

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 25, 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 25th day of September, 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 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: District 1 - Roger Allen,

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Mike Miller, Register John Bishop, Gary Johnson, Beth Asperberger, Charles Kurtansky, Lorraine Kurtansky, Walt Schlichtling

Adoption of Agenda -
14-M-159

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
M-14-160

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 11, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Gary Johnson presented the Board a copy of the Public Act that he had referenced at the September 22, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
14-M-161

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 9/22/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Court Administrator that the bid to replace the non-functioning copy machine located in the lowest level of the Courthouse be awarded to Brady Business Machines who was the low bidder for an amount of \$4,857.00. Also, the 2014 county equipment budget be amended for the cost to replace this copy machine.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/22/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the September 16, 2014 letter of request from the Dispatch Director that authorization is given to refill the vacant position created by the resignation of Dispatcher Popham.

New Business

- Thumb Works Appointment Request
14-M-162
Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that Cheryl Meinecke be appointed to the Thumb Works Regional Community of Commerce-Workforce Investment Development Board. Motion Carried.
- HDC Request to Become Outside Contractor – Related to Property Owners Avoiding Foreclosure - Matter was discussed by the Board. The Board would like further clarification on what the Foreclosure Fund can be used for. Mike Hoagland to update the Board at a future meeting.
- Tuscola and Huron County Equalization Director -
14-M-163
Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that a communication be sent to Senator Green asking for clarification regarding the number of years for which a waiver has been granted by the State Tax Commission action contained in their 8/26/14 meeting minutes motion regarding continuation of the Tuscola & Huron two county Equalization Director arrangement. Motion Carried.
- Various Bids for Budgeted Items -
14-M-164
Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the roof replacement bid at the jail be awarded to Booms Construction who was the low bidder for an amount of \$15,110.00. Motion Carried.

14-M-165

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the carpeting replacement bid at the jail be awarded to Plain and Fancy Decorating who was the low bidder for an amount of 6,670.00. Motion Carried.

14-M-166

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that the kitchen wall repair bid at the jail be awarded to Prime Coating Systems who was the low bidder for an amount of \$14,021.00. Also, capital improvement fund budget amendments are authorized for the expanded scope of this project. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

Commissioner Bardwell attended the Nuclear Waste Meeting held on Monday evening and provided an overview of the meeting to the Board. Commissioner Bardwell reviewed the issues that the County is currently working on with the Senator Green's office.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

- A letter from Coalition Against Bigger Trucks was received informing the Board that they have launched a new website www.cabt.org.
- Susan Walker sent a follow-up from Judge Thane's meeting for input for ideas to shape and build preventive techniques.
- The State of Michigan currently gives approximating \$8 billion in tax breaks each year.
- Report from MERS has been received and forwarded to John Axe.
- The meeting with Dawn Zimmer from Zimco regarding the Zimco contract has taken place and more information will be provided at an upcoming meeting.
- Region 6 Prosperity Plan - Next Meeting is October 1st and 2nd in Lapeer.
- Denmark Legal Fees - There is no update to provide.
- Denmark Township Legal Correspondence - Correspondence was received from Attorney Lynn D Bowne regarding the recall effort in Denmark Township. The County Clerk has forward a copy to the Election Commission and is requesting a copy be forwarded to the county attorney for guidance. The letter is regarding the steps taken by the Township in accepting the resignation of the Township Supervisor and subsequent appointments which may have effected the filing of the recall petitions.
- Jodi Offenbecher forwarded correspondence regarding increase rail use in the Thumb area. Mike Hoagland will forward to the Commissioners.
- The trial has started in Lapeer County regarding an embezzlement case where an account was established without having the Treasurer involved. Discussed that Tuscola County Treasurer is currently verifying that accounts for Tuscola County have the Treasurer listed on each account.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - A thank you was received for the Board's support of establishing the 501 (c)(3)

Land Acquisition - Commissioner Kirkpatrick walked the land again looking at additional avenues for the use of 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 - NACo had an advertisement "Host a County Prosperity Summit" where NACo can provide a prosperity summit in the region for smaller counties. Applications have to be submitted before October 3rd. Commissioner Kirkpatrick and Commissioner Bierlein will complete the application after today's meeting.

*Commissioner Kirkpatrick attended the Cass City EDC meeting where rail use was discussed.

ALLEN - absent

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRISCH

Board of Health - The Board met last week no update.

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - EDC is moving forward.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Meets tonight.

Animal Control - Meeting has not been scheduled yet.

Solid Waste Management - Met last week although there was not a quorum.

Thumb Works

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - A new member was appointed to the Consortium.

TRIAD

Human Development Commission (HDC) - 80% of people served by HDC are under poverty level for Tuscola County.

Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee - Meeting upcoming with Sanilac and Huron County Representatives attending for possibilities of collaboration to be discussed.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Multi County Solid Waste

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync

MAC Board of Directors -

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

BARDWELL

NACo

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA - Looking to add additional parking between the Sheriff's Department and Schall School.

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

-John Bishop suggested that the Board broaden the opinion sought regarding bank accounts without the Treasurer's name listed on it.

-John Bishop would like to educate other departments as to the function of his department.

-Beth Asperberger thanked the Board for keeping the website up to date with great information that she can access from her home.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk