

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 23, 2013 Minutes

H. H. Purdy Building

Chairman 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 23rd day of January, 2013 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Pledge by Commissioner Trisch

Commissioners Present: District 1 – Roger Allen via Skype, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Also Present: Mike Miller, John Bishop, Jim McCloskey, Bob Mantey, Mary Drier, Gretchen Tenbush, Bob Klenk and Jodi Fetting

13-M-016

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

13-M-017

Motion by Trisch seconded by Bierlein to adopt the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes from December 27, 2012 regular meeting, January 2, 2013 organizational meeting and January 2, 2013 regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment –

Jim McCloskey provided an update on behalf of Senator Mike Green.

Bob Mantey showed appreciation for the opportunity to purchase a new vehicle and provided an explanation of the Department's need for the purchase. The Drain Commissioner also provided information to the new commissioners.

John Bishop updated the Board regarding copy fees charged in the Register of Deeds office.

13-M-018

Motion by Trisch seconded by Bierlein to approve the following Consent Agenda Resolution with Item E removed. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/10/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the chairperson be authorized to sign the contract for representation of developmentally disabled individuals in the Tuscola County Probate Court.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/10/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the chairperson be authorized to sign the contract for representation of individuals in Tuscola County Circuit/Family Court.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/10/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Dispatch Director the chairperson be authorized to sign the document that enables the county to receive PA 32 of 1986 state funding for dispatcher training.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/10/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 9, 2013 letter of recommendation from the County Drain Commissioner that a new truck be authorized to be purchased from Moore Motors who was the low bidder for an amount of \$24,693. (Originally a used vehicle was budgeted at \$25,000 but the competitive pricing enabled a new vehicle to be purchased without exceeding the budget.)
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/10/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the October 16, 2012 email memo from the County Clerk, that the CCW photo cost be increased from \$8 to \$15 effectively immediately.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that any motion, resolution, or other act of Tuscola County inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded, modified, replaced or superseded by this Resolution.

YEAS: Allen, Bardwell, Trisch, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

13-M-019 (Item E from above Consent Agenda)

Motion by Kirkpatrick seconded by Trisch that two commissioner cellular telephone contracts with Thumb Cellular be authorized for signature. Also, the commissioner who has chosen to maintain his current telephone be reimbursed at \$55 per month which would have been the average monthly cost under a cellular telephone contract. Yea - Kirkpatrick, Trisch, Bardwell Nay- Bierlein and Allen. Motion Carried.

13-M-020

Motion by Trisch seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the Health Officer and Board of Health that the 2013 Health Department fee schedule be approved effective February 1, 2013. Motion Carried.

13-M-021

Motion by Bierlein seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Chairperson be authorized to sign the letter of support for the Tuscola Township grant application to the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund to establish a trail system in the Tuscola Township Park. Motion Carried.

Recap Potential Re-use of Former Camp Tuscola – Tour was successful. Ideas for use of the facility are still encouraged.

Recap Oil & Gas Meeting – More information to be provided as available.

Recap Wind Energy Taxation Meeting and Proposal to Conduct a Study

13-M-022

Motion by Kirkpatrick seconded by Allen that per the recommendation of the Michigan Renewable Energy Coalition that the county be authorized to finance the cost of a wind energy appraisal study with county share of cost based on the Study Cost Distribution Spreadsheet. Also, the Study Cost Distribution Spreadsheet be forwarded to all other benefiting entities requesting their financial participation in the Study. Motion Carried.

Exploration of Joint Dispatch Director with Huron County - Huron County hired a Director

13-M-023

Motion by Trisch seconded by Bierlein that the County Clerk shall advertise to fill vacancies on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Council Advisory Council. Motion Carried.

Dispatch Surcharge Lawsuit Update – Bob Klenk provided an update

Workers Compensation Cost Increase – Mike Hoagland provided an update

Open Meetings Act Amendment – Clerk Fetting provided an update regarding the posting of Public Meetings

13-M-024

Motion by Bierlein seconded by Trisch that the County Clerk be requested to comply with the new meeting posting requirements of the Open Meetings Act per amendments that were made effective 12/31/12 and summarized in the 1/23/13 Board of Commissioners packet. Motion Carried.

Region VII Board of Directors Vacancy – Discussion Postponed.

Old Business – None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

Representative Brown to attend January 24, 2013 Board Meeting

MAC conference – March 2013

Tax Assistance is available through Human Development Commission and MSHDA

Dental Program – Mike Hoagland provided an update. Meeting to be scheduled.

Financial Department – Tuscola County has received an award '*Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.*'

Closed Session - None

Other Business – Mike Miller informed the Board of water issue at the Tuscola County Jail. Mr. Miller passed on his appreciation to the City of Caro DPW for their assistance.

Extended Public Comment –
John Bishop requested further information regarding the Proposed Dental Program.

Mary Drier questioned how the public was informed regarding the warming center during recent power outage.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk