

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 9, 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 9th day of April, 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, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Mike Miller, John Bishop, Bob Mantey, lone Vyse, Bob Klenk, Honorable Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Sheriff Lee Teschendorf

13-M-073

Motion by Allen seconded by Bierlein to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

13-M-074

Motion by Allen seconded by Bierlein to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 27, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period –

lone Vyse – Requested support from the Board to help the townships located in Tuscola County regarding bills sent by our local townships for fire runs to DTE Energy. Mike Hoagland will contact Ron Christ from DTE Energy and other county administrators to help to clarify issue at hand.

13-M-075

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch to allow lone Vyse to use the County email network contacts, to be the coordinator to facilitate an informational meeting of township and villages to get DTE Energy to pay for fire run bills and to use the County Board of Commissioners' name within letters to be sent to DTE Energy and local municipalities. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda Resolution – None

New Business

-Register of Deeds Security System

13-M-076

Motioned by Allen seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of the Register of Deeds that security equipment be authorized to be purchased. Security equipment is to protect the records of the Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner and Treasurer in said vault. The said equipment may be purchased and the project is to be awarded to Ace American Alarm who was the lowest bidder for an amount of \$4,122.30. Also, appropriate 2013 equipment fund budget amendments are approved regarding purchase of said equipment. Motion Carried.

-Honorable Judge Amy Grace Gierhart and Sheriff Lee Teschendorf – Jail overcrowding issue.

Recessed at 9:06 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:14 a.m.

-Behavioral Health Systems – Sharon Beal
Comprehensive Annual Financial Plan
State Changes in Community Mental Health Agencies

M-13-077

Motioned by Trisch seconded by Bierlein that the Behavioral Systems 2011/2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

-Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey – Revolving Drain Fund

M-13-078

Motioned by Allen seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the April 4, 2013 letter of request from the County Drain Commissioner, that the Revolving Drain Fund be increased by \$100,000 from \$310,000 to \$410,000 to establish an adequate amount of funds to satisfy the cash flow needed to initiate drain projects. (Fund is used to provide start-up cash to initiate drain projects until assessment can be implemented at which time the Revolving Drain Fund is repaid). Motion Carried.

Drain Commissioner Summer Office Hours will be implemented for 2013 – Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. open during the lunch hour and closed on Fridays.

-Bob Klenk, Dispatch Director – Requested approval of agreement with American Messaging. He is also working on increasing the surcharge amount. As more information becomes available, he will keep the Board up to date.

M-13-079

Motioned by Allen seconded by Bierlein that per the recommendation of the Dispatch Director, that the paging contract with American Messaging be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Prosecutor's Office is requesting to work with the Human Development Commission to assist survivors of Domestic Violence.

13-M-080

Motioned by Allen seconded by Trisch that the subcontract agreement between the Human Development Commission and the County Prosecutor to provide criminal justice services for survivors of Domestic Violence and their families be approved in the amount of \$20,246 and appropriate signatures are authorized. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

- Project to add five additional beds at the Tuscola County Jail

13-M-081

Motioned by Trisch seconded by Bierlein that the 2013 budgeted project to add five beds at the county jail proceed with the understanding that no increase in corrections officers is required as a result of this project. Also, the project is awarded to Gerald G. Bergman who was the lowest original bidder for an amount of \$87,968 (dollar amount in previous motion inadvertently did not include alternatives which are necessary). Also, per the requirement in the previous board motion Mr. Bergman has agreed to maintain his original bid amount therefore appropriate documents are authorized for signature. Motion Carried.

-Request for UPS Box at Purdy Building

13-M-082

Motioned by Bierlein seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of United Parcel Service (UPS) that authorization be granted to install a drop box for UPS items delivered to the Purdy Building with the understanding there is no cost to the county. Also, the County Buildings and Grounds Director is requested to coordinate the specific location of the drop box with UPS. Motion Carried.

-State Revenue Sharing Update

13-M-083

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch that the Tuscola Administrator/Controller be authorized to send an email to other County Administrators including the template used by Tuscola County in communicating to our state officials the importance of restoring state revenue sharing funding to full funding levels. Motion Carried.

-County General Development Plan – Ione Vyse

13-M-084

Motioned by Trisch seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of the County Planning Commission that the recommended amendments to the County General Development Plan are approved for implementation and reaffirm the plan as a whole.

CLOSED SESSION – Labor Negotiations

Closed Session was not necessary as the AFSCME contract was not approved but since has been approved by the union members.

13-M-085

Motioned by Trisch seconded by Allen that based on the correspondence from union representatives for AFSCME General requesting a contract extension until December 31, 2013 be accepted without any other changes and all appropriate signatures are authorized. (Same contract extension is being provided to AFSCME General as was already provided to other union contracts settled for the December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2013 period). Motion Carried.

Old Business – None

Correspondence/Resolutions –

- Mike Hoagland provided an update regarding wind revenue.
- A request was put into LEAD Tuscola for a list of volunteers that have served in that program in previous years.
- Medical Care Facility will not meet the time limit on their project. They are working on keeping the project moving forward.
- Health Care Program – Mike Hoagland is continuing to work on project and bidding the program.
- Dental Health Care Program – Tuscola County attorneys are still working on the details with Jim Rutkowski.
- Contract Negotiations will be starting mid-summer.
- Camp Tuscola – Mike Hoagland is still working on trying to keep the heat on at the Camp until further notice.
- Mike Hoagland will get the two-minute video regarding County Government on the Tuscola County website.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**KIRKPATRICK – No New Reports**

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
MI Renewable Energy Coalition
MEMS All Hazards
Cass River Greenways Pathway
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

-Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked if there was a noise ordinance for the county for a noisy dog. Tuscola County does not have an ordinance in place. The ordinance would fall on the townships responsibility.

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
Planning Commission
Behavioral Health Systems Board
Tuscola 2020 – Next meeting is July 3, 2013 at the Octagon Barn. The committee is looking for a person to lead a quilt trail group. August 4, 2013 is the next Airport Fly-in. The group is looking at the possibility of a paid executive director for the Tuscola 2020 committee.
Recycling Advisory Committee – Recycling Trailers will be arriving shortly.
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Multi County Solid Waste
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board – Next Meeting will be scheduled for sometime in April.
County Road Commission
Board of Public Works – Akron Township has decided to go forward with the municipal water project.
Senior Services Advisory Council – Next Meeting is April 24, 2013.
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative – Next Meeting is April 18, 2013.
Dental Clinic for Indigents
Parks & Recreation
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL – No New Reports

NACo
NACo Rural Action Caucus
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors
MAC 7th District
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRISCH

Board of Health
Human Development Commission (HDC)
TRIAD – Sheriff's Department is doing a good job at getting the information out to the public.
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Human Services Collaborative Council
Great Start Collaborative
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Closed Session - None

Other Business –

Mike Hoagland provided an article regarding the Detroit Metro area revamping the municipal funding system.

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting Adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
County Clerk