

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 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 July, 2014 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bierlein

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Trisch

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, Mary Drier, Lou Smallwood, John Johnson, Tom Wassa, Lisa Valentine, Steve Erickson, Bill Bushaw, Vicky Sherry, Michael Clinesmith, Onna Clinesmith, Curtis Boehmer, Shelley Boehmer, Register John Bishop, Sandy Nielsen, Glen Skrent, Jim McLoskey, Steve Anderson

Adoption of Agenda

14-M-107

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

14-M-108

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 26, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

Lou Smallwood addressed the Board and read a letter signed by 12 county residents regarding the illegal immigrants possibly coming to Vassar in Tuscola County. He requested the Board to research and explore possible actions to prevent undocumented illegal aliens from entering or being domiciled in Tuscola County.

Lisa Valentine addressed the Board regarding leadership being provided toward the illegal immigrants possibly coming to Vassar in Tuscola County. She is concerned the financial burden will fall on the county residents.

Michael Clinesmith addressed the Board regarding the illegal immigrants possibly coming to Vassar in Tuscola County. He is requesting that tax dollars be spent wisely on Americans.

Comment Period Continued:

Onna Clinesmith addressed the Board regarding the illegal immigrants possibly coming to Vassar in Tuscola County.

Tom Wassa addressed the Board regarding the illegal immigrants possibly coming to Vassar in Tuscola County. He is concerned as to why the border patrol is not stronger. He is concerned about violence, disease and illness being brought into our state.

Chairman Bardwell addressed the audience that the Board will keep a close watch on this sensitive issue at hand. He suggested members of the audience continue to contact their local Senators and Representatives. Jim McLoskey mentioned that Mike Kowell, State Senator from Oakland County, has introduced legislation regarding this issue. The details of the proposed bill are to be released soon. Mr. McLoskey will discuss this matter with Senator Green to make him aware of the concerns of the Board and the residents that attended the meeting today.

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business -

-Update Regarding Dairy Farmers of America - Matter Tabled.

The Board and Jim McLoskey on behalf of Senator Green want this project to stay in our local area and keep the benefit of local jobs.

-EDC Proposal to Assist in Updating County Parks & Recreation Plan - Vicky Sherry addressed the Board on implementing a 5-year Parks and Recreation plan that the EDC will work closely in creating. The requested \$5,000 would be used to create the county master plan which needs to be submitted to the DNR. The master plan will allow the County to apply for grant funds to improve Vanderbilt Park. Lisa Valentine addressed the Board as to the previous master plan was created by the County Parks and Recreation plan at no cost. Ms. Valentine believes it could be created again by the local board. Matter was discussed at length.

14-M-109

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the proposal from the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation to update the County Parks and Recreation Plan be accepted for an amount of \$5,000 and all appropriate 2014 budget amendments for this cost are authorized. Motion Carried.

-EDC Solid Waste Management Plan Update - Vicky Sherry stated the plan needs to be changed from update to amended. Meetings must be posted 10-days in advance.

14-M-110

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Solid Waste Management Plan Update be changed to the Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment.
Motion Carried.

-Sheriff Canteen and Kiosk Service Agreements -

14-M-111

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that per the recommendation of the Sheriff, that the Kiosk/Canteen Services Agreement regarding the processing of certain payment related services be approved and appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Sheriff Copy Machine Contract -

14-M-112

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that per the recommendation of the Sheriff, that the Copy Machine Agreement with Brady Business Systems for the Sheriff's Department be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-On behalf of the Sheriff, Undersheriff Skrent addressed the Board regarding the Records Clerks and the Mechanic losing comp days in lieu of working a holiday. The Sheriff is requesting 7 days be awarded back to the Records Clerks and Mechanic as those positions are not replaced. The County's attorney is recommending this matter be handled during contract negotiations.

-Changes in Remonumentation Grant - Mike Hoagland and Clerk Fetting are working with Ken Dunton in complying with the new changes in the law. Matter will be placed on the Board Agenda for July 31, 2014.

-Invitation to Indianfields Township Open House - The open house for the new Township hall is on Saturday, July 26, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

-Supreme Court Decision Affecting Court Revenue - Supreme Court ruled that

certain costs can not be levied by the Court. The Controller's office has been working with Donna Fraczek, Court Administrator, to determine the possible impact on the County.

14-M-113

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that correspondence be sent to Senator Green and Representative Brown regarding expeditious resolution of the revenue loss to county government as a result of the Supreme Court Cunningham ruling. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 8:55 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:04 a.m.

-Homeland Security Grant Administration -Steve Anderson has received notice that Isoco County will assume the duties of being the fiduciary.

-Emergency Management Resolution - Steve Anderson has updated the Tuscola County Emergency Management Resolution.

14-M-114

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the Emergency Services Director, that the resolution establishing the authority of having an Emergency Services operation for the mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery from natural and man-made disasters in the county be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-2013 Audit Completion - Auditors will be in to present the 2013 Audit. The county audit went smoothly.

-Tuscola County Recycling Agreement - The Recycling Center is looking to partner with Diva Disposal.

14-M-115

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen that the Recycling Agreement between the County and Diva Disposal be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Medical Care Facility Foundation - A Foundation is looking to be established to allow the public to make contributions to be used toward the Medical Care Facility. The possibility of the foundation is to be researched further.

-Region 6 Prosperity Meeting Update - Mike Hoagland said the meeting was successful.

-HDC Request for Supplemental Funds for Home Delivered Meals -

Brian Neuville is requesting \$7,500 for the Meals on Wheels program as the need has increased.

14-M-116

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that per the July 9, 2014 request from the HDC, that an increase in appropriation of \$7,500 from the Senior Millage fund to HDC be approved to meet the demand for Home Delivered Meals. (This is a one-time increase with the understanding that the state budget will provide sufficient funds next year to meet this increased demand). Motion Carried.

-Medical Examiner Web Page - Dr. Bush is looking to automate the process of reports being submitted to the Medical Examiner. Matter discussed and how the cost will be shared. More information to be gathered and presented at an upcoming board meeting.

-Proposal 1 - Mike Hoagland will prepare a letter to send out regarding supporting Proposal 1 on behalf of the Board as discussed.

-Five Year County Financial Plan Update - Mike Hoagland reviewed the projected 5-year financial plan for Tuscola County. The wind revenue decrease will cause concern for 2018 and 2019.

14-M-117

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that the Five Year Financial Plan as dated July 17, 2014 be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Worker Compensation Grant - The Undersheriff is pursuing grant funds that may be available to purchase holsters that help eliminate back troubles for officers.

-Closed Session - A closed session to be scheduled for July 31st and August 14th board meetings. Clerk Fetting will prepare the meeting notice.

-Road Commission - The Road Commission met on July 16th and will forward written communication in response to the letter submitted by the Board.

-NaCO - Mike Hoagland provided an overview of the NaCO conference he attended on behalf of the Board.

-HDC Budget Summary - Lori Effenbacher provided a budget summary of funds spent.

-EDC Board - EDC sent a letter stating their appreciation of the support received.

-MAC - A letter of appreciation was received for the resolution sent by Tuscola County opposing the development of an underground nuclear waste facility in Ontario.

-Tuscola County Fair - Livestock auction to be held on July 24th in the morning.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTSKIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Land Acquisition - Continuing to look at options and opportunities to clear the land.

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

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use

TRISCH

Board of Health - meets July 18th in the morning.

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board - next meeting is scheduled for July 28th but looking to reschedule due to the conflict with the Board's Committee of the Whole.

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 - No update has been received.

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Akron Township has purchased a building to use as a Township Hall.

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
Tuscola In Sync
MAC Board of Directors - Conference platforms have been approved for the
upcoming conference.
Human Services Collaborative Council
Region VI Economic Development Planning
MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

BARDWELL

NACo
NACo Rural Action Caucus
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Looking to work with
EDC to keep Phase 2 in Tuscola County.
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
MAC 7th District
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
MAC – Past President

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

- Curtis Boehmer introduced himself to the Board as he is campaigning for 84th District State Representative.
- Tom Wassa introduced himself to the Board as he is campaigning for the 84th District State Representative.
- Register John Bishop commented on his concern of the situation happening in Vassar.
- Mary Drier commented on her concern with Proposal 1 and the promises made within the proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk