

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
July 31, 2014 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner Roger Allen 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 31st day of July, 2014 to order at 7:30 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 3 – Christine Trisch (excused at 10:18 a.m.), District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: District 2 – Thomas Bardwell

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Val Hartel, Angela Burnette, Marlene Jobe, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Sandy Nielsen, Register John Bishop, Gretchen Tenbush, Susan Jensen, Karen Hoppe, Dan Grimshaw, Steve Anderson, Ken Dunton

*Adoption of Agenda*

14-M-118

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

14-M-119

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 17, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period -*

-Marlene Jobe introduced herself as a candidate for the 84th District House of Representative.

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*

14-M-120

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 7/28/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that Scott McCool is appointed by the County Board of Commissioners as a member of the Tuscola County Remonumentation Peer Group with said appointment retroactive to June 12, 2014.

**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/28/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that Mark Powell is appointed by the County Board of Commissioners as a member of the Tuscola County Remonumentation Peer Group with said appointment retroactive to June 12, 2014.

**Agenda Reference:** C

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/28/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that Michael Yates is appointed by the County Board of Commissioners as a member of the Tuscola County Remonumentation Peer Group with said appointment retroactive to June 12, 2014.

**Agenda Reference:** D

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/28/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that Derek Hodges is appointed by the County Board of Commissioners as an alternate member of the Tuscola County Remonumentation Peer Group with said appointment retroactive to June 12, 2014.

**Agenda Reference:** E

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/28/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that Roger Mahoney is appointed by the County Board of Commissioners as an alternate member of the Tuscola County Remonumentation Peer Group with said appointment retroactive to June 12, 2014.

**Agenda Reference:** F

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/28/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Board of Health that the Tuscola County Health Department fee schedule be revised as presented at the July 28, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Agenda Reference:** G

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/28/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that the County Treasurer Investment report be received and placed on file.

**Agenda Reference:** H

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/28/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that the County Treasurer be authorized to implement a three year dog licensing program and educate the public regarding the ability to obtain dog licenses online.

**Agenda Reference:** I

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/28/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and concur with the hiring of Carey Baxter to fill the vacant Dispatch Supervisor position effective August 2, 2014.

**Agenda Reference:** J

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/28/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that the bid for the jail rooftop HVAC replacement be awarded to Johnson Controls who was the low bidder for an amount of \$5,718.73.

*-New Business*

-2013 County Audit Presentation - Val Hartel and Angela Burnette reviewed the 2013 Audit. The Audit Report recommendations were reviewed. Clayette offered an update to where the recommendations have been improved or are in process of being improved.

14-M-121

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the 2013 County Audit be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

-Saginaw County Request to Share Dr. Bush Services -

Gretchen Tenbush updated the Board regarding minor changes to the contract for Dr. Bush.

14-M-122

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the Board of Health that the revised agreement with Dr. Bush be approved which adds his services as a Medical Director to Saginaw County. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. (Estimated cost reduction to the Tuscola Health Department is \$10,000 annually). Motion Carried.

Recessed at 8:17 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:23 a.m.

-Information Technology - Eean Lee updated the Board that the phone conversion project for the Prosecutor's office was completed last night and is up and running this morning. Eean also addressed the two topics listed below.

\*Acceptable Use Policy - Eean discussed the importance of having a policy in place and followed by employees. This policy should be reviewed annually by the IT Director and County Attorney.

\*Tuscola County Regional Leader in Technology -Eean would like to begin Security Awareness Training for employees. Also, Eean would like to have Tuscola County be a service hub for the Thumb. Another forethought would be to implement digital imaging and offer more online services.

-Life and Disability Insurance Proposal - Unum decided to no longer offer the long term coverage for the deputies. Dan Skiver quoted a better coverage program through Cigna.

14-M-123

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that the county short/long term disability plans and life insurance plans be changed to Cigna which will result in an annual cost reduction of an estimated \$27,000 without any change in coverage levels with said change to be effective 9/1/14. This change is contingent upon union concurrence. (The county agent received 12 bids and Cigna was the lowest bidder. Proposals regarding fringe benefits were taken because the long term carrier discontinued coverage for certain classes of employees). Motion Carried.

-Employee and Employer Delegates to MERS

14-M-124

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that Clayette Zechmeister be appointed as the officer delegate to the Municipal Employee Retirement System annual meeting and authorize her to attend the 2014 annual meeting. Motion Carried.

14-M-125

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Angie House be appointed as the employee delegate to the Municipal Employee Retirement System annual meeting and authorize her to attend the 2014 annual meeting. Motion Carried.

-Treasurer/Jail Security Walls

Mike Miller reviewed the two bids received from Gerald Bergman and Great Lakes Bay Construction.

14-M-126

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that the bid to install the County Treasurer and Jail security walls be awarded to Great Lakes Bay Construction who was the low bidder for an amount of \$55,856.00. Also, budget amendments related to these projects are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Resignation Letter from Friend of the Court Employee - Matter Tabled.

*Old Business -*

-MAC 7th District - Scheduled for August 18, 2014 at the Dairy Plant in Cass City.

-Letter to allow Walt Schlichting to act as Level 4 Director has not been received yet.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-Eaton County Resolution presented to the Board regarding opposing the development of an underground nuclear waste facility.

*Closed Session/Labor Negotiations -*

## 14-M-127

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the Board meet in closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, to devise strategy in connection with labor negotiations. Clayette Zechmeister, Chief Financial Accountant, authorized to attend the closed session. Roll Call Vote - Allen - yes, Trisch - yes, Kirkpatrick - yes, Bierlein - yes, Bardwell - absent. Motion Carried at 9:07 a.m.

## 14-M-128

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Board reconvene to open session at 10:16 a.m. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Trisch excused at 10:18 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**BARDWELL - absent

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 - This program also handles phragmites in addition to clean-up.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync

NACO- Energy, Environment &amp; Land Use

TRISCH

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council - Possible shortage in the Meals on Wheels program.

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

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 - Matt has been in contact with MAC regarding portfolio investing.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

*Other Business as Necessary - None*

*Extended Public Comment -*

-Dan Grimshaw introduced himself to the Board as a candidate for the 84th District House of Representatives.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk