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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 16, 2014 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 16th day of January, 2014 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

Roll Call – Deputy Clerk - Caryl Langmaid

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen (via polycom), District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioners Absent: District 3 – Christine Trisch

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Caryl Langmaid, Mary Drier, Bob Klenk, Walt Schlichting, Gary Johnson, Tisha Jones (WLEW), Stephen Erickson, Lorraine and Charles Kurtansky

14-M-001

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

14-M-002

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 27, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution -

14-M-003

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/13/14

Description of Matter: Move that the Board motion made on 2/27/13 be rescinded and the county hiring freeze be re-established. Letters of retirement or resignation be submitted to the Controller-Administrator's office to notify the Board of Commissioners that a vacancy exists. Budgeted but vacated positions shall not be refilled until alternative cost reducing methods are reviewed by department heads and presented to the Board in writing for consideration.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/13/14

Description of Matter: Move that staff work with corporate council to prepare language to request public approval to renew the Mosquito Abatement millage in the August of 2014 primary election.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/13/14

Description of Matter: Move that per the recommendation of county lawyers that escrowed first year Nextera Gilford Wind Energy project funds (68 generators) be changed to non-escrowed status. Also, 2014 budget amendments be implemented by increasing the capital improvement transfer for the general fund by the previously escrowed \$100,000. Budget changes to 2014 special revenue funds be made that will increase the amount of anticipated year-end fund balance.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/13/14

Description of Matter: Move that the maintenance agreement with Schneider Electric for 911/Dispatch be approved and appropriate signatures are authorized.

Agenda Reference: E

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/13/14

Description of Matter: Move to approve and authorize signature of the application for PA 32 dispatcher training funds distribution from the state.

Agenda Reference: F**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/13/14**Description of Matter:** Move that the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant for the Thumb Narcotics Unit and sub-contract agreement with Lapeer County be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.**Agenda Reference: G****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/13/14**Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 8, 2014 letter of request from the Sheriff that the part-time secretary position be authorized for reinstatement as a full-time position with the understanding 20% of wage and fringe benefit costs for the position will be charged to the Road Patrol Fund and all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Also, the position starting wage shall be \$15.73 per hour and follow the uncertified deputy/corrections officer wage/step schedule.**Agenda Reference: H****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/13/14**Description of Matter:** Move that Commissioner Kirkpatrick's out of state travel request be approved to attend the March National Association of Counties conference in Washington D.C.**Agenda Reference: I****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/13/14**Description of Matter:** Move that the January 9, 2014 letter of resignation from Dawn Bowden (Human Resources Director) be received and placed on file with said resignation to be effective January 29, 2014 and authorization is given to refill said position.

New Business -

14-M-004

Motioned by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that authorization be given to the EDC to join the Michigan Council of Governments (Regional Planning Organization) for a fee of \$600.00 which is of value when applying for grants and to obtain required representation to complete the update to the County Solid Waste Management Plan. Motion Carried.

14-M-005

Motioned by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that per the letter of request from Nathan Crane that the Courthouse lawn be authorized for use on May 10 and 11, 2014 for the annual Cardboard City Sleep-Out. Motion Carried.

14-M-006

Motioned by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that per the letter from the Dispatch Director authorization is given to hire Christy Mularz and Christine Stevens with the understanding filling these positions will reduce overtime costs and sufficient funds exist in the Dispatch fund. Motion Carried.

14-M-007

Motioned by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that authorization be given to the Equalization Director to post and advertise to fill the Appraiser II position at step 5 effective March 1, 2014. Motion Carried.

-Video Oil Shale Mining – Commissioner Kirkpatrick spoke regarding the video from a representative of American Petroleum Industry.

-Zimco Invoice – Mike Hoagland shared that on the December invoice from Zimco, a credit of \$5,080.00 was given as the current contract states service charges will not exceed \$121,000.00 for the calendar year 2013.

Old Business -

-MAC Registration – If a Commissioner is interested in going, please see Renee.

-Five Year Financial Plan – Mike Hoagland provided a comparison chart with other counties as to where Tuscola County stands with Property Tax per Capita with regards to Operation Mileages and Special Mileages.

-State Revenue Sharing – Mike Hoagland sent a letter requesting that the State honor their commitment. Commissioners requested a meeting be set up with our Senator and Representative regarding the State surplus.

-Renewable Energy Standard – Mike Hoagland stated he is waiting on State Officials.

-Finance/Personnel Commission Issue for Discussion – Mike Hoagland will schedule a separate Committee of the Whole meeting to address this issue.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Tuscola County Jail was able to receive 12 beds, instead of 11.

-Gagetown Fire Siren – Board previously acted on this matter, only signatures required.

Meeting recessed at 8:45 a.m.
Meeting reconvened at 8:48 a.m.

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TRISCH

Board of Health
Human Development Commission (HDC)
TRIAD
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works – Speaker scheduled for May meeting, more details to follow.
Planning Commission
Behavioral Health Systems Board – Next meeting scheduled for next week
Tuscola 2020
Recycling Advisory Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Multi County Solid Waste
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync
MAC Board of Directors
Human Services Collaborative Council

BARDWELL

NACo
NACo Rural Action Caucus
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Economic Development/Taxation – Next meeting scheduled for next Friday
MAC 7th District
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
MAC – Past President

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board – Next meeting scheduled for March
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison – Next meeting scheduled
for later this month.
MI Renewable Energy Coalition
MEMS All Hazards
Cass River Greenways Pathway
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync

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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

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - County Clerk to post vacancy for the Region VII
Area Agency.

Extended Public Comment – Gary Johnson discussed the Denmark Water Project.
Mr. Johnson also commended the Tuscola County Road Commission for their
service during the January snow storm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Caryl Langmaid
Deputy Clerk