

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 11, 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 11th day of June, 2013 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge by Commissioner Bierlein

Commissioners Present: District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: District 1 – Roger Allen

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Steve Erickson, Bill Bushaw, Steve Anderson, Bob Klenk, Brad Barrett, Wendy Falls, Sheriff Lee Teschendorf, Chuck Frost, Kris Reinelt, Pam Stilwell Binder, John Bishop, Duane Lockwood, John Axe, Francis Keating, Ed Smith

13-M-120

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

13-M-121

Motion by Kirkpatrick seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 30, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution – None

New Business

-EDC Liability Insurance Request – Steve Erickson

13-M-122

Motion by Trisch seconded by Bierlein to refer the EDC request to the Committee of the Whole Finance Meeting on June 27, 2013 for review. EDC is requesting to have the EDC liability insurance to be covered under the Tuscola County policy and for Tuscola County to pay for the cost. Motion Carried.

-Vassar Rental Rehabilitation Grant – Brad Barrett and Wendy Falls

13-M-123

Motion by Trisch seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the resolution for the submission of a pre-application for 2013/2014 Vassar Rental Rehabilitation program (available through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority) to be administered by the Human Development Commission. Also, the Chairperson is authorized to sign all appropriate documents. Roll Call Vote – Bardwell ~ Yea, Trisch ~ Yea, Kirkpatrick ~ Yea, Bierlein ~ Yea. Nay ~ None. Motion Carried.

-Update Thumb Tourism Council - Chuck Frost, Kris Reinelt and Pam Stilwell Binder demonstrated the usefulness of their website www.thumbtourism.org.

-Sheriff Teschendorf presented to the Board regarding the proposed POLC Labor Agreement Modifications and seniority requirements for promotions.

13-M-124

Motion by Kirkpatrick seconded by Bierlein that per the June 10, 2013 letter from the Sheriff, that the letter of understanding with the POAM Corrections Bargaining Unit be approved to enable non-correctional employees in the Sheriff Department the ability to work 10-hour shifts on a temporary basis starting June 1, 2013 to August 30, 2013. Also, appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

13-M-125

Motioned by Trisch seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the May 17, 2013 letter from the Sheriff and request from the Police Officers Labor Council, that a letter of understanding be approved with the language as recommended by the County Labor Attorney stating that new employees hired after 5/10/2013 must have a minimum of four (4) years as a Corrections Sergeant, Road Patrol Sergeant or Detective Sergeant within the bargaining unit in order to be eligible for promotion to Lieutenant-Uniformed Commander and Jail Division Lieutenant Jail Administrator. Also, appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

13-M-126

Motioned by Bierlein seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Board convenes into a closed session under section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the legal opinions and memorandum of our attorneys which are exempt from public disclosure under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Roll Call Vote – Bardwell ~ Yea, Trisch ~ Yea, Kirkpatrick ~ Yea, Bierlein ~ Yea. Nay – None. Motion Carried at 8:40 a.m.

13-M-127

Motioned by Kirkpatrick seconded by Trisch to reconvene into a public session as closed session is posted to begin at 9:00 a.m. Motion Carried at 8:40 a.m.

-Steve Anderson and Bob Klenk presented to the Board regarding the possibility of requesting funding from a Homeland Security Grant.

13-M-128

Motioned by Kirkpatrick seconded by Bierlein that the county actively pursue Region 3 Homeland Security Grant carryover funds for equipment and other needs to strengthen emergency service capabilities. Also, authorization is approved to finance the equipment upfront with the understanding that 100% federal/state reimbursement will be received. Also, all required documents are authorized for signature.

Discussion regarding motion 13-M-128 suspended to allow the Board to convene closed session at 9:05 a.m. Discussion regarding Homeland Security Grant continued beginning at 10:17 a.m.

Motion Carried.

13-M-129

Motioned by Bierlein seconded by Trisch that the Board convene into closed session under section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the legal opinions and memorandum of our attorneys which are exempt from public disclosure under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Roll Call Vote – Bardwell ~ Yea, Trisch ~ Yea, Kirkpatrick ~ Yea, Bierlein ~ Yea. Nay – None. Motion Carried at 9:04 a.m.

Open Session Reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

Commissioner Bardwell recessed at 10:06 a.m.

Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

- Review of Engagement Letter with Green Thumb Energy Services Consulting LLC

- Budget Amendments for Boundary Commission

13-M-130

Motion by Bierlein seconded by Kirkpatrick that whereas the need for a local boundary commission has been determined and appointments have been made by the Probate Judge, said boundary commission shall be paid a per diem of \$25 per meeting plus mileage. Also, appropriate budget amendments are authorized to properly account for this new expenditure. Motion Carried.

- State Purchase of Private Property – Juanita Township

- Wind Generator Revenue Update Provided

- Emergency Services Budget Amendment Request

13-M-131

Motion by Trisch seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of the Emergency Services Director, that the Emergency Services Budget be amended to authorize an internal transfer of \$1,000 from the salary overtime account to the vehicle repair account for higher than anticipated vehicle repair costs. Motion Carried

-Primary Road Millage Transfer Request

13-M-132

Motion by Kirkpatrick seconded by Bierlein to approve the primary road millage transfer request of \$182,936.62 as identified by voucher #01-13 dated May 21, 2013 for the transfer of primary road millage to the Road Commission general fund. Motion Carried.

-Bridge Millage Transfer Request

13-M-133

Motion by Bierlein seconded by Trisch to approve the bridge millage transfer request of \$161,974.18 as identified by voucher #01-13 dated May 21, 2013 for the transfer of bridge millage to the Road Commission general fund. Motion Carried.

Old Business – None

Correspondence/Resolutions

- Digital Mapping Update Provided.
- State Revenue Sharing has been increased by 4.6% from where initially proposed.
- Dental Health Clinic – Timeline to be extended.
- MAC Legislative Information provided to all Department Heads.
- Register of Deeds working on paperwork being recorded by the Wind Companies.
- Mosquito Abatement is showing improvement on services being offered with the extension of work days.
- Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for June 26, 2013 has been rescheduled to June 27, 2013. The Board of Commissioners meeting will be held in conjunction with the Committee of the Whole meeting. A Closed Session is also scheduled for the June 27, 2013 meeting.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works – Meets Friday June 14th
Planning Commission – Meets June 11th
Behavioral Health Systems Board
Tuscola 2020 – Will meet at the Octogan Barn
Recycling Advisory Committee – Will be meeting to discuss building options
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – Mock Disaster went well
Multi County Solid Waste
Local Unit of Government Activity Report – Vassar Township preparing Report for the Board
Tuscola In-Sync

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

BARDWELL

NACo – Working on appointments to various committees
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 – Monday, June 17th in Huron County
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 – Looking for a Representative to become involved.
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
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Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment –
Ed Smith on behalf of Congresswoman Candice Miller

Meeting Adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 May 30, 2013 Full Board Minutes
- #2 Vassar Rental Rehabilitation Grant
- #3 Engagement Letter with Green Thumb Energy Services & Consulting LLC

- #4 Boundary Commission Request
- #5 Proposed POLC Labor Agreement Modifications
- #6 Emergency Services Budget Amendment Request
- #7 Great Lakes Funding Information
- #8 Region VII Area Agency on Aging – Funding Proposal
- #9 May 9, 2013 Road Commission Minutes