

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
September 11, 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 11th day of September, 2014 to order at 7:33 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

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, Tisha Jones, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Mike Miller, Sandy Nielsen, Sheila Long, Honorable Judge Nancy Thane, Karen Southgate, Register John Bishop, Chuck Heinlein, Ed Jagosz, Drew Stark, Beth Aspberger, Steve Anderson, and Gary Johnson.

*Adoption of Agenda*

14-M-149

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes*

M-14-150

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the August 28, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period -*

-Drew Stark along with Ed Jagosz invited the Board to the Caro Post American Legion Honorary Dinner on Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. At this dinner, the Caro Post American Legion will be honoring Maynard H. Smith a Congressional Medal of Honor Hero.

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*

14-M-151

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 9/08/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2014/2015 County Planning Commission annual report be received and placed on file with appreciation for the work of the Planning Commission members over the last year.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/08/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per Michigan State Housing Development Authority requirements for the CDBG housing program that Request for Proposals for Third Party Administration of the Tuscola County grant be advertised in the local newspaper. Proposal requirements and guidelines will be made available on the county web site (proposal to be chosen at a future meeting of the Board of Commissioners).

### **New Business**

#### *-Child Care Fund Budgets -*

-Sheila Long presented to the Board an overview of the State of Michigan 2015 Fiscal Year Child Care Fund Budget. Budget request for 2015 will be relatively the same as the 2014 budget. Sheila Long will be requesting an increase in the mentor program due to the success of the program and the need remains great.

-Karen Southgate present to the Board an overview of the DHS portion of the State of Michigan 2015 Fiscal Year Child Care Fund Budget. An increase in the 2015 budget is being requested for the Parent Education and Supervised Visitation Program but offering a decrease in the budget in the Foster Care program.

14-M-152

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen that the 2014/2015 Child Care Fund budget as presented by Child Care Fund staff members at the September 11, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting be approved for submittal to the state and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

#### *-Advertising On-Line County Services*

14-M-153 (motion amended during public comment)

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that all future county envelope purchases have the following statement printed on them: "Visit Us Online for County Services @ [WWW.TUSCOLACOUNTY.ORG](http://WWW.TUSCOLACOUNTY.ORG). Motion Carried.

#### *-Primary Road Millage Transfer Request*

14-M-154

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that per the request of the County Road Commission that \$59,364.17 be transferred from the Voted Primary Road Millage Fund to Road Commission fund as specified in Primary Road Voucher #01-14 dated September 4, 2014. Motion Carried.

*-Bridge Millage Transfer Request*

14-M-155

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of the County Road Commission that \$172,249.26 be transferred from the Voted Bridge Millage fund to the Road Commission fund as specified in Bridge Voucher #01-14 dated September 4, 2014. Motion Carried.

*-Recycling Trailer Bids*

One bid was received from Reese Trailer Sales in the amount of \$15,690.00.

14-M-156

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that the recycling trailer bid be awarded to Reese Trailer Sales who was the only bidder for an amount of \$15,690.00. Motion Carried.

*-Jail/Courthouse Painting Bids*

Two bids were received with the first from Moore's Chores in the amount of \$11,850.00 and the seconded from Wright's Painting in the amount of \$15,700.00.

14-M-157

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that the Courthouse Office, Jail and Adult Probation Building painting bid be awarded to Moore's Chores who was the low bidder for an amount of \$11,850.00. Motion Carried.

*-Mechanic Storage Building Bids*

Mike Miller opened the sealed bids for the Mechanic Storage Building metal roof project.

1. Fine Finish Construction, LLC. - Birch Run  
Base Bid - \$11,500.00  
Sanded Seam Bid - \$15,700.00
2. Gerald G. Bergman  
Base Bid - \$17,600.00  
Sanded Seam Bid - \$22,300.00
3. Booms Construction  
Base Bid - \$11,285.00  
Sanded Seam Bid - \$15,100.00

Mike Miller would like time to review the bids and interview the contractors. Mr. Miller will present a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting. Matter Tabled.

*-Modification to Previous Foundation Motion*

Clarification was requested regarding 14-M-143 motion regarding establishing the 501(C)(3).

14-M-158

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen to amend motion 14-M-143 from the August 28, 2014 Board meeting to concur with the Department of Human Services Board, in the establishment of a 501(C)(3) entity so that donations can be received and maintained as a foundation for the Medical Care Facility. Concurrence is approved with the understanding that complete and proper financial management of funds is maintained and administered by the foundation. Motion Carried.

Clerk Jodi Fetting excused at 8:25 a.m. with Chief Deputy Clerk Cindy McKinney-Volz assuming Clerk responsibilities.

-Akron Sign - Mike Hoagland will be putting a packet together with all pertinent information. Thomas Bardwell will meet with the Village of Akron to discuss composing a letter to the insurance company releasing the County from any liability for the sign. Mike Hoagland will compose a letter to the insurance company requesting that they do not pay the claim pending resolution with the Village.

-State Land Acquisition - Commissioner Kirkpatrick will reach out to Ray Rendon, Indianfields Township Supervisor, to discuss the current status with the land acquisition. The conversations will be followed up with a letter to the Indianfields Township Board.

*Old Business - None*

Meeting Recessed at 9:00 a.m.  
Meeting Reconvened at 9:10 a.m.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

The Caro Center will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary on October 9, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Right to Life will be having a speaker at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Mike Hoagland received a letter from Braun Kendrick and the letter was forwarded to the Commissioners.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board - Meeting to be held on September 17, 2014 to discuss budget and vacancies.

County Road Commission - October, November, and December meetings do not conflict with the Board of Commissioners meeting schedule.

Board of Public Works - Discussed Denmark Township water issues.

Senior Services Advisory Council - May have to pay for a portion of meals. The Council is only receiving about 71% of cost of meals from donations. This amount would be beyond the \$7,500.00 already budgeted for Senior Services.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Parks & Recreation - Vicky Sherry from EDC is still working on the 5-year plan.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRISCH

Board of Health - Meeting next Friday.

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Met September 10, 2014.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Animal Control - No meetings yet, Commissioner Trisch will be getting a meeting schedule.

Solid Waste Management

Thumb Works

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - Meeting September 12, 2014

TRIAD

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee - Meeting in October.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Meeting in October.

Vassar Parks and Planning Committees have an online survey accessible through their Facebook page.

Multi County Solid Waste

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync

MAC Board of Directors - Conference will be held next week in Mackinaw.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning - Meeting in October

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

BARDWELL

NACo - No update.

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Vassar Theater is in the process of being sold.

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District - Conference will be held next week in Mackinaw.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC – Past President - Last meeting on the Board will be this Sunday.

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Land Acquisition - Ongoing project, Commissioner Kirkpatrick will be contacting Indianfields Township Officials.

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

*Closed Session - None*

*Other Business as Necessary -*

Denmark Water Issues - Mike Hoagland received information from the attorney regarding outstanding attorney fees which are just under \$40,000. Once paid, litigation is over, and then the County and Township can move forward with further talks on a bond for the Denmark water.

Mike Hoagland will email the Department heads with the requirements for future mailings coming from the county regarding online services.

*Extended Public Comment -*

John Bishop was concerned about the additional printing costs for the envelopes. Commissioner Bierlein suggested the purchase of a stamp may be more cost effective. As a result the previous motion was amended.

*-Modification to Previous Motion*

14-M-153

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that all future county mailings have the following statement printed or stamped on them: "Visit Us Online for County Services @ [WWW.TUSCOLACOUNTY.ORG](http://WWW.TUSCOLACOUNTY.ORG). Motion Carried.

John Bishop recently attended a Register of Deeds conference. There was some concern amongst the Registers about a survey conducted by MAC regarding the Automation Funds. Mr. Bishop requested the Commissioners attending the MAC conference find out who authorized the survey and the purpose of the survey. Mr. Bishop does not believe the information provided by many of the other counties will be accurate.

Gary Johnson and Beth Asperger had concerns over the county assisting Denmark Township with a bond for the water project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

Cindy McKinney-Volz  
Chief Deputy Clerk