

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 8, 2018 Minutes
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner Matthew Bierlein 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 8th day of February 2018, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Rev. Todd Gould, Cass City Evangelical Free Church

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan (via Google Hangouts) (excused at 10:59 a.m.), District 4 - Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Tisha Jones, Todd Gould, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray, Nancy Laskowski, Garrett Tetil, Mary Tussey, Neil Arnold, Ken Hecht, Chuck Dennis, Dr. Russell Bush, Julie Holmes, Joe Greene, Steve Anderson, Tim Kinney, Ron Balzer

Adoption of Agenda -
18-M-020

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
18-M-021

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the January 25, 2018 meeting. Motion Carried.

Action on Special Board Meeting Minutes -
18-M-022

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the February 1, 2018 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -

-Chuck Dennis - Asked the Board if this is an appropriate time to discuss if the Board is considering a moratorium regarding the Airport. Commissioner Bardwell stated that topic is not on the agenda and could be addressed at Public Comment at the end of the meeting.

-Garrett Tetil - Asked if applicants for the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals should address the Board at this time. The Board asked the applicants to wait until that point of the agenda.

*Consent Agenda Resolution -
18-M-023*

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the February 5, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/5/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 26, 2018 correspondence from the Dispatch Director that the amount requested to be paid from the Dispatch Capital line item for an upgrade to the 911 recording system be corrected from \$5,869 to \$9,096. (This was an oversight involving the method used by Anderson Radio in presenting their bid).
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/5/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the County Clerk that the appointment of Ziggy Dworzecki be corrected stating that he is appointed to a three year term to the County Planning Commission and not the County Parks and Recreation Commission effective 1/1/18.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/5/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Out of State travel freeze be temporarily lifted to allow the Information Technology Director to travel out of state to attend the Dell Technologies World conference. (Conference registration fees of \$2,300 have been waived).

New Business -

-Potential Application for Grant Funds to Study Consolidation/Intergovernmental Cooperation for Medical Examiner System - Mike Hoagland and Dr. Russell Bush explained the opportunity of applying for the grant and the option of applying with a neighboring county to improve the Medical Examiner Services provided. Currently, Tuscola County, as well as Sanilac and Huron Counties, uses the morgue in Lapeer County. Dr. Bush is hoping that Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola and Lapeer counties could join together as a region. Tuscola County performs approximately 30 autopsies per year which is in line with the state average.

18-M-024

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that authorization is given to make a grant application to the Michigan Department of Treasury Competitive Grant Assistance Program to conduct a feasibility study of forming a regional Medical Examiner (ME) system. This study would determine whether current individual county ME system problems can be improved and if cost efficiencies can be achieved through consolidation of individual county ME programs. Motion Carried.

-Appointment of Fifth Member to Airport Zoning Board of Appeals (AZBA) -

Mike Hoagland provided an overview of the role of the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. There are 11 people interested in serving on the Board.

Applicants in attendance:

-Neil Arnold - Neil has been a pilot since 1982. He has applied to be a member of the Board for the safety of the airport, the flight school and the planes to enforce the ordinance with those factors in mind.

-Joe Greene - Joe currently serves on the Airport Authority Board and feels that would be a benefit to the AZBA. Joe explained what a cross wind runway is. Matter discussed as to who owns the airport which Joe explained the Airport Authority owns it and it is a public airport.

-Ken Hecht - Ken has been a pilot since 1969 and currently flies out of the Caro Airport. During his service in Vietnam, he was a pilot and serviced airplanes. He has a knowledge in aeronautical planning and feels this would be a benefit. Ken would abide by what the ordinance states and does not feel a variance should be issued based on his current knowledge of the proposed wind turbines.

-Julie Holmes - Feels there are more qualified applicants with aeronautical background and has requested her application be withdrawn. Board accepted the withdrawal of the application with reservation.

-*Tim Kinney* - Tim was a pilot in the Air Force, with United Airlines. Tim also was a flight instructor and is educated as a mechanical engineer. Tim feels his education and 46 years of flight experience would be a benefit in service on this Board.

-*Garrett Tetil* - Garrett has been an engineer for 17 years and feels that experience would be a benefit in interpreting the ordinance. Garrett shared his viewpoints regarding if a variance were to be granted.

-*Mary Tussey* - Mary owns two businesses in Caro and feels her interest in the community is a benefit to serving on this Board. She feels the airport is an important link to the expansion of the community. Mary also feels her background in mathematics and other detail to projects she has led would be an asset.

-*Ron Balzer, POET Biorefining* - Ron encouraged the Board to appoint a member that has been a pilot and has an aviation background.

Commissioner Young expressed his appreciation of the candidates that applied and feels there are some very qualified applicants.

Commissioner Bardwell explained the nomination process.

Clerk Fetting opened the floor up for nominations to the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals.

Round One of Nominations -

Commissioner Young nominated Mary Tussey
Commissioner Bardwell nominated Ken Hecht
Commissioner Vaughan nominated Tim Kinney
Commissioner Kirkpatrick nominated Tim Kinney
Commissioner Bierlein nominated Joshua Heinlein

Round Two of Nominations -

Commissioner Young no nomination
Commissioner Bardwell nominated Joe Greene
Commissioner Vaughan no nomination
Commissioner Kirkpatrick no nomination
Commissioner Bierlein no nomination

Round Three of Nominations -

Commissioner Young no nomination
Commissioner Bardwell nominated Garrett Tetil
Commissioner Vaughan no nomination
Commissioner Kirkpatrick no nomination
Commissioner Bierlein no nomination

Clerk Fetting called for any further nominations with no further nominations stated.

Clerk Fetting called for a roll call vote for each of the candidates nominated.

Candidate Mary Tussey - 1 vote

Young - yes

Vaughan - no

Kirkpatrick - no

Bierlein - no

Bardwell - no

Candidate Ken Hecht - 1 vote

Vaughan - no

Kirkpatrick - no

Bierlein - no

Young - no

Bardwell - yes

Candidate Tim Kinney - 5 votes

Kirkpatrick - yes

Bierlein - yes

Young - yes

Vaughan - yes

Bardwell - yes

Candidate Joshua Heinlein - 2 votes

Bierlein - yes

Young - no

Vaughan - no

Kirkpatrick - no

Bardwell - yes

Candidate Joe Greene - 2 votes

Young - yes

Vaughan - no

Kirkpatrick - no

Bierlein - no

Bardwell - yes

Candidate Garrett Tetil - 2 votes

Vaughan - no

Kirkpatrick - no

Bierlein - no

Young - yes

Bardwell - yes

Clerk Fetting announced Candidate Tim Kinney received the majority of the votes.

18-M-025

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to appoint Tim Kinney to the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals to fulfill the term of Jonathan Blasius. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 9:43 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:58 a.m.

-Update Regarding Potential MCDC Dental Clinic -

Mike Hoagland updated the Board stating the attorney is reviewing the contract and has also reached out the attorney representing Ottawa County. It is proposed to operate the Dental Clinic under two contracts which Mike explained. It is hopeful a proposed contract could be presented in two or three months.

-Refund Regarding Register of Deeds Office -

Kofile Technology assessed a Register of Deeds customer fees for documents although the documents were not received by the customer.

18-M-026

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that because an individual was charged \$1,770.75 by Kofile Technologies (company providing services to the Register of Deeds) for copies of Register of Deeds information that was not received, this amount is authorized to be refunded directly by Kofile to the individual rather than to Tuscola County. The form approving this transaction is authorized for signature. Motion Carried.

-Concur with Appointment of Material Handler at Recycling -

Mike Miller has completed interviews for the part-time position.

18-M-027

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to concur with the hiring of Rodney Stratton as a part-time Recycling Material Handler to fill a vacant position. Said hiring to be effective February 12, 2018. (Contingent upon satisfactory physical and background check). Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-Vassar Foundry - Mike Hoagland updated the Board that the proposed offer for Dobson Industries to purchase fell through. Commissioner Young stated there is another company showing interest in the property.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Commissioner Bardwell stated the Board is getting correspondence asking the Board to enact a one-year moratorium regarding the Juniata Township wind turbine project. He is unclear of the how Tuscola County has authority to be involved in issuing a moratorium.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTSKIRKPATRICK

Board of Health - Update provided.

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Meets next month.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Will attend remotely in order to discuss implementation of proposed intensive services court program.

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair

Cass River Greenways Pathway - Update provided.

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

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Finance

MAC 7th District - Meeting upcoming.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRIAD

Behavioral Health Systems Board

MAC Workers Comp Board

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board - Meets in March

County Road Commission Liaison - Meet today

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 - Update provided

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Region VI Economic Development Planning - Meets next week

Tuscola 2020 - Meets in April

VAUGHAN

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Commissioner Vaughan had requested that an informational packet be put together regarding Solar Energy to be distributed to the local units of government. It has since been determined that this information cannot be distributed. The Board did recommend it be referred to the County Planning Commission for a review and distribution. Matter discussed at length.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission - Working on implementing an option for customers to pay with a credit card at Vanderbilt Park.

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Meets tomorrow.

Human Development Commission (HDC) - Audit was received and the review was the best that can be reviewed.

Recycling Advisory Committee - Tire collection schedule has been released.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Meets next Wednesday.

Great Start Collaborative Council - March 8th is the annual Imagination Library Fundraiser at the Knights of Columbus in Caro.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Board of Directors - Read statement from MAC regarding the Governor's proposed budget.

Human Services Collaborative Council

MAC Judiciary Committee - No February meeting.

Tuscola County College Access Network - The Director that was hired has accepted a full-time position which has left the position vacant.

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee - Update provided.

MEMS All Hazards

Other Business as Necessary -

-Commissioner Bardwell asked for clarification on the process to decide if the County should close due to weather. Mike Miller explained past practice.

Extended Public Comment -

-Eean Lee - Thomas Krieger has completed a course as a Google IT Support Professional and has received a Training Certificate. Eean commended Thomas on this accomplishment.

Commissioner Vaughan excused at 10:59 a.m.

-Nancy Laskowski - Nancy is concerned that the current map in the zoning ordinance does not show an accurate drawing of the runway and proposed runway. Nancy presented an excerpt from the 2017 Michigan Aviation System Plan that she has received from Jennifer Forbes.

-Joe Greene - Indianfields Township and City of Caro had a meeting with the officials at the Caro Center. The topic of providing water to the new center was discussed. An advisory council with members from Indianfields Township and City of Caro to be included and make a recommendation on how to move forward.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk