

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 13, 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 13th day of November, 2014 to order at 7:35 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Trisch

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Allen

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick (via Google Hangouts), District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting (excused at 9:20 a.m.), Cindy McKinney-Volz, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Clayette Zechmeister, Treasurer Pat Donovan-Gray, Onna Clinesmith, Donald Clinesmith, Gary Johnson, Charles Kurtansky, Lorraine Kurtansky, Sandy Nielsen, Ron Amend, Steve Erickson, Vicky Sherry, Bill Bushaw, Dr. Richard Horsch, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Register John Bishop, Wayne Koper, Joe Bixler

Adoption of Agenda -
14-M-190

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
M-14-191

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 30, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Onna Clinesmith addressed the Board regarding their consideration of re-instating Health Insurance for the Board members.

-Donald Clinesmith addressed the Board regarding their consideration of re-instating Health Insurance for the Board members.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
M-14-192

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 11/10/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the October 31, 2014 letter of request from the Veteran's Affairs Director, that the 2014 budget be amended and a supplemental general fund appropriation of \$5,000 be transferred to the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund to meet the critical food, shelter and other needs of veterans for the balance of 2014.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/10/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Tuscola County Human Services Board, that property located along Cleaver Road, Caro as described in the buy/sell agreement, be approved for purchase for an amount of \$110,000.00 for the future expansion needs of the Medical Care Facility. The purchase is contingent upon completion of a satisfactory baseline environmental assessment (BEA). Also, all necessary documents are authorized for signature after the satisfactory BEA is completed.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/10/14
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the 2014/2015 service agreement between the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board and Tuscola County in order to provide state grant funding for community correction programs, in accordance with PA 511, and to give authorization for the Board Chairperson to sign all necessary documents.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/10/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2014 Tuscola County Apportionment Report for all taxing jurisdictions be approved and all necessary signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/10/14
- Description of Matter:** Move to have Wolverine Power Systems install a new engine for the jail generator for an amount \$10,458.54 and appropriate 2014 budget amendments are authorized.

- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/10/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the County Road Commission that \$457,092.07 be transferred from the Voted Primary Road Millage Fund to Road Commission Fund as specified in Primary Road Voucher #03-14 dated November 7, 2014.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/10/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the County Road Commission that \$20,557.00 be transferred from the Voted Bridge Millage Fund to Road Commission Fund as specified in Primary Road Voucher #03-14 dated November 7, 2014.

New Business

- Veterans Request to Fund Services with a Dedicated Millage -
14-M-193
Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that per the request of Tuscola County Veterans that the following question be put on the ballot for a February 2015 election requesting 0.17 mills to fund veteran services with a Roll Call Vote required:

TUSCOLA COUNTY VETERANS MILLAGE PROPOSAL

For the purpose of providing dedicated services to veterans of United States military and their dependents within the County of Tuscola ("County"), shall the County increase the limitation in the total amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes upon real and personal property in the County, as provided in the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended, which would result in a new levy of 0.17 mills (\$0.17 per \$1,000) of taxable valuation, for a period of six (6) years, in the years 2015 to 2020, both inclusive? This levy is estimated to raise \$274,000 in the first year.

Matter was briefly discussed as to the necessary time frame to place on the ballot in February 2015. Clerk Fetting shared concerns from a handful of Local Clerks. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Allen - yes; Commissioner Bardwell - yes; Commissioner Trisch - yes; Commissioner Kirkpatrick - yes; Commissioner Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

- EDC Request to Fund Services with a Dedicated Millage -
14-M-194
Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that per the request of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation that the following question be put on the ballot for a February 2015 election requesting 0.20 mills to fund economic development services with a Roll Call Vote required:

**TUSCOLA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

For the purpose of providing economic development services within the County of Tuscola ("County"), shall the County increase the limitation in the total amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes upon real and personal property in the County, as provided in the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended, which would result in a new levy of 0.20 mills (\$0.20 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period six (6) years, in the years 2015 to 2020 inclusive? This levy is estimated to raise \$322,000 in the first year.

