

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 12, 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 12th day of December, 2013 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Allen

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, Ione Vyse, Gretchen Tenbush, Nick Buggia, Lorraine Kurtansky, Mr. Kurtansky, Tanya Hahn, Maggie Root, Margot Roedel, John Axe (via phone), Clayette Zechmeister, Joe Bixler, Dave Gloer

13-M-237

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

13-M-238

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the November 25, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

Nick Buggia applied for Parks and Recreation Board. Nick expressed his interest in serving on this Board and volunteering at the County level.

Consent Agenda Resolution -

13-M-239

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/9/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Emergency Services Director that authorization is given to purchase two new Zoll AEDs and batteries for an amount of \$1,565. Also, the 2013 equipment/capital improvement fund budget be amended to account for this purchase.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/9/13
- Description of Matter:** Move to concur with the resolution adopted by Huron County to establish a working group of Thumb Area Commissioners and other designated organizations/agencies to provide a platform for Thumb sub-regional discussions concerning issues that are important to the Thumb sub-region of the Region 6 prosperity regions designated by the governor.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/9/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the December 9, 2013 letter of retirement from Robert Klenk be received and placed on file with regret. Said retirement will be effective July 1, 2014.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/9/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Sheriff that section 10.0 of the current POLC union contract be amended by adding a new Subsection K which will allow a promotion to a vacant supervisors position without the time and expense of a written test, oral board and seniority points calculation in the event that three or fewer eligible employees submit a request for consideration to fill the position.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/9/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the letter of retirement from Penny Turner be received and placed on file with regret. Said retirement will be effective January 7, 2014.
- Agenda Reference:** F

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/9/13

Description of Matter: Move that per the request of Charles Walker, that Adult Probation be authorized to upgrade the telephone messaging system to serve the needs of this office and the public at a cost of approximately \$59 per month.

Agenda Reference: G

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/9/13

Description of Matter: Move that per the letter of request from Tuscola Right to Life that use of the Courthouse Lawn is authorized on January 19, 2014 at 3:30 P.M.

Agenda Reference: H

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/9/13

Description of Matter: Move that the letter of retirement from Nancy Corey be received and placed on file with regret. Said retirement will be effective February 28, 2014.

New Business -

-Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Bonds-

13-M-240

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to provide for improving and enlarging the Medical Care Facility to pay part of the cost of the 2013 project. This action is to establish a sinking fund to provide for the payment of and security for the bonds, and to provide for other matters relative to the Medical Care Facility and the bonds. Allen - yea, Bardwell - yea, Trisch - yea, Kirkpatrick - yea, Bierlein - yea, Nay - None. Motion Carried.

-Resolution Approving Supplemental Agreement Concerning Tuscola County Medical Care Facility Revenue Bonds-

13-M-241

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to approve the Resolution regarding the Supplemental Agreement Concerning the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 pursuant to Act 94 of 1933 as amended in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,600,000. This action is taken in order to make improvements to the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility by equipping Small Housing. Allen - yea, Bardwell - yea, Trisch - yea, Kirkpatrick - yea, Bierlein - yea, Nay - None. Motion Carried.

-Dental Program Update - Gretchen Tenbush provided an update on the positive progress that is being made on offering the Dental Program. Services may be able to be offered early in 2014.

-Tuscola Area Airport Administrator's Annual Report-

13-M-242

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen that the Tuscola Area Airport Zoning Administrator's Annual Report be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

-MSUE Memorandum of Agreement -

13-M-243

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the 2014 agreement for Michigan State University Extension services. Also, authorization is given for all appropriate parties to sign the agreement. Motion Carried.

-2013 Year-End Financial Adjustments - Clayette Zechmeister discussed the 2013 year-end compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act

13-M-244

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that the 2013 general fund activity budgets be amended as provided by the Chief Accountant to prevent actual year-end expenditures from exceeding the budget and in order to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion Carried.

13-M-245

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the 2013 special revenue fund budgets be amended as provided by the Chief Accountant to prevent actual year-end expenditures/revenues from exceeding the budget and in order to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion Carried.

13-M-246

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that supplemental appropriations from the general fund as provided by the Chief Accountant be authorized to prevent the identified funds from finishing the 2013 fiscal year in a deficit situation and gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion Carried.

13-M-247

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to transfer actual delinquent tax income to the General Fund and Capitol Fund as budgeted. Motion Carried.

13-M-248

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to authorize staff after consultation with the county auditors to conduct further year-end financial transactions and make other adjustments as necessary to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion Carried.

-Village of Akron Sign Request - Matter Discussed with no action taken on the submitted bill.

-Jury Board Vacancy - There is a current vacancy on the Jury Board that Judge Kim David Glaspie has advertised for. Mike Hoagland will prepare an appreciation letter for Ed Jagosz.

-Appointments to Boards and Commissions

13-M-249

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that Elwyn Helwig and Don Duggar be appointed to the Department of Public Works Board. Motion Carried.

13-M-250

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that Norma Wallace and Patricia Frazer be appointed to the Recycling Advisory Board. Motion Carried.

13-M-251

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Lonnie Kester and Lou Smallwood be appointed to the Planning Commissioner. Motion Carried.

13-M-252

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Matt Foley and Ben Guild (to complete Craig Haynes' term) to be appointed to the 911 Dispatch Authority Board. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 8:59 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:10 a.m.

-2014 County Budget Public Hearing called to order at 9:10 a.m.

- Commissioner Bardwell opened the public hearing to any questions or comments from the public.
- Mike Hoagland stated there are proposed changes that will include the Sheriff's Department computer software and eliminate the cost that was allocated for the 511 Crew Van to the 2014 budget.
- Commissioner Bardwell closed the floor of the public hearing at 9:14 a.m.

13-M-253

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to approve the 2014 General Appropriations Act adopting the 2014 County Budget (\$49,606,771) with the change of allocating \$20,000 for Sheriff's Department computer software and eliminating the \$20,000 originally allocated for replacing the 511 Crew Van. Allen - yea, Bardwell - yea, Trisch - yea, Kirkpatrick - yea, Bierlein - yea, Nay - none. Motion Carried.

13-M-254

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that William Sanders be appointed to the Senior Services Advisory Board and the Council on Agency Board. Motion Carried.

-EPA Resolution - Dave Gloer provided information regarding how the Environmental Protection Agency 2014 reduction affects the Ethanol Plant.

13-M-255

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the resolution opposing the proposed Environmental Protection Agency 2014 reduction of renewable volume obligation of corn ethanol be signed. Motion Carried.

13-M-256

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick to receive and place on file with regret the letter of retirement from Diane Santhany with said retirement to be effective March of 2014. Motion Carried.

- Donations to Tuscola County - Craig Kirkpatrick asked for clarification on how and if the County can receive a donation. Areas used as an example were the Animal Shelter and the Medical Care Facility. Mike Hoagland explained to the Board that it is possible for the general public to make a donation to the County.

- Jail Boiler System -

Mike Miller provided the cost estimates in repairing vs. replacing the Jail Boiler Heating System.

13-M-257

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to authorize the purchase and installation of a jail boiler to be completed by Johnson Controls which is to replace one of the boilers that serves the jail at a cost of \$38,864.25 and 2013 budget amendments to the capital improvement fund are approved to finance this project. Motion Carried.

Mike Miller will research and provided more information to the Commissioners regarding installing a water softening treatment system.

-Denmark Township - Mike Hoagland provided an update on the Denmark Township Case. The attorneys will continue to work on this project. Mr. & Mrs. Kurtansky spoke to the Board and thanked them for their clarification on this matter.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

- Commissioner Kirkpatrick would like further information on the maintenance schedule of the county's generators.
- Sheila Long received a grant from the Community Grant Foundation for the Juvenile Probation JC3 Program.
- Mi Renewable Energy Collaborative matter was discussed.
- Shale Industry is being looked at by Mike Hoagland and Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

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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 - New DUI Court is progressing forward and looks to have a cost savings to the county.
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
MI Renewable Energy Coalition
MEMS All Hazards - Leadership training on January 30th for area leaders.
Cass River Greenways Pathway
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync - Looking to set further objectives for the group moving forward.
Gas and Oil Impact - Workgroup is moving forward and Craig will continue to update.
GIS - Craig is continuing to work on the digitized mapping project.

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
Planning Commission
Behavioral Health Systems Board
Tuscola 2020
Recycling Advisory Committee - Committee will support their portion of the renewable energy legal fees.
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Multi County Solid Waste
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board - Bob Klenk has submitted his letter of retirement.
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 - Registration to the conference has begun.
NACo Rural Action Caucus
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors -
Meeting December 13, 2013
MAC 7th District
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

Ione Vyse - Planning Commission Newsletter has been sent out. Their new project is going to complete a historical registry throughout the county. The Planning Commission is also continuing to work on the GIS program.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk