

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
February 27, 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 27th day of February, 2014 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen (via Skype), District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch (excused at 9:12 a.m.), District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Bob Klenk, Walt Schlichting, Mike Miller, Treasurer Pat Donovan-Gray, Steve Anderson

14-M-028

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

14-M-029

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the February 13, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution -

14-M-030

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/24/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that a letter be submitted from the Board of Commissioners to State Senator Green stating that the intent of the county is to acquire certain property from the state at no cost to the county. This acquisition could involve properties in portions of sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of Indianfields Township. Final acquisition is contingent upon factors such as but not limited to environmental conditions and use restrictions.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/24/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the hiring freeze be temporarily lifted to allow the Sheriff to refill the vacant Jail Administrator position.

### New Business

- Dispatch Director Alternatives - Bob Klenk spoke to the Board regarding replacing the 911 Director's position.
  
- Intergovernmental Agreement with Sanilac for Health Services - Sanilac County has voted to not approve the intergovernmental agreement at this time.
  
- MAC Legislative Report – Counties Producing Tax Bills - Treasurer Donovan-Gray spoke to the Board regarding a proposed bill that would allow the County to contract with local townships to collect property taxes.
  
- MAC Legislative Report Assessor Level Bill - Bill is under discussion in Committee.
  
- Personal Property Tax Proposal - This would be implemented in a phase out process so the effects would be noticed over approximately a 12-year period.
  
- Policy Regarding Disciplinary Actions - Mike Hoagland is continuing to work on this matter. Matter Discussed.
  
- Zimco Technology Service Contract - Mike Hoagland is continuing to work on the service contract bid process.
  
- Potential Property Acquisition from State - Senator Green's office will be sent a letter of interest. Questions and information gathering is still taking place to help move the project forward in a positive matter.

- Thumb Area Works Board

14-M-031

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick to appoint Joseph Tencza and Olena 'Len' Jensen to the Thumb Works Board. Motion Carried.

14-M-032

Motioned by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the Board of Health be authorized to enforce the County hiring freeze for the County Board of Commissioners using the review criteria established by Commissioner motion and the use of other criteria deemed important by the Board of Health.

Old Business - None

Commissioner Trisch excused at 9:12 a.m.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Huron County is looking at implementing a Mosquito Abatement Program. They are also looking at the option of partnering with Tuscola County for services. Mike Hoagland will continue to work on the matter.

-Laser Marking Technologies has requested that Fremont Township approve the establishment of an Industrial Development District.

-Jail Inmate communication that was received will be sent to the Sheriff.

-Bay County issued a resolution regarding repairing potholes and funding.

-Wendy Falls said Mike Hoagland could sign the necessary paperwork to amend the grant already requested.

-Steve Anderson is continuing to work on 2012 Grant Funding.

## **COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BARDWELL**

NACo

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 6<sup>th</sup> District - Scheduled for March 6, 2014

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC – Past President

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - Commissioner Kirkpatrick will be stepping down due to a scheduling conflict with a meeting for MAC.  
Board of Health  
Community Corrections Advisory Board - Commissioner Bierlein will fill in at the next meeting.  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition  
MEMS All Hazards - Continuing to work on generator hook-ups for county buildings.  
MAC-Environment Energy Land Use  
Oil/Shale Work Group  
Cass River Greenways Pathway - Met last week with the group and with Senator Green. The project is moving forward.  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Tuscola In Sync - NACo has implemented a great website.

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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 - Akron water project public meeting is March 20th  
Village of Akron has submitted a request for \$250.00 for the deductible for the sign repair. Matter Tabled.

TRISCH

Board of Health  
Human Development Commission (HDC) - Commissioner Bierlein has been appointed to this committee. Meets March 19, 2014.  
Planning Commission  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - Vacancies were filled today.

TRIAD - No new update about Project Lifesaver.

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Meets tonight.

Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Multi County Solid Waste

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync

Great Start Collaborative - Meets February 28, 2014.

MAC Board of Directors -

Human Services Collaborative Council

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary -

- The water is back on at the MSU Building per Mike Miller.

- The Jail Boiler has been installed and is operational. Mike Miller is waiting on final state approval.

-Commissioner Bardwell met with Eric John regarding the grant for the detective car and the paperwork has been signed. The paperwork has been forwarded to the Sheriff's Department.

-Commissioner Kirkpatrick questioned Denmark Township changing the township ordinances for the windmills

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk