

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
January 15, 2015 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 15th day of January, 2015 to order at 7:33 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bierlein

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Allen

Roll Call – Chief Deputy Clerk Cindy McKinney-Volz

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell (excused at 8:50 a.m.), District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: District 3 - Christine Trisch

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Ann Hepfer, Samantha Fackler, Pam Shook, Vicky Sherry, Eean Lee, Brian Neuville, Beth Asperger, Gary Johnson, Mike Miller, Sandy Nielsen, John Bishop, Walt Schlichting, and Ray Rendon

*Adoption of Agenda -*

15-M-001

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*

15-M-002

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 29, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period - None*

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*

15-M-003

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/12/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 9, 2015 memorandum of request from the County Prosecutor that authorization is given to pay the invoices from Brevard Extraditions Inc. for extradition services of Mendoza, Starr and Timko. These invoices are to be paid as 2014 expenses and appropriate budget amendments are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/12/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the County Equalization and Information Technology Directors, the agreement with Amalgam, LLC to provide digital parcel development for the Geographic Information System be approved for an amount of \$4 per parcel. Also, total expenditures shall not exceed the amount budgeted for this purpose in 2015.

### *New Business -*

- Freezer Replacement for Senior Meals Program  
15-M-004  
Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that per the request of the Human Development Commission a replacement freezer be authorized for the Tuscola County senior meal program with said purchase to be made from the Senior Millage Fund and the budget be amended by \$13,000 for this purchase. Motion Carried.
- Community Health Profile  
15-M-005  
Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that the 2014 County Health Profile be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.
- Solid Waste Planning Committee Vacancy  
15-M-006  
Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that Commissioner Kirkpatrick be appointed to the Solid Waste Planning Committee as an environmental representative from the Cass River Greenways Committee replacing Don Duggar. This term will expire on May 14, 2016. Motion Carried.

-Michigan Renewable Energy Coalition Meeting 10:00 A.M.  
Update provided by Mike Hoagland. Meeting will be held at the Tuscola Technology Center today. Mike discussed the revenue that Tuscola and Huron Counties received due to the additional quantity of wind mills and the increase wind energy produced. The wind companies have repaved several miles of roads which is a benefit to the townships.

-GIS Update

Update and demonstration provided by Eean Lee and Walt Schlichting. Eean brought up several other ways that GIS would be helpful to county departments.

-Vacancy on 911 Dispatch Authority Board

15-M-007

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that Ted Gamet be appointed to the 911 Dispatch Authority Board to fill the vacant City/Village Government position. This term will expire on January 1, 2017. Motion Carried.

*Old Business - None*

*Correspondence/Resolutions - None*

## **COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BIERLEIN**

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works  
Human Development Commission (HDC)  
Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In-Sync

MAC Board of Directors

Human Services Collaborative Council – Updated provided.

Region VI Economic Development Planning – A meeting is being held on January 22, 2015 to discuss installation of Fiber optics for the area.

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation – The meeting scheduled for January was cancelled.

BARDWELL

NACo

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA – The meeting scheduled for January was cancelled.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation – The meeting scheduled for January was cancelled.

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC – Past President

TRIAD

Human Services Collaborative Council – Update provided.

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health – The small house project is progressing.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Land Acquisition

MI Renewable Energy Coalition – There is a meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m. today.

MEMS All Hazards

MAC-Environment Energy Land Use

Oil/Shale Work Group

Cass River Greenways Pathway

Local Unit of Government Activity Report – There are two local millages on the upcoming election.

Tuscola In Sync

NACO- Energy, Environment &amp; Land Use

Thomas Bardwell was excused at 8:50 a.m.

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board – There is a meeting scheduled at 10:30 a.m. today.

County Road Commission – They are meeting at the same time as the BOC meeting. If the BOC ends in time, Commissioner Allen may attend a portion of their meeting.

Board of Public Works – Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month. No recent news out of Denmark Township.

Senior Services Advisory Council – There will be a meeting in March.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee – There will be a meeting in February.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Parks &amp; Recreation – There was a public hearing on January 14, 2015, for the Parks and Rec planning.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRISCH - absent  
Board of Health  
Planning Commission  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Animal Control  
Solid Waste Management  
Thumb Works

*Closed Session* - None

*Other Business as Necessary* - None

*Extended Public Comment* –

Roger Allen spoke about the importance of the Veterans Service Officers. The VSO plays an important role in completing the necessary paperwork for veterans to be seen and treated at a VA Hospital. Tuscola County has approximately 4,600 veterans.

Pam Shook was concerned about money that was obtained through fundraisers for Vanderbilt Park. Pam believes the money should have been used to make improvements to the park, not cover maintenance items. Pam also made the Board of Commissioners aware of the \$3.00 per day/\$20.00 per season parking rate and the difficulties she faces collecting those fees. Mike Miller will obtain a proposal for new, larger signs to notify park guests of the fees. Mike Hoagland will contact the Sheriff to inquire about ticketing the violators. Mike Hoagland will also contact the attorney to determine if it would be a conflict of interest to have the Park Host as a Parks and Recreation board member.

Gary Johnson informed the Board of Commissioners about an unsanctioned meeting the pro-water residents of Denmark Township held on January 14, 2015. It is Gary's understanding that a petition will be started and will need 65 people to voluntarily participate in the 2015 Water Project. Based on the information Gary received, the 2013 Water Project would be abandoned.

Beth Asperger thought the GIS program would be beneficial to Tuscola County but did not want to see the fees associated with using GIS to take revenue from other departments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Cindy McKinney-Volz  
Chief Deputy Clerk