

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 14, 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 14th day of May, 2013 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Bierlein
Pledge by Commissioner Kirkpatrick

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 Miler, Ione Vyse, John Bishop, Dawn Bowden

13-M-097

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

13-M-098

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the April 24, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period –

Ione Vyse - The meeting between DTE Energy, local townships and municipalities is going to be held at the Almer Township Hall on May 24, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Consent Agenda Resolution – None to present

New Business

13-M-099

Motion amended by Allen seconded by Trisch that the County Board of Commissioners request the County Road Commission to authorize, to the extent permitted, the use of currently closed roads for short distances to Off Road Vehicles (ORV) so that landlocked residents can gain access to the first open connected road that is approved for ORV use. Also, ordinance language changes as recommended by the County Attorneys, if necessary, to accomplish this objective be forwarded to the Road Commission for review and consideration. Upon Road Commission approval, ordinance changes are authorized to be implemented. Motion Carried.

13-M-100

Motioned by Trisch seconded by Kirkpatrick that a resolution be prepared and forwarded to state/federal officials, modeled after the Ottawa County resolution, stressing the critical importance of maintaining tax exempt status of municipal bonds for economic development needs. This method of financing is necessary to enable an affordable method to rebuild deteriorating local, state and national critical infrastructure including: roads, bridges, and sewer and water projects. Motion Carried.

-Potential Re-Use of Former Camp Tuscola – Update Provided

13-M-101

Motioned by Kirkpatrick seconded by Allen that the resolution reviewed by the Board of Commissioners regarding full funding of state revenue sharing be approved and forwarded to the Governor, State Senator, State Representative and the Michigan Association of Counties. The resolution explains that state revenue sharing to counties was cut by 22.9% based on the agreement of the “roll forward” program. For 2014, Tuscola County funding is \$251,000 less than what the county should be funded according to what was promised based on this agreement. Motion Carried.

13-M-102

Motioned by Allen seconded by Trisch that the resolution reviewed by the Board of Commissioners regarding the lack of previously agreed to full funding of state revenue sharing be forwarded along with a letter from the Board of Commissioners to State Senator Pappageorge (Senate Appropriations Committee). This letter will express appreciation for his understanding and support to correct this major funding inequity which is critical to operating vital county government services, many of which are mandated by the State. Motion Carried.

-Financial Planning – Mike Hoagland provided an update

13-M-103

Motioned by Allen seconded by Trisch that the Controller/Administrator be directed to begin the process of projecting 2014 revenues and expenditures to estimate county financial capabilities based on available information available. Said financial information will be updated as new information becomes available and will be used for 2014 labor negotiations strategy and the budget development process. Motion Carried.

-Affordable Care Act – Mike Hoagland and Dawn Bowden provided an update

13-M-104

Motioned by Bierlein seconded by Trisch that in order to comply with the Affordable Care Act the following policy action be approved to prevent the direct county expense of adding part-time and variable employees to the county health insurance program while allowing these employees to utilize other health insurance coverage provisions available by the Affordable Care law:

- Limit part-time and variable employees to less than 1,560 of paid time hours per measurable year.
 - The provision above shall also apply to employees funded through grants and temporary employees.
 - Department Heads are responsible to monitor their part-time employees so that they do not exceed 1,560 paid hours per measurable year.
 - Tracking paid hours will be maintained by the Human Resource Director who will collaborate with department heads so that paid time hour adjustments can be made with enough time in the measurement year to correct potential problems and remain compliant with the Federal Statute.
 - This policy is subject to change based on future details made relevant to the Affordable Care Act.
- Motion Carried.

Recessed at 8:52 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

13-M-105

Motioned by Trisch seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the Apportionment Report that provides for spreading of county millage levies for 2013 and authorize all appropriate signatures. Motion Carried.

13-M-106

Motioned by Bierlein seconded by Trisch that the County Clerk Annual Report be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

13-M-107

Motioned by Allen seconded by Bierlein that the budgeted replacement of three (3) doors at the Animal Shelter building be awarded to Dave's Glass who was the only bidder for an amount of \$6,910 which includes the option of aluminum doors which will minimize rust and extend door longevity. Motion Carried.

13-M-108

Motioned by Bierlein seconded by Allen that per the request of the state and under the terms of the lease, the Michigan State Police Building parking lot sealing be awarded to Asphalt Concrete Services who was the low bidder for an amount of \$2,890. Also, appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

13-M-109

Motioned by Allen seconded by Kirkpatrick Move that the budgeted Maintenance Building parking lot sealing be awarded to Asphalt Concrete Services who was the low bidder for an amount of \$520. Motion Carried.

Purdy Building Windows – No motion presented at this time

Cell Phone Usage in Courthouse – Update provided regarding new policy issued

Board Meeting – The Board of Commissioner's meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2013 has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 7:00 a.m.

Jail Project – Hot water capacity may need to be addressed with the 5-bed increase at the jail. The proposed bid amount is \$4,571.25 for a 50-gallon hot water heater. No motion presented at this time.

Council on Aging – Request has been made to pay a stipend to the members that serve on this board.

13-M-110

Motioned by Trisch seconded by Allen to pay the Council on Aging Board Members a per diem of \$25 per meeting to be paid out of the Senior Millage and all budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

Old Business

Correspondence/Resolutions

Ottawa county resolution regarding gas tax

Parks and Recreation – Meeting can be held electronically

Courts are working on a concurrent jurisdiction plan

Denmark Township- Mike Hoagland meeting with the attorneys next week

InSync Meeting – Meeting to be held on Thursday, May 16th

Veteran's Affair – Position will need to be reviewed if it needs to be increased to a full-time position.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BARDWELL

NACo

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA – Meet May 22nd

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
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Human Services Collaborative Council
Great Start Collaborative
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

KIRKPATRICK

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

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
Planning Commission – Meeting time has been changed from 5:30 to 5:00
Behavioral Health Systems Board
Tuscola 2020
Recycling Advisory Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Multi County Solid Waste
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Dental Clinic for Indigents
Parks & Recreation
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Closed Session - None

Other Business - None

Extended Public Comment

lone Vyse – 25 wind towers have been approved by the FCC for Akron, Gilford and Fairgrove areas.

Mike Miller – Requested clarification on courthouse cell phone usage policy for signage for the front doors.

Adjournment at 10:39 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk