

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 24, 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 24th day of November, 2014 to order at 7:30 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, (excused at 10:25 a.m.) District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick (via Google Hangouts), District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee, Sandy Nielsen, Register John Bishop, Walt Schlichtling, Lorraine Kurtansky, Charles Kurtansky, Dan Skiver, Pat Kaltenbach, Clayton Johnson, Undersheriff Glen Skrent, Steve Anderson

Adoption of Agenda -
14-M-206

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
M-14-207

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the November 13, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business

-Affordable Care Act - Clayton Johnson from Braun Kendrick reviewed the options available to the Commissioners regarding health care coverage in relationship to the Affordable Healthcare Act. The options that were presented by Clayton Johnson were discussed at length. The Board agreed that they will not participate in the time test, that they are considered salaried employees and that the decision needs to be made by year-end. If it is decided they are eligible for health care, Dan Skiver stated an eligibility date will need to be established. Dan Skiver will look at another health care optional plan level that could be available with a lower cost to the county.

Recessed at 9:17 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

-Request to use Courthouse Lawn -

14-M-208

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that per the November 15, 2014 communication from Tuscola County Right-To-Life that the Courthouse Lawn be authorized for use on Sunday, January 18, 2015. Motion Carried.

-Agreement with Amalgam LLC - Eean Lee, IT Director, provided an overview as to how this agreement will benefit Tuscola County and revenue will be increased.

14-M-209

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of the Information System Director, that the agreement with Amalgam to provide Fetch Geographic Information System (GIS) Fee Access Service be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Also, annual \$6,000 in costs for said service to be paid from the County GIS Fund. Motion Carried.

-County Enhanced Access Policy (matter added) - Eean Lee reviewed the current policy and the recommended change in sections 2.1.5 and 2.1.6.

14-M-210

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that per the recommendation of the Information Systems Director and Equalization Director that sections 2.1.5 and 2.1.6 of the County Enhanced Access Policy be amended to define public bodies and public records. Motion Carried.

-Concur with appointment to Vacant Dispatcher Position -

14-M-211

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to concur with the appointment of Janell Harmon to one of the vacant dispatcher positions with the starting date of December 8, 2014. Motion Carried.

-Restoring full SCMCCI Lease payment - Mike Hoagland has contacted SCMCCI and has requested a decision to be communicated to the Board by January 2015.

-Application for Department of Human Services Board -

14-M-212

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to re-appoint Kelly Whittaker to the Department of Human Services Board for a 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2015. Motion Carried.

-2015 Budget Recap - Mike Hoagland provided a brief overview of the progress that has been made with the 2015 Budget.

-Health Insurance Incentive Payment - Matter was discussed during the Affordable Care Act discussion.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-The 2015 Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting agenda are being worked on. Suggestions made today will be placed on the draft agenda for the next meeting.

-NACo press release regarding "Waters of the U.S." proposal

-Antrim County Board of Commissioner Resolution regarding the Clean Water Act.

-Michigan Municipal Risk Management - Undersheriff Skrent received a \$528.00 RAP check for the purchase of in-car cameras.

-Steve Erickson & Vicky Sherry will be assisting the Health Department to write a grant.

-Undersheriff Skrent is looking at how Courthouse Security can be proactive for items being scanned by the X-ray machine with less potential damage to personal property. The Undersheriff is looking to order a tray to hold those items that will fit through machine.

-There are still a few bank accounts that Treasurer Donovan-Gray is working on to have be listed correctly at the bank and will continue addressing this in 2015.

-Funding the MERS program is still a concern of Mike Hoagland and he provided an update.

-No new updates on Denmark Township.

-MAC 7th - Mike has not heard any update.

-NACo - Commissioner Allen would like to attend the conference in February 2015 to be held in Washington D.C. Commissioner Kirkpatrick will be requesting to go as he is on the environmental land use committee. Commissioner Bierlein will be attending as a MAC Board Member.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board - Sandy Nielsen provided an update regarding the phone system. The current vendor will be out of business in December 2014. She reviewed the option available of a one-year service agreement after that business has closed the doors. The new phone system is not tentatively to be installed until mid-2015.

County Road Commission - Mike Tuckey is hoping to be at the next Board meeting. The annual meeting calendar was passed and it remained the same.

Board of Public Works - No update.

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 - Board will be working with Vicky Sherry for help in writing a grant.

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Animal Control

Solid Waste Management

Thumb Works

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Fremont Township is questioning when farmland is tiled if it is being assessed that way. Commissioner Trisch would like to research further.

Commissioner Trisch excused at 10:25 a.m.

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

TRIAD

Human Development Commission (HDC) - The most recent program presentation was about a program that involved over 500 kids who helped our elderly community. One of their projects was beginning starter gardens to then be provided to someone to have their own garden.

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

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation - Changes are coming to sentencing guidelines for paroles. Restricted deeds were discussed and the impact on the local economy. Transportation funding and the gas tax was also discussed at the meeting.

BARDWELL

NACo - Commissioner Bardwell is glad that three of the commissioners will be attending NACo and discussed the benefits of the NACo conference.

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Marshall Distributing in Cass City will be closing as they have been purchased by a competitor.

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corporation

MAC 7th District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

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

Child Care Fund - Commissioner Kirkpatrick has reflected on the meeting with Judge Thane and how our communities can have a positive impact. The need for foster homes within the County was discussed.

Closed Session - Rescheduled to December 17, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment – None

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk