

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
February 12, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015 to order at 7:34 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: District 3 - Christine Trisch

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee, Beth Asperger, Gary Johnson, Vicky Sherry, Pam Shook, Walt Schlichtling, John Axe, Meredith Shanle, Steve Erickson

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
15-M-016

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
15-M-017

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the January 29, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period -* Pam Shook informed the Board that last week she turned in \$656.00 in usage fees from Vanderbilt Park and another \$246.00 to turn in today. She also provided the land survey of Vanderbilt Park.

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*  
15-M-018

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 2/9/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that Liberty National Insurance Company representatives be authorized to work with the Human Resources Coordinator and the Court Administrator to schedule meetings with employees to explain available benefit programs for purchase by employees and establish payroll deductions and other documents/procedures necessary to implement said programs.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/9/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that SCMCCI restore the office space rent payment made to the county to \$50,000 so this amount is received by the end of 2015. As an alternative, the county would accept restoration to \$35,000 paid by the end of 2015 and \$50,000 paid by the end of 2016. Tuscola County has been a good partner temporarily reducing the rent payment to \$20,000. This is a fair and reasonable request for SCMCCI to fulfill their contractual agreement. Therefore, if office space rent is not restored to the contractual \$50,000 by one of these methods, with a decision by the end of February, then the Controller/Administrator be directed to pursue requests for proposals from other entities to conduct building code inspections in Tuscola County.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/9/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that Rodney Wilson be promoted to Maintenance Leader effective February 16, 2015 at the Step 1 rate of \$14.87 per hour.

### New Business

- GIS Potential Agreements and Resolutions - Eean Lee provided an overview of the pricing of the GIS program. Matter to be placed on the next Board agenda.

-Economic Development Corporation Appointments - Steve Erickson provided a background of each individual that is seeking an appointment to the EDC Board.

15-M-019

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Terry Stark (Operations Manager of Baker College) be appointed to the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors to fill the remaining term of Karen Easterling who resigned from the Board. Motion Carried.

15-M-020

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen that Joel Sweet, Area Plan Supervisor of Century Link, be appointed to the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. This will be a 2-year term which will expire on January 1, 2017. Motion Carried.

-Steve Erickson provided an update of many positive things happening for Tuscola County. A large grant for manufacturing company has been awarded. There is a new manufacturer moving in from a neighboring county. Human Hoist looking to purchase a building in Mayville.

-The EDC Board members are attending many local meetings to inform the public about the EDC millage proposal. Additional letters to the editor have been sent.

-Last Sunday DFA took its first milk and have hired 26 employees to date.

-Appointment to Solid Waste Committee -

15-M-021

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen that Gene Suppi be appointed to the Tuscola County Solid Waste Planning Committee to replace Craig Kirkpatrick who was temporarily serving until a permanent person to fill the vacancy was determined. Also, the County Clerk is to notify Mr. Suppi of his appointment. Motion Carried.

-Concur with Appointment of Attorney/Magistrate -

15-M-022

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that per the February 6, 2015 letter of request from the Court Administrator that the Board concur with the Deputy Court Administrator also being appointed as an Attorney/Magistrate with the understanding this additional job responsibility is assigned without an increase in pay or budgetary change. Said change to be effective immediately. Motion Carried.

-Resolution Honoring Donna Fraczek's Years of Service -  
15-M-023

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that a resolution be adopted and presented to Donna Fraczek expressing appreciation for her many years of service to Tuscola County. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions – Commissioner Bardwell received a letter regarding the MSP lease which expires on August 1, 2015. Mike Miller will help coordinate with our State contact. Details for establishing the new contract are being worked on.

## **COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health - Dr. Horsch provided information regarding upcoming proposals at the Board of Health meeting.

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 - Meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Oil/Shale Work Group

Cass River Greenways Pathway

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync

NACo- Energy, Environment & Land Use - Conference is coming up.

### BARDWELL

NACo

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA - Meeting was February 11<sup>th</sup>. Discussed TIFA resolution.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation - Meeting in March.

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC – Past President

TRIAD

Human Services Collaborative Council

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - Meets tomorrow. Will be discussing Region 6.

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee - At last meeting, the future of recycling was discussed what their needs are.

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

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

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

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission

Board of Public Works - Bob Mantey was appointed as the Chairman of the BPW with Don Duggar's resignation.

Senior Services Advisory Council

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee - Meeting in March

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Meeting upcoming.

Parks & Recreation - Meeting February 18<sup>th</sup>. The second public hearing will be on February 26<sup>th</sup> for the master plan.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Akron Township Board has purchased a building to use as the Township Hall. It was a former restaurant on Coal Mine Corners.

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary -

- Mike Hoagland is closely watching the State Budget.
- Region 6 has received the planning grant again.
- Mike Hoagland to contact Ken Dunton to help determine where the survey lines are for Vanderbilt Park.

Meeting recessed at 8:47 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:02 a.m.

-Potential Bonding Pension Liability & New Hire Defined Contribution Plan –

The Board is researching if the County should move forward and transition from a Defined Benefit Plan to a Defined Contribution Plan for new hire employees. Attorney John Axe attended the meeting to provide an overview of how the transition would work and answer any questions that the Board had.

- The Board must publish a notice in the newspaper.
- There must be a comprehensive financial plan put in place to explain how the Plan will be implemented.
- There is a 45-day referendum period.
- The Plan must be approved through a borrowing resolution and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury.
- The Bonds would be sold through a competitive market.
- The Notice of Intent Resolution will be presented at the next BOC meeting Mr. Axe will send a draft resolution for review.
- The County is not obligated until the bonds are actually sold.

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk