

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 17, 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 17th day of April, 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, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch (excused at 9:45 a.m.), District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Caryl Langmaid, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Chuck Heinlein, Nancy Thane, Sheila Long, Walt Schlichting, Register John Bishop, Bob Klenk, Sandra Nielson, Steve Anderson, Attorney John Axe, Attorney Frank Keating

14-M-044

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

14-M-045

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 27, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution -

14-M-046

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/14/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2013 Behavioral Health Audit as presented by the Director be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/14/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of Vicky Sherry from the EDC, the resolution approving the Millington/Arbela Parks and Recreation Plan update be approved.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/14/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of Vicky Sherry from the EDC, the resolution approving the Mayville Parks and Recreation Plan update be approved.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/14/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 10 year capital improvement as reviewed at the April 14, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/14/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that 2014 budgeted county funds be used make improvements to the Jail Lobby because the EDC was unable to find state or federal grant funding.

Agenda Reference: F

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/14/14

Description of Matter: Move that Stuart Bierlein Farms be recognized by the County Board of Commissioners for their outstanding commitment to the environment and for assuring that agricultural resources and a quality of life are available for current and future generations by achieving the standards of the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). This Board of Commissioners expresses its gratitude to this dedicated Tuscola County farmer for protecting the environment and accomplishing the high standards of MAEAP.

Agenda Reference: G

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/14/14

Description of Matter: Move that Doug Vader Farms be recognized by the County Board of Commissioners for their outstanding commitment to the environment and for assuring that agricultural resources and a quality of life are available for current and future generations by achieving the standards of the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). This Board of Commissioners expresses its gratitude to this dedicated Tuscola County farmer for protecting the environment and accomplishing the high standards of MAEAP.

New Business

-Child Care Fund Transfer Request -
14-M-047

Motioned by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the April 10, 2014 memorandum of request from the Probation Services Director that the 292 Child Care Fund budget be amended through the internal transfer of \$2,000 to increase the hours for the computer/cultural center teacher/mentor. Motion carried.

-Medical Examiner -
14-M-048

Motioned by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the retirement notification from Dr. Virani as Chief County Medical Examiner be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

14-M-049

Motioned by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Dr. Bush be appointed Chief County Medical Examiner effective May 1, 2014 with all authority as established by Michigan law. Also, the current Medical Examiner Contract be revised and approved for signature appointing Dr. Bush as the Medical Examiner with the same terms and conditions as in the former contract with Dr. Virani. Motion carried.

14-M-050

Motioned by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the previous Deputy Medical Examiner contract be discontinued resulting in an annual savings of approximately \$3,295. Also, 2014 budget amendments are authorized to account for this cost reduction. Motion carried.

-Dispatch Director Hiring

14-M-051

Motioned by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to concur with the recommendation of the Hiring Committee and hire Sandra Nielson effective June 1, 2014 as the new Dispatch Director at the Step 2 rate of pay (\$51,430). Motion carried.

-2014 County Equalization Report -

14-M-052

Motioned by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the 2014 County Equalization Report as presented by the County Equalization Director be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

-Sheriff Request to Fill Vacant Position -

14-M-053

Motioned by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the April 7, 2014 letter of request from the Sheriff the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and the Sheriff be authorized to fill a vacant budgeted Deputy Sheriff position with said position to be funded from the Road Patrol millage fund. Motion Carried.

-Potential Change in Emergency Operations Center -
14-M-054

Motioned by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the Emergency Services Director the primary Emergency Operations Center be changed from the basement of the jail to the Medical Care Facility Administrative Building along Cleaver Road. Also, the memorandum of understanding concerning the use of this building is authorized for signature. Motion Carried.

-Former Employee Claim - Board recommended abiding by legal counsel guidance.

-Sheriff Request to Amend Road Patrol Budget-
14-M-055

Motioned by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the April 15, 2014 memorandum from the Undersheriff that Road Patrol (Fund 207) budget amendments are authorized through the use of \$10,000 in Road Patrol fund balance to purchase various equipment items such as vehicle video cameras, radar units, accident reconstruction computer software, tasers etc. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions

- Area Agency on Aging - Meeting scheduled for May 1, 2014 in Saginaw. There is currently a Board of Commissioners meeting at the same date and time.
- Letter from Senator Levin.
- RAP Grant Received per Undersheriff Skrent.
- Farm Bureau 2013 Resolutions.
- Certificate of Appreciation received by the Tuscola County Central Dispatch.
- Road Commission Minutes reviewed by the Board. Board would like to invite Representatives from the Road Commission to an upcoming Board meeting to discuss vehicles provided to employees.

Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid excused at 8:18 a.m. and Clerk Jodi Fetting resumed minutes.

-Closed Session Pending Litigation 8:30 A.M.
14-M-056

Motioned by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick to go into closed session for the purpose of pending litigation at 8:30 a.m. Roll Call Vote - Allen - yea, Bardwell - yea, Trisch - yea, Kirkpatrick - yea, Bierlein - yea. Nay - None. Motion Carried.

Resumed open session at 9:34 a.m.
Recessed at 9:34 a.m.
Reconvened at 9:45 a.m.
Commissioner Trisch excused at 9:45 a.m.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee - Mosquito spraying is underway to plan for Spring. They have a great need for a storage facility at Mosquito Abatement.
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Dental Clinic for Indigents
Parks & Recreation - Water will be run to the Park with the water project.
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRISCH

Board of Health
Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
TRIAD
Behavioral Health Systems Board
Human Development Commission (HDC)
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 - Commissioner Bierlein contacted MAC for information regarding Road Commissions throughout the State. He also asked regarding moving forward in implementing legislation in recognizing digitized records rather than microfilming.
Human Services Collaborative Council

BARDWELL

NACo
NACo Rural Action Caucus
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
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
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
Land Acquisition
MI Renewable Energy Coalition
MEMS All Hazards
MAC-Environment Energy Land Use
Oil/Shale Work Group
Cass River Greenways Pathway
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync

Closed Session - Held at 8:30 a.m. for Pending Litigation.

Other Business as Necessary - Undersheriff Skrent would like to look at the future options available to improve or rebuild the Jail.

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting Adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Caryl Langmaid
Tuscola County Deputy Clerk

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk