

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 27, 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 27th day of June, 2013 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Kirkpatrick
Pledge of Allegiance – 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, Tisha Jones, Steve Erickson, Jim Rutkowski, Dr. Spillane, Dr. Misko, Dr. Bella, Dr. Thomas, John Bishop, Henry Wymore, Carolyn Wymore, Gretchen Tenbush, Eean Lee, Jerry Gamm, Mike Tuckey

13-M-134

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

13-M-135

Motion by Allen seconded by Bierlein to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 11, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period – Thumb Area Dental Clinic Update
Jerry Gamm, Tuscola Council on Aging

Consent Agenda Resolution – None

New Business

-Off Road Vehicle Ordinance

13-M-136

Motion by Kirkpatrick seconded by Allen that the Tuscola County Off Road Vehicles (ORV) Ordinance be amended to allow (to the extent permitted by the law) landlocked residents who live along a closed road for ORV use to temporarily use the closed road to gain access to the first through road that allows ORV use. Also, per the request of the County Road Commission, the ORV Ordinance be changed to require minor operators of an ORV to be a minimum age of 16 with a valid driver's license or have a certificate to operate an ORV and be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian. Also, procedural steps to amend the ORV ordinance, as recommended by Corporate Council, be taken to accomplish these changes. Opposed by Bierlein. Motion Carried.

13-M-137

Motion by Kirkpatrick seconded by Trisch that if the County Road Commission allows access to all roads for which they have jurisdiction then the ORV ordinance language be amended to be consistent with this Road Commission change. Motion Carried.

13-M-138

Motion by Trisch seconded by Bierlein that Henry Wymore be appointed to the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council to fill the remaining term until March 31, 2014 which was created by the resignation of Timothy Sochor. Also, notification be given to appropriate parties of this appointment. Motion Carried.

13-M-139

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch that per the request of Jerry Gamm, that authorization is given to post and advertise to fill vacant seats on the Tuscola Council on Aging. Motion Carried.

-Animal Control Update – Mike Hoagland provided update regarding the agreement between Tuscola and Sanilac Counties. Refer to Finance Committee.

13-M-140

Motion by Bierlein seconded by Trisch, at 9:03 a.m., 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: Yea – Allen, Bardwell, Trisch, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein. Nay – None. Motion Carried.

Open Session Reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Meeting Recessed at 9:45 a.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

13-M-141

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch to adopt the Resolution Regarding Legal Proceedings Against Denmark Township. Resolution read in full in open session. Roll Call Vote: Yea – Allen, Bardwell, Trisch, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein. Nay – None. Motion Carried.

-Resolution Regarding Dairy Farmers of America – Steve Erickson

13-M-142

Motion by Trisch seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of the County Economic Development Corporation Director, that the resolution regarding the Agricultural Processing Renaissance Zone for the Dairy Farmers of America be approved and authorized to be forwarded to appropriate parties. Roll Call Vote: Yea – Allen, Bardwell, Trisch, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein. Nay – None. Motion Carried.

-CDBG Place Based Strategy – Update Provided

-MERS Annual Meeting Delegates

13-M-143

Motion by Allen seconded by Kirkpatrick to appoint Clayette Zechmeister as the officer delegate for the Municipal Employees Retirement System annual meeting and authorize her to attend the 2013 annual meeting. Motion Carried.

13-M-144

Motion by Allen seconded by Kirkpatrick that an election be held to determine the employee delegate for the Municipal Employees Retirement System annual meeting. Also the person who is chosen from the election is authorized to attend the Municipal Employees Retirement System 2013 annual meeting. Motion Carried.

13-M-145

Motion by Trisch seconded by Kirkpatrick that as a result of the current extraordinary circumstances of an extremely large mosquito population, the Director of Mosquito Control Abatement, with the concurrence of the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator, is authorized to declare a temporary emergency condition which allows for payment of 2 times (double) an employee's rate of pay for work performed on Sundays only. This rate of pay applies only if the mosquito control employee worked all six days (Monday through Saturday) prior to the applicable Sunday, and only so long as the temporary emergency condition remains in effect. Bardwell Opposed. Motion Carried.

-Greenway County Park & Recreation Representative

13-M-146

Motion by Bierlein seconded by Allen that the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission be requested to ask interested members to attend the Cass River Greenways project meetings. Motion Carried.

-Out of State Travel Request

13-M-147

Motion by Allen seconded by Bierlein that the out-of-state travel request be authorized for a commissioner to attend the National Association of Counties July 2013 conference. Motion Carried.

-Computer Budget Amendment Request

13-M-148

Motion by Allen seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the June 2013 letter of request from the Information Technology Director that the computer operations budget in the equipment fund (244) be amended to combine the network switch line item budget with the computer PC budget which will enable the purchase additional PC workstations in 2013 which are critically needed in several departments. Motion Carried.

13-M-149

Motion by Bierlein seconded by Allen that the Secondary Road Patrol Revenue and Expenditure Budget be amended from \$87,030 to \$103,679 as a result in supplemental program funding from the state. Motion Carried.

13-M-150

Motion by Trisch seconded by Allen that the Marine Safety Revenue and Expenditure Budget be amended from \$23,600 to \$11,826 as a result reduced program funding from the state. Motion Carried.

Old Business

- Camp Tuscola – Update Provided by Mike Hoagland
- Wind Energy – Update Provided by Mike Hoagland
- Dental Clinics – Matter Discussed during Public Comment Period

Correspondence/Resolutions – Digital Parcel Mapping System being reviewed by Walt Schlightling

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works – Looking for new members
Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board – Meeting Today
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
MI Renewable Energy Coalition
MEMS All Hazards
Cass River Greenways Pathway – Looking for Volunteers to help clean up the Cass River from Vassar to Caro. Craig will provide date.
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync – New website is in development

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
Planning Commission – Meeting July 3rd
Behavioral Health Systems Board - Meets Tonight
Tuscola 2020 – Meets next week
Recycling Advisory Committee – Looking at options for expanding the office
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Multi County Solid Waste
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission – Working on ORV Ordinance
Board of Public Works – Meeting July 2
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
NACo Rural Action Caucus – Conference in July 2013
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
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Human Services Collaborative Council
Great Start Collaborative
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Mayville DDA – Requested Commissioner Trisch to serve on their board and she agreed.

Closed Session – Closed Session held at 9:03 a.m.

Other Business as Necessary – Reschedule July 9th Board Meeting to July 12th at 7:30 a.m.

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting Adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