Matter discussed as to how the estimated revenue would be used to benefit Tuscola County. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Allen - yes; Commissioner Bardwell - yes; Commissioner Trisch - yes; Commissioner Kirkpatrick - yes; Commissioner Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

-Appointments to County Boards and Commissions -

14-M-195

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that effective on January 1, 2015 the following people are appointed the Board and Commission stated for the stated term length: Paul Cherniawski to the 911 Dispatch Authority for a 2-year term, Ray Rendon to the 911 Dispatch Authority for a 2-year term, Keith Kosik to the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term, Doug Hall to the Department of Human Services Board for a 3-year term (Chart included in the packet was prepared prior to meeting on October 30, 2014 and still stated Robert Hirn. Doug Hall was appointed to replaced Robert Hirn with motion 14-M-182 clarifying this), Steve Erickson to the Department of Public Works Board for a 3-year term, Eileen Hiser to the Health Department Board for a 4-year term, Dr. Richard Horsch to the Health Department Board for a 4-year term, David Barrios to the Parks and Recreation Board for a 3-year term, Steve Erickson to the Parks and Recreation Board for a 3-year term, Cindy Kapa for a 3-year term, Zygmunt Dworzecki to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term, Raymond Cortez to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term, Sharon Mika to the Recycling Committee for a 3-year term, Terry Jones to the Recycling Committee for a 3-year term, Dr. Richard Horsch to the Veteran's Committee for a 2-year term, Michael Downing to the Veteran's Committee for a 3-year term. Motion Carried.

-Request to Use Courthouse Lawn -

14-M-196

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that per the November 6, 2014 letter of request that the Caro Women's Interfaith Committee for Christmas be authorized to use the Courthouse lawn from November 29, 2014 to January 10, 2015. Motion Carried.

-Tentative 2015 Meeting Schedule -

Tentative Board of Commissioners meeting schedule proposed and discussed. Commissioners will review and make any suggestions at the next Board meeting. Matter to be placed on the next Board agenda.

-County Treasurer Request - Treasurer Pat Donovan-Gray is requesting an increase in the Treasurer's salary due to additional duties that have been assigned to the Treasurer's office by state regulations.

14-M-197

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to increase the baseline salary of the Treasurer in the amount \$1,215.00 for the 2015 budget year. Motion Carried.

-Regional Prosperity Initiative - Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. Mike Hoagland reviewed the Prosperity Plan included in the Board packet.

-Risk Management Authority Election -

14-M-198

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen that Mike Hoagland complete the ballot for the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for the candidates listed on the ballot for the Member-at-Large Seats with 4 seats available with 4 candidates running and for the Designed Township Seat with 1 seat available with 1 candidate running. Motion Carried.

Old Business

- Joe Bixler, District 10 Coordinator MSU Extension, explained to the Board the 2015 General Fund Budget Request. Matter discussed.

14-M-199

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to recess the regular Board meeting at 9:03 a.m. to begin the 2015 County Budget Public Hearing. Motion Carried.

-2015 Draft County Budget Public Hearing discussion began at 9:15 a.m.

Clerk Fetting excused at 9:20 a.m.

Mike Hoagland provided an overview of the 2015 Tuscola County budget to the Board. Joe Bixler addressed the Board regarding a budget amendment needed for an increase of \$2,978.00. Mike Hoagland said the necessary adjustments could be made out of the contingency fund and no motion would be needed.

14-M-200

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to approve the 2015 General Appropriations Act adopting the 2015 County Budget of (\$49,056,096).

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Allen - yes; Commissioner Bardwell - yes; Commissioner Trisch - yes; Commissioner Kirkpatrick - yes; Commissioner Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

14-M-201

Motion by Bardwell, seconded by Bierlein to resume the regular Board meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Allen - yes; Commissioner Bardwell - yes; Commissioner Trisch - yes; Commissioner Kirkpatrick - yes; Commissioner Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

14-M-202

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to approve the request of Joe Bixler, MSU Extension Coordinator for the addition of 0.5 FTE Coordinator position for \$29,175.00. Matter discussed. Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Allen.

14-M-203

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen to approve the request of Joe Bixler, MSU Extension Coordinator for the addition of 0.5 FTE Coordinator position for \$29,175.00 with at least 10 hours each week of the 20 hours that will be spent on at risk youth. Matter discussed. Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

14-M-204

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen to approve the request of Joe Bixler, MSU Extension Coordinator for the addition of 0.5 FTE for the 4-H Program Coordinator, which is intended to make a part-time position a full-time position, at a cost of \$29,175.00 with at least 10 hours per week of the additional 20 hours per week that will be spend on at risk youth. Motion Carried.

-Sandra Nielsen, Director of Dispatch addressed the Board regarding the contract for the new phone system. The budget for the new phone system is \$295,000.00 of that \$100,000.00 was allocated to come from the 2014 budget. If the contract is not in place by year end, the \$100,000.00 will need to transfer from the 2014 budget to the 2015 budget. Sandra has spoke with Clayette regarding the transfer but wanted to make the Board aware also.

Correspondence/Resolutions

-Mike Hoagland received an Order of Dismissal regarding the Denmark Township case from the attorney.

-Mike Hoagland received the monthly report from the Tuscola County Health Department, minutes from the Road Commission meeting, and a resolution from Otsego County.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRISCH

Board of Health - No report.

Planning Commission - No report.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - EDC covered earlier in the meeting.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - No report.

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Animal Control - Will discuss setting up a meeting with Mike Hoagland.

Solid Waste Management - Meeting cancelled.

Thumb Works - Meeting on Friday November 14, 2014.

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - Meeting on Friday, November 14, 2014.

TRIAD - No report.

Human Development Commission (HDC) - No report.

Tuscola 2020 - No report.

Recycling Advisory Committee - No report.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - No report.

Multi County Solid Waste - No report.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Juniata Township Treasurer is retiring at the end of November, he was honored at the last township meeting. The

Juniata Township Clerk, Thomas Hile, will be retiring in April after 30 plus years of service with the township.

Tuscola In Sync - No report.

MAC Board of Directors - No report.

Human Services Collaborative Council - No report.

Region VI Economic Development Planning - No report.

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation - Meeting next week via conference call.

BARDWELL

NACo - No report.

NACo Rural Action Caucus - No report.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - EDC covered earlier in the meeting.

Caro DDA/TIFA - No report.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation - No report.

MAC 7th District - No report.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Commissioner Bardwell attended the Juniata Township meeting with Commissioner Bierlein.

MAC – Past President - no report

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health - No report.

Community Corrections Advisory Board - No report.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - No report.

Land Acquisition - No report.

MI Renewable Energy Coalition - No report.

MEMS All Hazards - No report.

MAC-Environment Energy Land Use - No report.

Oil/Shale Work Group - No report.

Cass River Greenways Pathway - No report.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - No report.

Tuscola In Sync - No report.

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use - No report.

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board - Meeting to be held November 20, 2014.

County Road Commission - Meeting to be held November 20, 2014.

Board of Public Works - Denmark Water Project denied, may try to fund privately.

Senior Services Advisory Council - No report.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee - No report.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - No report.

Parks & Recreation - Met on Monday to determine the number of parks and facilities in Tuscola County. The State of Michigan put together a list of what each community should have based on number of residents. Commissioner Allen believes Tuscola County currently meets or will meet the standards set by the State.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - No report.

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary

14-M-205

Motion by Matthew Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to pay \$76.32 to the employee whose purse was damaged by the conveyor at the Court House Security. Motion Carried.

Extended Public Comment -

-John Bishop commented on the increase in pay for the elected official, the health care coverage for the Board of Commissioners, the 4-H Director's request, and the potential for a request to increase in the pay scale for the Register of Deeds in 2015.

-Thomas Bardwell - At the EDC meeting yesterday, it was estimated that Tuscola County lost between 27-29% of its budget based on a decision of the Director of the Tax Commission. As a result, it has created restraints on what the county can do. It is estimated that it will amount to between \$500,000 and \$600,000 of Tuscola County's budget.

-Mike Miller advised the Board that the second boiler at the jail has sprung a leak. There were parts remaining from the boiler that was replaced a year ago. Those parts have been used to fix the leak.

-Wayne Koper inquired if state has given any indication of plans to replace the 27-29% of the counties funding.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Cindy McKinney-Volz
Chief Deputy Clerk