

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
May 15, 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 15th day of May, 2014 to order at 7:33 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Allen

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

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

Commissioner Absent: District 3 – Christine Trisch

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Mike Miller, Steve Erickson, Vicky Sherry, Charles Kurtansky, Lorraine Kurtansky, Julie Dillon, Register John Bishop

14-M-068

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

14-M-069

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 1, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Julie Dillon addressed the Board regarding her employment claim. The Board has taken advice from the County's labor attorney. The Board suggested Ms. Dillon seek her own legal counsel.

Consent Agenda Resolution -

14-M-070

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve submittal of the form explaining the intent of the County to update the Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the following members be appointed to the Solid Waste Management Committee to continue the process to update the County Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Environmental – Don Duggar (Cass River Greenways)
  - Environmental – Mike Miller (County Recycling Coordinator)
  - County Government – Christine Trisch (County Commissioner)
  - Township Government – Ken Panic (Township Supervisor)
  - City Government – Joe Greene (City of Caro Council Member)
  - Regional Solid Waste Planning Agency – Jane Fitzpatrick (East Mich. Council of Gov.)
  - General Public – Steve Erickson
  - General Public – Vicky Sherry
  - General Public – Bill Bushaw
  - Solid Waste Management Industry – ? (Emterra Environmental)
  - Solid Waste Management Industry – ? (Emterra Environmental)
  - Solid Waste Management Industry – ? (Diva Disposal)
  - Solid Waste Management Industry – ? (Diva Disposal)
  - Industrial Waste Generator – ? (Walbro)
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the Apportionment Report that provides for spreading of the allocated millage levy for 2014 and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that Thomas Kern, Mark Bennett, Larry Walker, John McKenney and Nancy Stimson be appointed as part-time Medical Examiner Investigators effective May 13, 2014 with compensation of \$150 per call and \$15 per hour for training. This action is contingent upon satisfactory physical. (This motion replaces the previous board motion that designated Medical Examiner Investigators as Independent Contractors which would have eliminated protection by county insurance coverage).
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Medical Examiner Budget be amended as presented by the Controller-Administrator at the May 12, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the May 1, 2014 e-mail from the undersheriff that the Mental Health Service line item in the jail budget be increased by \$12,000. (This is required because state budget cuts to Behavioral Health Budget have resulted in the inability of this entity to pay for Mental Health Services.)
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2014 general fund revenue and expenditure budgets be amended as presented by the Controller/Administrator at the May 12, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting. Revenue and expenditure amendments are made because the Equalization Department has provided updated anticipated 2014 property tax revenue.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that a letter be sent to Peebles Stage Stores expressing appreciation for the \$1,087 donation to the Tuscola County Animal Shelter from their Community Counts Program.

- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that Gary Miller be hired as temporary part-time (not to exceed 720 hours per year) for the Building and Grounds Department to assist with maintenance functions while a current full-time employee is on workers compensation.
- Agenda Reference:** J
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move to temporarily lift the county hiring freeze and authorize the refilling of a vacant supervisory position created when Sandy Nielsen became the Dispatch Director.
- Agenda Reference:** K
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the out-of-state travel request by Sandy Nielsen be approved with the understanding all costs will be reimbursed by the Association of Public Communication officials.
- Agenda Reference:** L
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that South Central Michigan Construction Code Incorporated be authorized to conduct School Site Plan Reviews and Inspections for all of the school districts in Tuscola County.
- Agenda Reference:** M
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Building and Grounds Director be authorized to receive bids to purchase office furniture for use with the new bullet proof security system in the Treasurer's Office. Said office furniture costs to be paid from the Foreclosure Fund.

- Agenda Reference:** N
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/12/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Building and Grounds Director develop specification and receive bids to construct a bullet proof wall in the County Treasurer's Office (\$15,000 is budgeted for this project in 2014).

### **New Business**

-*Sheriff Request to Change Compensation level Back to Previous Part-Time Levels* - Matter held over to next meeting.

-*E ticket Information* - The Court Administrator submitted a letter of support for the proposed E-ticket system. Matter to be reviewed with the 2015 Budget requests.

-*MAC Regional Summits* - Some of the upcoming conference dates are June 10, 2014 in Midland, June 12, 2014 in Gaylord, June 17, 2014 in Livingston County, June 18, 2014 in Marshall.

-*Huron, Sanilac & Tuscola Regional Meeting* - June 4, 2014 - from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. hosted by Tuscola County. Mike Hoagland is working on a draft agenda.

-*Rehabilitation Project in Cass City* -

14-M-071

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that per the May 5, 2014 letter from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority that the conditions established by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) be complied with the rehabilitation of property at 4354 Seeger Street in Cass City. This property is being rehabilitated which involves funding from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Also, the form be authorized for signature that expresses the intent to follow the conditions as specified by the SHPO. Motion Carried.

### **Old Business**

-*Solid Waste Management Planning Committee*

14-M-072

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen that the following additional members be appointed to the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee:

- Solid Waste Management Industry – John Walker – Emterra Environmental
- Solid Waste Management Industry – Peter Miletich – Emterra Environmental
- Solid Waste Management Industry – Melanie Radabaugh – Diva Disposal
- Solid Waste Management Industry – Ryan Radabaugh – Diva Disposal
- Industrial Waste Generator - Shelly Herford - Walbro

Motion Carried.

*-Akron Sign*

Commissioner Allen would like more information regarding previous damage to the sign. Mike Hoagland to prepare a FOIA request.

14-M-073

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to send a FOIA request to the Village of Akron from over the last 10 years for the number of times the sign has been hit, the names of the individuals that have hit the sign in the past, any police reports generated from the sign being hit, for the amount of any money received by the Village of Akron from the individuals that previously hit/damaged sign. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence/Resolutions**

-Region 7 Area on Aging Report.

-A ballot form has been received from NaCO to elect a Vice Chairperson.

-Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey asked if two Commissioners would like to attend the next Elected Officials meeting. The next meeting date will be provided to the Board once it is set.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS****BARDWELL**

NACo

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - DFA plant in Cass City is progressing.

MAC – Past President

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works  
Board of Health  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - DHS is looking for volunteers to assist truant teens and mentor to assist in completing high school  
Land Acquisition - Senator Green is still continuing to work on the Land Acquisition  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition  
MEMS All Hazards  
MAC-Environment Energy Land Use  
Oil/Shale Work Group - Commissioner Kirkpatrick continues to work on and has been asked to prepare a presentation for MAC.  
Cass River Greenways Pathway  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Tuscola In Sync - Working on renewing the contract verbage for Zimco.  
NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use  
\*Child Care Fund - Judge Thane is working with the Commissioners on the Child Care Fund.

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board  
County Road Commission  
Board of Public Works - Don Dugger is looking to retire as the Chair. Don has recommended Drain Commissioner Mantey or Mike Hoagland. Drain Commissioner Mantey has expressed his willingness to assume the Chair position.  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee - Mosquito spraying has started.  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Meetings will resume in the fall.  
Dental Clinic for Indigents  
Parks & Recreation  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Akron closed on the water project this week. Construction to start June 1, 2014 with completion in September 2014 tentatively.

TRISCH

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

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

TRIAD

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Multi County Solid Waste

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Commissioner Bierlein has been receiving concerns regarding the Right to Farm Act requirements.

Tuscola In Sync

MAC Board of Directors

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

- Lorraine Kurtansky asked the Board the status of the Denmark Township matter. Mike Hoagland explained that payment has been received except for the attorney fees.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk