

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 16, 2018 Minutes
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner 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 16th day of August 2018, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Pastor William Sanders, Watrousville United Methodist Church

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Clayette Zechmeister, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Register John Bishop, Pastor William Sanders, Ken Hecht, Jenna Tetil, Nancy Laskowski, Mary Brissette, Steve Erickson, Leigh Nacy, Norm Stephens, Ann Leen, Tom Leen, Jim Mantey

Adoption of Agenda -
18-M-120

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
18-M-121

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 31, 2018 Board and Statutory Finance meetings. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
18-M-122

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the August 13, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request from the Register of Deeds the surveillance upgrade be purchased for \$1,700 and paid from the budgeted funds in the Register of Deeds budget.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request from County Council Clayette Zechmeister sign the opioid litigation protective order regarding the handling of sensitive information.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that County departments may utilize the AARP Senior Community Service Employment Program to seek potential employees as long as this does not violate any labor unions in your offices and all guidelines are followed. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained in the Human Resources department.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that Shelly Lutz be appointed as the officer delegate and Clayette Zechmeister as the alternate to the Municipal Employees Retirement System and authorization is given to attend the 2018 annual conference. Also, the form related to this appointment be authorized for signature.

- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that Linda Strasz be appointed as the employee delegate and Pat Gray as the alternate to the Municipal Employees Retirement System and authorization is given to attend the 2018 annual conference. Also, the form related to this appointment be authorized for signature.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/18
- Description of Matter:** Move to sponsor Judy Cockerill in the LEAD Tuscola program for 2018/2019. Also, the form related to this appointment be authorized for signature.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that Clayette Zechmeister be appointed as the Acting Controller with acting position pay per Section 4.1 in the personnel policy effective July 10, 2018 until the return of the Controller/Administrator.

New Business -

- Economic Development Corporation (EDC) -
- Steve Erickson has interested parties in the State property and environmentals can begin on the buildings. It is recommended that an ad hoc committee be established for this project. A meeting should be scheduled soon to begin the discussions.

18-M-123

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Vaughan to replace Commissioner Kirkpatrick with Commissioner Bierlein on the ad hoc committee for the State Land Bank for discussions of the property surrounding the Caro Center. Motion Carried.

- Steve Erickson has met with John Axe regarding the Vassar Foundry property to establish a condo agreement. Steve has reached out to the parties interested in the property.

-Steve Erickson provided an update regarding the Ag Processing Plant that was proposed to be in Indianfields Township although because of resistance Steve is looking for alternative sites.

-My Sisters Barn LLC - Ann Leen provided a history of how My Sister's barn has evolved over the last 6 years. She shared struggles she has incurred with Building Codes and the Health Department in getting permits approved for the improvements being made at My Sisters Barn.

Recessed at 9:20 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:33 a.m.

-Resolution opposing HB 6049 and SB 1025 -

18-M-124

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan to approve the adoption of the Resolution opposing House Bill 6049 and Senate Bill 1025 that seek to completely restructure the tax assessing qualifications, process and boundaries of local assessing units in Michigan. Roll Call Vote - Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Resolution opposing SB 1031 -

18-M-125

Motion by Bierlein, seconded to Kirkpatrick to approve the adoption of the Resolution opposing Senate Bill 1031, a bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act, "(MCL 211.1 to 211.155). Roll Call Vote - Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Rescind Resolution regarding Sunday off premise sale of beer/wine and spirits -

18-M-126

Motion by Young, seconded by Bierlein that in accordance with notice given at the August 13, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting that Consent Agenda Item C, contained in Motion 17-M-141, in regards to Sunday off premise sale of beer/wine and spirits be rescinded effective August 16, 2018. Roll Call Vote - Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Psychiatric outpatient letter of agreement for the Sheriff's Department - Clayette Zechmeister explained the letter of agreement.

18-M-127

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to approve the psychiatric outpatient letter of agreement between Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems and the Sheriff's Department and authorize all appropriate signatures. Motion Carried.

-Use of Courthouse lawn for Pumpkin Festival -

18-M-128

Motion by Young, seconded by Bierlein to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn October 3rd through October 7th 2018 for the Annual Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival. Motion Carried.

-Website Development Agreement between Tuscola County Information Systems and Indianfields Township -

18-M-129

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that the County enter into the proposed contract between Tuscola County Information Systems and Indianfields Township for website development with all appropriate signatures authorized. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions - None

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board - Meets in September.

County Road Commission Liaison - New Garage is proposed to be built in Akron.

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Update provided. Village of Cass City grocery store project is moving forward.

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

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission - Update provided regarding dump station at Vanderbilt Park.

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Update provided.

Human Development Commission (HDC) - Update provided. Commissioner Young to begin working with this Committee.

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Attempted to attend last night Juniata Township meeting which had to be cancelled due to being over capacity.

MAC Board of Directors - Matt's term of Presidency will wrap up at the MAC Annual Conference.

Human Services Collaborative Council

MAC Judiciary Committee

Tuscola County College Access Network - This is no longer functioning as the Director took a different position.

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

MEMS All Hazards

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Update provided.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Update provided.

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair

Cass River Greenways Pathway - Clean-up is this Saturday.

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 - Update provided earlier in the meeting.

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Finance

MAC 7th District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRIAD

Behavioral Health Systems Board

MAC Workers Comp Board

Other Business as Necessary -

-Eean Lee updated the Board regarding changes being implemented at the State Level that will affect the Sheriff's Department.

Extended Public Comment -

-Jim Mantey stated a legal opinion has been received in the NextEra case which is favorable for Almer Township. The Juniata Township wind project was discussed as to the progress occurring on the current sites.

-Jenna Tetil provided an update as to the Juniata project that cement has been poured.

-Norm Stephens spoke in regards to NextEra's wind projects in Tuscola County.

-Jenna Tetil complimented the Animal Control Center. She also questioned Eean Lee if he is aware if there are regulations regarding who can update a Township website or the possibility of Tuscola County assisting in developing a website for Juniata Township in the future.

-Nancy Laskowski addressed the Board with concerns regarding soil erosion and a contact person they could reach out to.

-Tisha Jones-Holubec addressed the Board regarding the City of Caro council meeting where it was stated that the City of Caro would not be entertaining the idea of providing water to the Caro Center as was once stated in a public Board of Commissioners meeting. Also, the Republican Party County Convention is tonight at 7:00 p.m. and she invited the Commissioners to attend.

-Mary Brissette stated she is asking for compliance not defiance. She reiterated that concrete is being poured at the sites in Juniata Township.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk