

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
September 26, 2013 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner 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 26th day of September, 2013 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: District 1 – Roger Allen, District 3 – Christine Trisch

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Judge Nancy L. Thane, Sheila Long, Karen Southgate, Pamela Smith, Irene Waller Bazan, Gretchen Tenbush, John Bishop, Steve Anderson

13-M-196

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

13-M-197

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 12, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period – None

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business

-Child Care Fund

Sheila Long presented to the Board regarding the Child Care Fund Revenue, Expenditure and Fund Balance. Karen Southgate explained her Department's role and how staff is involved in the court cases.

Recessed at 8:00 a.m.

-Public Hearing – ORV Ordinance Amendments

The Board of Commissioners meeting recessed at 8:00 a.m. to hold the public hearing regarding the amendment to the ORV Ordinance.

Public Comments presented to the Board by residents present at the meeting and through communication to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:21 a.m.

M-13-198

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to resume Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion Carried.

M-13-199

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bardwell that the Off Road Vehicle Ordinance be amended to raise the age to operate off road vehicles on roads in Tuscola County from 12 to 16 years old and to expand off road access to County Primary Roads (previously closed by the Road Commission for safety concerns). The ordinance is authorized for signature and certification by the County Clerk. Also, the County Clerk shall place notification of the ordinance adoption in the Tuscola County Advertiser. Motion Carried.

M-13-200

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the Court and Department of Human Services to approve the 2013/2014 Child Care Fund budget and authorize all appropriate signatures for submittal to the state to leverage available state and federal funding sources. Motion Carried.

M-13-201

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the 2013 General Fund appropriation to the Department of Human Services Child Care Fund budget be increased from \$175,830 to \$300,000 for increased costs involving children who have to be placed in institutional care. Also, other appropriate budget amendments are authorized to account for this appropriation increase to the Department of Human Services Child Care Fund. Motion Carried.

-Financing Plan for Full-Time Medical Examiner Secretary

M-13-202

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that per the recommendation of the Board of Health, to phase in full-time Medical Examiner Secretarial support over the 2013/2014 fiscal year using fees, increased General Fund appropriation beginning in 2014 (\$3,483 for 2014) and health department staff attrition. Motion Carried.

-Medical Examiner Change to Full-Time and Fee Schedule Change

M-13-203

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the Board of Health that the addition to Section 7 of the Health Department Fee Schedule be authorized effective October 1, 2013 as follows: Death Certificate processing \$40 and Cremation Permit processing \$20. Motion Carried.

-Reclassification of EPC Coordinator

M-13-204

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the Board of Health that the current Emergency Planning Coordinator remain at wage band 19 until her retirement on January 8, 2014. The new Emergency Planning Coordinator be changed to wage band 17 upon moving into the new position on January 4, 2014. Motion Carried.

-Multi-County Telephone System

M-13-205

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that because of the significant cost efficiencies through common technology purchasing and per the recommendation of the Authority Board, authorization is given to develop an Intergovernmental Agreement and Request for Proposal with Bay and Midland Counties Central Dispatch Centers for the purpose of purchasing an IP based 9-1-1 Multi County Telephone System. Motion Carried.

-Boater Safety

M-13-206

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the request by Undersheriff Skrent be approved to allow the Sheriff's Department to apply to the Community Grant Foundation for funding to be used for the boater safety program. Motion Carried.

-Waiver Request regarding Equalization Director

M-13-207

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to file an appeal with the State Tax Commission regarding the denied application on the waiver for the Huron and Tuscola combination of the Equalization Director and the certification level of the Director. Motion Carried.

- Pumpkin Festival Parade - Commissioners have been invited to be in the parade.
- Micamp Conference - Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Mike Hoagland and Eean Lee attended a conference and was able to gain a lot of knowledge regarding the program. A presentation will be scheduled.
- EDC Allocation - Matter Discussed.
- County Website Update - Progress is being made on a new county website.
- 2014 County Budget Development – Mike Hoagland is continuing to work on 2014 budget.
- State Revenue Sharing Compliance - Update provided.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions – Mike Hoagland reviewed correspondence received.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS** - Tabled until next meeting

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

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BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works  
Planning Commission  
Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Tuscola 2020  
Recycling Advisory Committee  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
Multi County Solid Waste  
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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  
NACo Rural Action Caucus  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
Caro DDA/TIFA  
MAC Economic Development/Taxation  
Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

John Bishop presented to the Board regarding needing more record books for his office. A written request has been submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk