

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 25, 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 25th day of November, 2013 to order at 8:10 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Trisch

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Mike Miller, John Bishop, Bob Mantey, Dara McGarry, John Axe (via phone),

13-M-224

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

13-M-225

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the November 14, 2013 and November 21, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business

-Refinancing Nutt Branch Drain Notes - Update provided regarding refinancing the loan for the Nutt Branch of Akron Centerline Drain. Refinancing the loan will reduce the loan term by 5 years with an interest savings of at least \$36,000.00.

Robert Mantey, Drain Commissioner, will be testifying on December 11, 2013 in front of the EPA regarding the wetland bills and recommended changes.

13-M-226

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that per the request of the County Drain Commissioner, that the County of Tuscola approve the financing resolution for the Nutt Branch of the Akron Centerline Drain and pledge it's full faith and credit to a note in the matter of this drain located in the Township of Akron in the amount of \$100,000 principle and \$16,500 interest with said note to be repaid from special tax assessment tax collection. Motion Carried.

-Medical Care Facility Small House Project - Conference call with John Axe. Mr. Axe recommended that the Board approve the resolution.

13-M-227

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to approve the resolution approving insertion of intent to issue County of Tuscola Medical Care Facility Revenue Bonds, Series 2013. Roll Call Vote: Yea – Allen, Bardwell, Trisch, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein. Nay – None. Motion Carried.

-Primary Road & Bridge Millage Transfer Requests

13-M-228

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to approve the Primary Road Millage transfer request of \$40,000 as identified by Voucher #04-13 dated November 21, 2013 for transfer from the Primary Road Millage to the Road Commission General Fund. Motion Carried.

13-M-229

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the Local Bridge Millage transfer request of \$75,495.64 as identified by Voucher #04-13 dated November 21, 2013, for transfer from the Local Bridge Millage Fund to the Road Commission General Fund. Motion Carried.

-Clean Sweep Program

13-M-230

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to authorize the Recycling Coordinator to implement the Clean Sweep program in Tuscola County through a grant with the understanding there will be no significant cost to Tuscola County to implement this program. Also, authorize all appropriate documents for signature in order to leverage these grant funds. Motion Carried.

-Weather Emergencies

13-M-231

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Board of Commissioners concur with the procedures regarding unscheduled court closings due to weather emergencies contained in the Local Administrative Order (attached). Motion Carried.

-2014 County Budget Development

13-M-232

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the 2014 draft budget with changes as decided at the November 21, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting be incorporated into an updated draft and forwarded to departments for review. Also, notice of a public hearing regarding the draft budget be placed in the newspaper with said public hearing to be conducted on December 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Motion Carried.

-Appeal to State Tax Commission - previously covered in the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 25, 2013.

- Medical Examiner Administrative Fee

13-M-233

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that the previous board motion approved at the October 31, 2013 meeting Consent Agenda B be rescinded and a letter be sent to all funeral home directors in Tuscola County explaining that previously planned death certificate and cremation permit fee increase will no longer be implemented. Motion Carried.

-Water Softener

13-M-234

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that the water softener bid for the state police post be awarded to Midwest Water Treatment of Caro for an amount of \$3,797.00. Motion Carried.

-Juvenile Child Care Fund

13-M-235

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that per the 11/14/13 letter of request from the Probation Services Director that authorization is given to transfer within the 292 Probate Juvenile Child Care Fund \$10,000 from line-item 292-662-843-001 (Work Weekend Program) to line-item 292-662-844 (Out of County Detention). Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions - None

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

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
Tuscola In Sync

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
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board - rescheduled to 1:00 p.m. on November 25, 2013
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 - Charmont ribbon cutting went well.

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

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment - None

Closed Session – Labor Negotiations

13-M-236

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen, at 9:06 a.m., that the board convene into closed session for labor negotiations 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.

Reconvened from closed session at 9:35 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk