

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
March 15, 2018 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 March 2018, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young (via Google Hangouts), District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Craig Kirkpatrick (via Google Hangouts) (excused at 11:09 a.m.), District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Tisha Jones, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray, Register John Bishop, Kim Green, Larry Zapfe, Nancy Laskowski, Henry Wymore, Mark Trumbauer, Caryn Michalak, Bill Sanders, Bob Brown, Ione Vyse

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
18-M-041

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
18-M-042

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the February 22, 2018 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None*

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*  
18-M-043

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the March 12, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/12/18
- Description of Matter:** Move to receive the 2017 Year-End Financial Report as prepared by the Controller-Administrator and placed on file.
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- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/12/18
- Description of Matter:** Move to authorize the total 2017 transfer of \$500,000 from the GF to the equipment-technology fund and approve 2017 corresponding budget amendments.
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- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/12/18
- Description of Matter:** Move to authorize the total 2017 transfer of \$123,964 from the GF to the capital improvement fund and approve 2017 corresponding budget amendments.
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- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/12/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that the County Medical Care Facility millage renewal language stated below be submitted to the County Clerk for inclusion on August 2018 primary election ballot (Medical Care Facility administrators have agreed to the renewal request and the county attorney has reviewed and approved the language).

**TUSCOLA COUNTY  
MEDICAL CARE FACILITY RENEWAL**

**For a period of ten (10) years, from 2019 and continuing through 2028, inclusive, shall the expiring previously voted increase in the taxable property rate limitation of Tuscola County be renewed at the rate of .25 mills (\$.25 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) to provide funds for the County's medical care facility? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage raises an estimated \$434,465 in the first calendar year after its approval. All revenue will be disbursed to Tuscola County and shall be exclusively used for operation of the County's medical care facility.**

**Agenda Reference:** E

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/12/18

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Sheriff, to authorize hiring the National Sheriff's Association to conduct an assessment of the County jail for an amount of \$10,000. Scope of work to be performed is as explained in the March 6, 2018 proposal from the National Sheriff's Association. Also, all appropriate documents are approved for signature. Costs for said assessment to be paid from the 488 Jail Capital Improvements Fund and appropriate budget amendments are authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** F

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/12/18

**Description of Matter:** Move that the letter of resignation from the Deputy County Treasurer (Susan Jensen) be received and placed on file with said resignation to be effective March 16, 2018.

**Agenda Reference:** G

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/12/18

**Description of Matter:** Move that the bid for steel for the building at the new recycling center be awarded to Keys who was the low bidder for an amount of \$19,642.

- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/12/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that the bid for masonry work at the new recycling center building be awarded to Keys who was the only bidder for an amount of \$8,150.
- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/12/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that roof replacement for the building at the new recycling center be awarded to Rickwalt who was the low bidder for an amount of \$26,505.
- Agenda Reference:** J
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/12/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that plumbing/mechanical work for the building at the new recycling center be awarded to Burkhard who was the low bidder for an amount of \$28,794.
- Agenda Reference:** K
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/12/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the February 26, 2018 letter of request to use the Courthouse lawn from the Future Youth Involvement group for a Run-Walk event on April 21, 2018 be approved.

*New Business -*

-Treasurer Request to Promote an Account Clerk II to Abstract/Tax Service Clerk - Treasurer Donovan-Gray explained the need to promote Ashley Bennett and fill the position that will then be left vacant.

18-M-043

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that per the request from the County Treasurer that Ashley Bennett be promoted from the position of Account Clerk II to the position of Abstract Tax Service Clerk (Step 1) effective March 19, 2018. Also, authority is given to refill the open Account Clerk II position created by this promotion (Until a replacement for the Account Clerk II position occurs Ashley Bennett will balance time to perform the core required functions of both positions). Motion Carried.

-Request to Use Courthouse Lawn -

18-M-045

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that per the March 12, 2018 letter of request from the National Day of Prayer group to use the courthouse lawn on May 3, 2018. Motion Carried.

-Mosquito Abatement 2017 Annual Report -

Kim Green, Director, provided a review of the 2017 Annual Report.

18-M-046

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the 2017 Mosquito Abatement Annual Report be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

-Update from Region VII Area Agency on Aging -

Bill Sanders, Tuscola Representative and Bob Brown, Director

Bob Brown presented to the Board an overview of the Area Agency on Aging and changes that are forthcoming.

Recess at 9:35 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:49 a.m.

-Board of Commissioner Authority/Responsibility - Commissioner Vaughan -  
Commissioner Vaughan addressed the Board regarding the duties and responsibilities of a Commissioner. Commissioner Vaughan referenced MCL 46.11 specifically MCL 46.11(k) and the ability to call a county officer into a County Board meeting for questioning. He would like the Board to stand up for issues that come in front of the Board that need answers.

Commissioner Bardwell expressed that each Commissioner has their own constituents to answer to. Each Commissioner has the right to respectively have their own thoughts and opinions.

Commissioner Bardwell would like Mike Hoagland to request Clayton to review the above statute and the operational overreach the Commissioners have.

-First Quarter Review of 2018 Work Program -

Mike Hoagland provided an overview of the goals of the 2018 work program. Board discussed various items and items that need to take priority.

*Old Business -*

-Alternatives Regarding Road Commission Organizational Structure -  
Mike Hoagland provided the information that has been collected so far to the Board in the Board packet. Board would like to review the information and have the matter brought back to a future meeting.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick excused at 11:09 a.m.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

Commissioner Bardwell - Shared letter from Oakland County  
Commissioner Bardwell - Letter from Betty Kukulski regarding Juniata Township.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**YOUNG

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 - Attend Village of Cass City meeting and the 2017 accomplishments were shared at the meeting.  
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee  
Strategic EDC Planning Committee  
Jail Planning Committee  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
Region VI Economic Development Planning  
Tuscola 2020

VAUGHAN

Board of Health  
Planning Commission - Commission has been receiving wind ordinances from the local jurisdictions.  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Update provided.

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council - Imagination Library fundraiser was a huge success.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Board of Directors - Conference coming up. NaCO Conference was beneficial and informative.

Human Services Collaborative Council

MAC Judiciary Committee

Tuscola County College Access Network

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

MEMS All Hazards

KIRKPATRICK - no report

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

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

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA - Update provided.

MAC Finance

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRIAD

Behavioral Health Systems Board

MAC Workers Comp Board

*Other Business as Necessary -*

-Commissioner Bardwell attended a meet and greet at USDA and had the opportunity to meet the new State Director Jason Allen.

*Extended Public Comment -*

-Ione Vyse - Read an excerpt from the 1950 Airport Zoning Act Section 12.

-Clerk Jodi Fetting announced the resignation of her Chief Deputy Clerk, Cindy McKinney-Volz, as she has accepted a position with Tuscola County Friend of the Court.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk