appointment of Commissioner Kirkpatrick to the Region 6 Planning - Tourism Subcommittee on Ecotourism - Cass River effective immediately.
- Agenda Reference:** P
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/12/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that Tuscola County becomes a member of the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) with a prorated cost for 2016/2017 to \$175 with the current annual fees of \$350. Said costs to be paid from special programs activity budget in the general fund.

New Business -

-Commissioner Christine Trisch Resignation (matter added) - Commissioner Trisch has submitted her letter of resignation from the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.

16-M-216

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the letter of resignation from Commissioner Trisch be received and placed on file with said resignation to be effective December 12, 2016. Motion Carried.

-Drain Commissioner Mantey - Intercounty Drain Meeting is being held today for Indian Creek Drain. Drain Commissioner Mantey explained the process. Koylton Township is the township mostly affected. He will provide an update to the SAW Grant in January 2017.

-Circuit Court/Family Court Legal Services Contract (matter added) - Mike Hoagland explained this was the last court contract to be established for the upcoming year.

16-M-217

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the Circuit Court/Family Court Legal Services Contract for indigent respondents and/or parents and neglect proceedings be approved for the 2017 period with compensation as identified in Article VI of the contract. Also, the Chairperson is authorized to sign said agreement. Motion Carried.

-Work Site Program Fees - Mike Hoagland provided an update from the most recent meeting. There has been state cut grant funding to this program. Matter discussed.

16-M-218

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that because the state cut grant funding for the prisoner work site program by approximately \$14,000 per year and the county cannot absorb this full state cut, a fee system be established for entities that use the work site crew. Said fee will be \$10 per day per inmate. The fee will not be charged for county services or non-profits (Local units of government will be required to pay the fee.) Motion Carried.

-Wage Changes for Marketplace Competitiveness - Commissioner Kirkpatrick proposed the need to increase the wages on four positions to decrease the chance of turnover in those positions. Commissioner Bardwell expanded the reasons he feels this is necessary also.

16-M-219

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that in order to decrease key county position turnover vulnerability the base wage increase of 2% be awarded plus an additional 2% to certain positions effective January 1, 2017. Also, wage steps for these respective positions be adjusted and the 2017 County Budget reflect these changes. The additional 2% increase will be implemented for the following four positions: Friend of the Court, Circuit Court Administrator, Chief Accountant and Information Technology Director. Motion Carried.

-2017 County Budget Adoption - Mike Hoagland presented the 2017 Updated Draft Budget Summary to the Board. Mike provided an overview of the changes that were made to various accounts.

16-M-220

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the General Appropriation Act to adopt the 2017 all funds county budget be approved and the 2017 budget be activated on the county web site for department use and monthly monitoring of financial status. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-IRS Mileage Rate Change - Mike Hoagland explained the IRS mileage rate change. The rate change would be effective January 1, 2017.

16-M-221

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that per the December 13, 2016 communication from the Internal Revenue Service that the county mileage rate be decreased from \$0.54 per mile to \$0.535 per mile. Motion Carried.

-2016 List of County Accomplishments - Mike Hoagland reviewed 2016 County Accomplishments in the areas of finance, buildings and grounds, personnel and other general areas.

-CLOSED SESSION – Labor Negotiations

16-M-222

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the Board meet in closed session under Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss labor negotiations with Attorney Bob Kendrick allowed to be on conference call during the Closed Session. Roll Call Vote: Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Board went into Closed Session at 9:00 a.m.

Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:44 a.m.

16-M-223

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the following 2017 one-year union contracts be ratified per the negotiated terms for the six respective bargaining groups as explained by the county labor attorney:

- AFSCME Deputies
- AFSCME General
- POAM Corrections
- POAM Deputies
- POAM Dispatch
- POLC Command

Motion Carried.

-Human Development Commission (matter added) - Jeff Bliss

Jeff Bliss explained the 6-month time period allowed to the homeowner on the CDBG property will expire next week. The homeowner informed Jeff of some issues that have arose with the house. The house has been winterized. Board discussed options available which are few. Board does not want to take action at this point and will allow homeowner the opportunity to try to sell the home.

16-M-224

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to extend the deadline for resale of the Tuscola Township property with the CDBG mortgage to June 30, 2017. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

- American Wind Energy Association submitted a FOIA request which Mike Hoagland explained the items that were requested. Mike has discussed with attorney regarding proper response.
- Commissioner Bardwell asked the Board if a resolution honoring Sheriff Teschendorf was being prepared. Mike Hoagland thought Representative Canfield's office was working on the project.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIERLEIN - Many meetings have been forgone due to month of December.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Human Development Commission (HDC)
Tuscola 2020
Recycling Advisory Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Great Start Collaborative Council - Meets tomorrow
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In-Sync
MAC Board of Directors
Human Services Collaborative Council
Region VI Economic Development Planning
MAC Judiciary Committee

TRISCH - No report.

Board of Health
Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Animal Control

KIRKPATRICK

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
Cass River Greenways Pathway
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync

KIRKPATRICK - Continued

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use - Update provided and Board discussed.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Prosperity Region Eco-Tourism Group- Commissioner Kirkpatrick participated in a conference call that was very encouraging. There are seven counties interested in eco-tourism and promoting the Cass River Greenways along with local bike trails.

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission - Update provided regarding the road commission legacy costs that was discussed at the meeting. Board discussed.

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council - Update provided and there is still a waiting list.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Economic Development & Taxation Committee

Strategic EDC Planning Committee

Jail Planning Committee - Update provided. Commissioner Young toured the jail yesterday and has a new perspective.

Courthouse Security - Meeting scheduled for today.

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Meeting is December 20, 2016.

Caro DDA/TIFA - Update provided.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 7th District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Attended Almer Township Planning Commission meeting.

TRIAD - Met yesterday for their end of the year meeting.

Human Services Collaborative Council - Commissioner Bierlein attends and can be removed from Commissioner Bardwell committee reports.

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Update provided.

Other Business as Necessary -

-Mike and Craig are going to attend a meeting regarding finances and an article prepared called "Running on Empty" based on Wayne County.

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk