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

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

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, Margot Roedel, Maggie Root, Chuck Heinlein, Beth Aspberger, Charles Kurtansky, Lorraine Kurtansky, Gary Johnson, Steve Erickson, Sandy Nielsen, Register John Bishop, Vicky Sherry, Jim McLoskey, Bill Bushaw, Joe Tencza (US Engine in Vassar), Steve Anderson

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
14-M-174

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
M-14-175

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 17, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period -*

-Register John Bishop questioned the Board regarding the starting salary and step increases to be given to the new IT Director position.

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*  
M-14-176

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Human Development Commission that the 2014 senior millage appropriation to the Human Development Commission be increased by \$25,400 for the cost of increased units of service provided for several senior programs including transportation, congregate and home delivered meals. Also, appropriate budget amendments are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Human Development Commission that \$3,000 be authorized for payment from the County Foreclosure Fund to pay part of the administrative cost related to the Step Forward federal program to avoid home foreclosure.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2015 Draft County Budget be revised with the changes as discussed and identified at the October 27, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting and a public hearing be scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2014 to discuss the draft budget.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that assistance be obtained from J.L. Boyle International (John L. Boyle) with the understanding the engagement will include an analysis and recommendation regarding whether it is financially advantageous to borrow funds and pay the full outstanding retirement system obligation and provide a defined contribution plan for all new hires. Also, 2014 budget amendments are authorized to pay for this engagement.

*New Business -**-EDC Update -*

Steve Erickson updated the Board regarding EDC projects. The migreenthumb folder was presented to the Board. Joe Tencza from US Engine in Vassar informed the Board of the success of his business. He provided an overview of the nature of US Engine. Steve Erickson provided an update of the Dairy Plant in Caro. Vicky Sherry announced she has been certified as a Grant Administrator and the benefits to the County with that certification. EDC has received a \$6,074 grant to assist in establishing a food hub in the Caro area. Vicky updated the Board regarding the progress on the Parks Plans and establishing two master plans within the County. Steve also provided an update regarding the Railroad System within Tuscola County.

## 14-M-177

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Steve Erickson be appointed to the County Parks and Recreation Commission effective immediately to refill the term vacated by the resignation of Sam Moore. Also, Steve Erickson be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a three year term beginning 01/01/2015 that expires on 12/31/2017. Motion Carried.

*-Medical Care Facility Planning Future Needs - Margot Rodel*

-307 out of 350 employees have received the flu vaccine.

-Small House Project is moving forward and the houses should be enclosed before winter to allow for the inside work to be completed.

-Margot provided an update that she has an opportunity for the Medical Care Facility for future growth. She will continue to update the Board as details become available.

*-Arbela Township Police Services Contract*

## 14-M-178

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to approve the 2015 agreement between Tuscola County and Arbela Township for the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department to provide police services to Arbela Township per the terms of the agreement and authorize all necessary signatures. Motion Carried.

*-Millington Township Police Services Contract*

## 14-M-179

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the 2015 agreement between Tuscola County and Millington Township for the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department to provide police services to Millington Township per the terms of the agreement and authorize all necessary signatures. Motion Carried.

-Circuit Court Security Door - Matter Tabled.

-District Court Contract for Misdemeanor Indigents

## 14-M-180

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that the one-year agreement for legal representation of indigent misdemeanants in District Court be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized (no increase for 2015 from the current \$110,000). Motion Carried.

-Boards and Commissions -

## 14-M-181

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Kent Signer be appointed to serve on the Mosquito Abatement Technical Advisory Committee. Motion Carried.

## 14-M-182

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that previous board motion 14-M-077 be clarified to define the term of Doug Hall's appointment to the Department of Human Services Board as expiring December 31, 2016. Motion Carried.

-Human Services Collaborative Council -

## 14-M-183

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that Commissioner Bardwell be appointed to the Human Services Collaborative Council in addition to Commission Bierlein. Motion Carried.

-Denmark Township Resolution -

Supervisor Chuck Heinlein presented to the Board Denmark Township Resolution 2014-22. Commissioner Allen stated that the Board of Public Works meets soon and will review the plan for approval. The Commissioners would like to solicit direction from legal counsel prior to proceeding.

## 14-M-184

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick to have the Denmark Township Bond be tabled until an opinion from the County's Attorney can be received. The Board would like to table the matter until a legal opinion can be received. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 8:37 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:44 a.m.

*Old Business -*

-Dispatch Telephone System Grant

Sandy Nielsen updated the Board that the Great Lakes Bay NG911 Phone Project was not selected for FY 2014 (Round2) CGAP grant funding. Sandy also had two agreements that need to be signed by the Board Chairman.

## 14-M-185

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen that the Michigan Public Safety Communications System Integration Agreement be signed by the Board Chairman. Motion Carried.

## 14-M-186

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the Michigan Public Safety Communications System Memorandum of Agreement for credit be signed by the Board Chairman. Motion Carried.

## 14-M-187

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen to receive and place on file the letter of denial for the Competitive Grant Assistance Program FY 2014. Motion Carried.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-A letter has been received stating our hazard mitigation plan has expired. Deputy Anderson has applied for a grant and he has unofficially received confirmation of approval. He does not recommend to use East Michigan Council of Governments which is who sent the letter. He would like to continue with the company that was previously used.

-MAC acknowledged the receipt of the three resolutions issued by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners; Resolution Supporting HR 5078, Resolution Supporting S2729 and HR 4319; Resolution Opposing HB 5886.

-Huron County Resolution 14-152C Supporting SB 495-498

-Huron County Resolution 14-153C Opposes SB 1038-1040

-Huron County Resolution 14-154C Opposes SB 1076

Commissioner Kirkpatrick would like to review SB 1076 before issuing a resolution regarding it.

## 14-M-188

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to support the Huron County Resolutions 14-152c & 14-153c and issue Resolutions on behalf of the Tuscola County Commissioners. Motion Carried.

-Mike Hoagland will provide the Commissioners a link to be able to review proposed bills.

-Region 6 Prosperity Plan is applying for new grant funding in the amount of \$250,000 and are requesting a letter of support.

## 14-M-189

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to issue a letter of support and commitment to Region 6 Regional Prosperity Plan Initiative. Motion Carried.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS****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 - There are two staff members that have taken new job opportunities and the hiring process will begin. MAC is preparing for the lame duck session. Matt has been working to receive an opinion regarding the health insurance issue.

Human Services Collaborative Council - Commissioner Bierlein is looking forward to working with Commissioner Bardwell on this Council.

Region VI Economic Development Planning - Looking to re-apply for grant funding. New projects have been submitted.

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

**BARDWELL**

NACo - NACo conference will be in February in Washington DC.

NACo Rural Action Caucus - There is a meeting upcoming in Montana.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Ellington Township has a new clerk appointed - Joddy Ehrenberg.

MAC – Past President

**KIRKPATRICK**

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

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use - Commissioner Kirkpatrick expressed his appreciation of Tuscola County's support in allowing Commissioners to attend the NACO Conferences. The conferences provided a great opportunity to explore new avenues to progress Tuscola County forward.

#### ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission - At the last meeting, the main topic was mud on the roads due to sugar beets trucks. Mike Tuckey is working on their response to the County's letter.

Board of Public Works - Meets Tuesday

Senior Services Advisory Council - Brian Neuville presented at the Monday COW meeting.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Akron Township Treasurer has resigned due to a job opportunity out of the area.

#### TRISCH

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Indianfields was thankful of communication between their Board and the Board of Commissioners.

Behavioral Health Systems Board - There have been new appointments made due to resignations.

Animal Control

Solid Waste Management

Thumb Works

*Closed Session - None*

*Other Business as Necessary -*

-BS & A contract was reviewed by the IT Director, Eean Lee, and he has been able to implement changes that will have a cost savings to the County of approximately \$30,000.

-Commissioner Kirkpatrick advised the Board that Eean Lee, IT Director, is exploring ways to make the GIS program accessible through a laptop or smartphone for use in the field.

*Extended Public Comment -*

- Gary Johnson apologized that he has not had the opportunity to see if the link has been added to [www.tuscolacounty.org](http://www.tuscolacounty.org) for the Board of Public Works.
- Gary Johnson thanked the Board for listening to his concerns. He also thanked the Board for researching the Bond resolution further.
- Beth Aspberger is supportive of moving forward on the State Land Acquisition.
- Beth Aspberger complimented the County Clerk, Jodi Fetting, with the how efficient the office is administered and the availability of the County Clerk to meet with her.
- Beth Aspberger stated that she feels the County negotiated a good contract with the IT Director keeping the best interest of Tuscola County residents at hand.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk