

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 27, 2017 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 27th day of December 2017, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Rev. Darwin Highlen - Holiness Missionary Church, Vassar

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan

Commissioner Absent: District 4 - Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Rev. Darwin Highlen, Tisha Jones, Brian Neuville, Register John Bishop, Sandy Nielsen, Caryn Michalak

Adoption of Agenda -
17-M-227

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
17-M-228

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 14, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business -

-Controller/Administrator Summary of 2017 Successes and Accomplishments - Mike Hoagland reviewed accomplishments made in 2017 which were positive for Tuscola County.

- Retention of the Caro Center which means jobs retained in Tuscola County.
- Senior Citizen Millage passed to provide home delivered meals to senior citizens.
- Sheriff Road Patrol Millage passed to continue and add public safety measures.
- Wind Turbine Development resulted in new revenue.

- NextEra Wind Turbine dispute was dismissed.
- Successful financial management with a strong bond rating.
- Jail capital improvement fund was established.
- Proactive maintenance of county buildings and grounds.
- Relocation of Recycling Center is underway with the ability to expand future programs.
- New Department leaders were successfully transitioned.
- Essential upgrades and new amenities added to Vanderbilt Park.
- Services to County Veterans were significantly improved.
- Retirement cost containment implemented.
- Health Insurance cost containment continued.
- County data and computer system security strengthened.

17-M-229

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the 2017 County Accomplishments Report as presented by the Controller-Administrator be placed on the county website, distributed to local media and sent to elected and appointed county officials. Motion Carried.

-Human Development Commission Third Party Agreement for Homeowner Rehabilitation Program -

Brian Neuville explained the functions of the program. There is a fund balance that will allow the program to continue. When a lien is paid off, that money is placed back into the program for future projects. Brian continues to look to additional programs to utilize funds to the maximum. This agreement will allow the program to continue.

17-M-230

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the Agreement with the Human Development Commission to provide homeowner rehab program and program income administration for the county be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Also, the county agrees to pay up to \$4,000 per calendar year for said services. Motion Carried.

Brian Neuville expressed his appreciation of the passage of the millage for the Senior Citizen Home Delivery Meal program. Beginning at the beginning of 2018, the program will begin a 4-day per week delivery.

-Dispatch Supervisors Wage/Step Schedule -

Mike Hoagland explained the need to increase the Supervisor wages as a Dispatcher at Step 5 would make more per hour than a Supervisor at Step 1.

17-M-231

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the dispatch supervisor wage/step schedule be changed as shown below. (Shift supervisors manage and are responsible for dispatchers and therefore should to be compensated at a higher rate).

	Start	6 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
Dispatcher/2018 Budget	\$15.87	\$16.14	\$16.41	\$17.87	\$18.49	\$18.82	\$19.28
2018 Proposed Supervisor Wages	\$19.55	\$0.00	\$19.95	\$20.56	\$20.97	\$21.60	\$22.25

Motion Carried.

-Update Regarding Health Department Cost Based Reimbursement Funds - Matter tabled to a future agenda when Ann Hepfer can attend.

-IRS 2018 Mileage Rate Change -

Mike Hoagland explained the mileage rate has changed.

17-M-232

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the Internal Revenue Service calculation, the county mileage reimbursement rate for 2018 be increased \$.535 per mile to \$.545 per mile. Motion Carried.

-1% Appreciation Compensation for Non-Union Employees Consistent with Union Agreements -

Mike Hoagland explained how the compensation was determined for the 1% appreciation compensation.

17-M-233

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that full-time non-union employees be paid 1.0% appreciation compensation in 2018. This amount is calculated based on 1.0% of 2017 total non-union full-time employee pay divided by number of non-union full-time employees resulting in \$471 paid equally to each full-time non-union employee (this is a one-time award and is not recurring). Motion Carried.

17-M-234

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that part time non-union employees be paid 1.0% appreciation compensation in 2018. This amount is calculated based on 1.0% of 2017 total non-union part-time employee pay divided by number of non-union part-time employees resulting in \$136 paid equally to each employee (this is a one-time award and is not recurring). Motion Carried.

17-M-235

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the 2018 county budgets be amended with \$71,741 for wages and \$5,488 in FICA for union contract signing bonuses and non-union appreciation compensation. This new cost will be budgeted through the use of fund balance in respective funds. Motion Carried.

-Register of Deeds Microfilm Storage Contract and Budget Amendment -

Register Bishop explained the need to change storage companies for the microfilm for the Register of Deeds office. The current contract is with Conduent and the proposed contract from them would double the cost per roll for storage. The contract quote from Kofile Technologies has a cost per roll for storage less than the proposed Conduent contract. There will be a cost to move to the new storage company even though it is at the same storage facility. Budget amendments to be handled at a later date once finalized.

17-M-236

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the contract with Kofile Technologies for microfilm storage for the Register of Deeds office be approved and all appropriate signatures be authorized. Motion Carried.

-Jail Medical Contract Renewal -

Mike Hoagland reviewed the proposed contract and changes included. The Sheriff's Department is satisfied with the services provided by Correctional Healthcare Companies.

17-M-237

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the recommendation of the Jail Administrator that the contract with Correctional Healthcare Companies to provide medical care services to jail inmates be approved with a 1.8% increase from the current \$9,109.85 per month to \$9,273.83 per month. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Appointment of New Airport Zoning Administrator -

Ione Vyse expressed her desire to resign as the Airport Zoning Administrator. Michael Yates has agreed to serve Tuscola County in this capacity.

17-M-238

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the resignation of Ione Vyse as Tuscola County Airport Zoning Administrator be received and placed on file effective December 31, 2017. Motion Carried.

17-M-239

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan effective January 1, 2018 Michael Yates be appointed as Tuscola County Airport Zoning Administrator. Motion Carried.

-Veterans Affairs Committee -

17-M-240

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to appoint the following members to the Tuscola County Veteran's Committee per the recommendation of Director Mark Zmierski for the specified terms effective January 1, 2018:

Dr. Richard Horsch for a 1-year term

Steve Meyers for a 1-year term

Ann Westover for a 4-year term

Ann Cherry for a 3-year term

Gary Haas for a 2 year term

Motion Carried.

*Old Business -***-Dental Program Update -**

Mike Hoagland provided an update regarding the proposed contract which would be a 5-year contract. Ann Hepfer is reaching out to other facilities for input.

-Opioid Lawsuit -

Mike Hoagland has received the opinion back from the attorney which has been forwarded to the Commissioners for review. Board discussed opioid addiction and how the matter relates to Tuscola County.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Press Release received from Department of Health and Human Services that a contract with a Troy firm to design the new Caro Center has been selected.

-House Bill 4968 introduced by State Representative Gary Glenn.

-Commissioner Bardwell received a letter regarding recognition for Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 2016 for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

-Mike Hoagland reported that statewide for Road Commissioners there are 34 appointed Boards, 44 elected Boards and 5 that are led by the Board of Commissioners.

-Mike Hoagland has received a request from Juniata Township Supervisor for estimates on wind turbine revenue from the proposed NextEra projects in Juniata and Fairgrove Townships.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTSYOUNG - No updates

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission Liaison

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Strategic EDC Planning Committee

Jail Planning Committee

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Region VI Economic Development Planning

Tuscola 2020

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Finance

MAC 7th District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRIAD - Update provided.

Behavioral Health Systems Board

MAC Workers Comp Board

KIRKPATRICK - absent

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MEMS All Hazards

MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair

Cass River Greenways Pathway

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use

Jail Planning Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Tuscola In-Sync

Region VI Tourism Discussions

BIERLEIN - absent

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Board of Directors

Human Services Collaborative Council

MAC Judiciary Committee

Tuscola County College Access Network

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

VAUGHAN

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Would like to gather more information on solar farms.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission - Update provided. Commissioner

Vaughan would like to have an update regarding internet at the Park.

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

Other Business as Necessary - None*Extended Public Comment* - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk