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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 26, 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 26th day of June, 2014 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Trisch

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Allen

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mike Miller, Charles Kurtansky, Sandy Nielsen, Register John Bishop, Tisha Jones, Vicky Sherry, Representative Kevin Daley, Bob Hirn, Mary Ann Hirn, Margot Roedel, Maggie Root

Adoption of Agenda

14-M-100

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

14-M-101

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 12, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Representative Kevin Daley introduced himself to the Board. He is running for State Senator.

-Charles Kurtansky commented that it was nice to have the full Board at the meeting today.

Consent Agenda Resolution -

14-M-103

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/23/14**Description of Matter:** Move that the 2013 Tuscola County Road Commission Annual Financial Report be received and placed on file.**Agenda Reference: B****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/23/14**Description of Matter:** Move that the existing VOIP telephone system be extended from the Purdy to the Annex Building resulting in a significant cost savings. Also, the 2014 equipment budget be amended by \$9,000 to finance the new equipment and installation costs. (This project will be evaluated and assuming full success other similar phone system projects may be implemented for the Courthouse and Sheriff operations with additional cost savings).**Agenda Reference: C****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/23/14**Description of Matter:** Move that a letter be submitted by the Board of Commissioners supporting Proposal 1 which will be a ballot question to be voted on later this year that eliminates the "Personal Property Tax" and replaces it with the "Use Tax" to create full revenue replacement to county and local government.**Agenda Reference: D****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/23/14**Description of Matter:** Move that the resolution in support of Proposal 1 be approved and send to all appropriate parties.**Agenda Reference: E****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/23/14**Description of Matter:** Move that the Sheriff be authorized to hire to fill the vacant Mechanic Position (contingent upon satisfactory physical and background check) in advance of the next Board meeting in order to allow some training time before the current mechanic retires.

Agenda Reference: F**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/23/14**Description of Matter:** Move that the resolution in opposition to the development of an underground nuclear waste facility near Kincardine, Ontario be approved and forwarded to all appropriate parties.**New Business -**

-Health Department Annual Report -

14-M-102

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the 2012/2013 Health Department Annual Report be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

-Resolution Honoring Bob Hirn's Service to Tuscola County -

The Board presented a resolution to Bob Hirn and thanked him for all of his service to Tuscola County.

-Cost Estimates for Vanderbilt Park Water Extension - Matter Discussed. Vicky Sherry will research the possibility of obtaining a grant. Vicky Sherry will contact Nick Buggia, Parks & Recreation Chairperson, to work together to update the master plan for the Parks & Recreation Committee.

-Thumb Works Board Appointments -

14-M-104

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that per the recommendations of Thumb Works that John Welke and Shelli Herford be reappointed to the Thumb Area Community of Commerce/Workforce Investment Development Board. Motion Carried.

-Sheriff Copy Machine Lease Contract - Matter Tabled.

-Huron County Resolutions -

14-M-105

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Board of Commissioners send a resolution to all appropriate parties in support of HCR 31 calling for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of engineers to withdraw their proposed rule expanding the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act. Motion Carried.

14-M-106

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the Board of Commissioners send a resolution to all appropriate parties in opposition of HB 5097 & SB 850 in regards to the Public Employee Relations Act. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority letter regarding the most recent analysis of net assets.

-Mike Hoagland is working on upcoming budget year.

-Michigan Supreme Court has made a ruling that the Court does not have the right to impose certain fees to Defendants. Donna Fraczek is working on what the impact to Tuscola County will be.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRISCH

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - EDC is continuing to work with the DFA.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Board meets tonight.

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council - Meal on Wheels program is continuing to service area residents.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Dental Clinic for Indigents

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - New Director is working at making forward progress.

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 - City of Vassar has 4 employees retiring with over 100 years of combined service.

Tuscola In Sync

MAC Board of Directors - At meeting last week, Proposal 1 was discussed.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning - At the next meeting an analyst will be held.

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

Great Start Collaborative - On Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. there will be a free family movie at the Strand Theatre.

BARDWELL

NACo - Finishing up roles as serving as Chairperson on various committees.

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Thom works closely with Steve Erickson toward the success of EDC.

Caro DDA/TIFA - July meeting cancelled

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 7th District - Looking to schedule the date and site for the next meeting.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC – Past President

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

Board of Health - Polio is on the rise in the United States again.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Small House project is underway.

Land Acquisition - Meeting scheduled for June 27th to gather more information.

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MEMS All Hazards

MAC-Environment Energy Land Use

Oil/Shale Work Group - A resident contacted the Controller's Office regarding this topic and Commissioner Kirkpatrick provided assistance.

Cass River Greenways Pathway - July 26th at 8:00 a.m. clean-up will be from the Caro Dam to M-46 to meet at the Cass River Roadside Park on M-46.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use

Closed Session - None**Other Business as Necessary -**

-Letter has been sent to the Road Commission although a response has not been received yet.

-Region 6 Economic Planning Group will meet on July 8, 2014 at the Thumb Works office.

Extended Public Comment -

-Register John Bishop stated there was an article in the state bar journal regarding fracking which provided an overview of the topic.

-Register John Bishop updated the Board regarding the lawsuit that Genesee County filed against Greenstone Farm Credit Services regarding paying transfer tax.

-Charles Kurtanksy asked the Board if Denmark Township has settled on the attorney fees and the fees have not been paid as of yet.

-Clerk Jodi Fetting informed the Board that the City of Vassar would like her to sit on the interview panel and the interviews are tentatively scheduled for next week.

-The Board thanked Representative Daley for attending the meeting today.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk