

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 27, 2013 Minutes
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner Roger Allen 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 December, 2013 to order at 7:30 o'clock am local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bierlein

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Roll Call – Chief Deputy Clerk - Cindy McKinney-Volz

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioners Absent: District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Mary Drier, John Bishop, Dawn Bowden

13-M-258

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

13-M-259

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

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business

-2014 Computer Equipment Purchase

13-M-260

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen that per the recommendation of the Information Services Director, the budgeted 2014 computer equipment items identified in the December 27, 2013 memo be awarded to Tiger Direct Solutions for an amount of \$59,266.00. Motion Carried.

-Court 2013 Budget Amendment Requests

13-M-261

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve 2013 line item transfer amendments for court budgets as identified in the Court Administrator's December 18, 2013 memorandum. Motion carried.

-Health Department Fee Changes

13-M-262

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the Tuscola County fee schedule amendments as contained in the December 13, 2013 communication and recommended by the Board of Health be approved with said changes to be effective January 1, 2014. Motion carried.

13-M-263

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein to rescind 13-M-262. Motion carried.

13-M-264

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the Tuscola County **Health Department** fee schedule amendments as contained in the December 13, 2013 communication and recommended by the Board of Health be approved with said changes to be effective January 1, 2014. Motion carried.

-IRS Mileage Rate Change

13-M-265

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the 2014 mileage reimbursement rate allowance from the Internal Revenue Service that the county rate be reduced from \$.565 to \$.560 per mile effective January 1, 2014. Also, a communication will be sent to department heads providing notification of the change. Motion carried.

-Jail Medical Services Contract

13-M-266

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the one-year agreement (1/1/14 to 12/31/14) with Correctional Healthcare Companies to provide medical care for inmates in the county jail. Motion carried.

-Proposal for Senior Millage

13-M-267

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that per the request from the Human Development Commission, the 2014 Senior Millage Fund budget be amended by \$5,000 to pay mileage to volunteer drivers for the increased demand to transport senior citizens to medical care providers outside of the area. Also, 2014 budget amendments are authorized. Motion carried.

-Bridge Millage Transfer Request

13-M-268

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the Local Bridge Millage transfer request of \$53,792.10 as identified by Voucher #05-13 dated December 23, 2013, for transfer from the Local Bridge Millage Fund to the Road Commission General Fund. Motion carried.

-Jury Board Appointment

13-M-269

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that at the recommendation of Judge Kim David Glaspie to appoint Carolyn Berry to the Tuscola County Jury Board. Motion carried.

-Request for the use of the Courthouse Lawn

13-M-270

Motion by Bierlein, which Bierlein also rescinded prior to being seconded or carried, regarding use of the Courthouse lawn by the Future Youth Involvement for the Cardboard City Sleep out. The letter has two different weekends in May 2014. Once clarification is received, the request will be addressed at a future Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Recessed at 8:00 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:14 a.m.

-Regional Food Systems Grant Proposal

13-M-271

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that per the request of the Economic Development Corporation that a letter of support for the Regional Food Systems Grant Proposal from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion carried.

-Closed Session – Labor Negotiations

13-M-272

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick, at 8:15 a.m. that the board convenes 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, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein.

Absent – Bardwell and Trisch

Nay – None.

Motion Carried.

Reconvened from closed session at 8:30 a.m.

-Contracts

13-M-273

Motion by Bierlein, seconded Kirkpatrick that based on the correspondence of union representatives for POAM Corrections Officers, POAM Sheriff Deputies, POAM Dispatch, POLC Command Officers, AFSCME Deputies and AFSCME General that their respective bargaining unit contracts be agreed to with the changes for the January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 period and contracts be approved for signature. Motion carried.

Old Business -None

Correspondence/Resolutions

- Village of Akron sign – The attorney will be sending a letter to the Clerk for the Village of Akron stating Tuscola County’s position regarding the sign. The damage to the vehicle is minimal therefore the sign should not have to be completely replaced.
- MERS – Currently, the only way MERS members can get out of the plan is by a vote of the public. There is legislation being sought to change this process.
- State approved child care budget increase discussed.
- Denmark case pending litigation –may have possible resolution, Mike Hoagland will have letter to send if Board of Commissioners would like to stop by to view the letter.
- Mark Reene – looking for solutions to Medical Examiner for Tuscola County.

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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 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

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
MAC –
NACO – Attending March conference

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

Other Business as Necessary – None

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Cindy McKinney-Volz
Chief Deputy Clerk