

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 26, 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 26th day of February, 2015 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen(via conference call; excused from 9:05 a.m. to 9:37 a.m.), 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, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Glen Roth, Keith Baur, Steve Erickson, Bill Bushau, Christine Young, Vicky Sherry, Rose Putnam, Joe Greene, Gary Johnson, Beth Asperger, Sandy Nielsen, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, John Tilt, Curtis Stowe, Ken Dunton, Jim Matson, Steve Anderson, Lana Martell

Adoption of Agenda -
15-M-024

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
15-M-025

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the February 26, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None.

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business -

-Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Funding Request - Steve Erickson read a statement on behalf of the EDC Board as the millage proposal failed. The EDC Board is concerned how to proceed with funding the EDC and what services to continue to offer. The EDC is requesting \$40,000 for the 2015 year and a commitment of \$90,000 in future years by Tuscola County. An additional request was to be able to move their office space into a county building for a cost savings. They would also be looking at turning various financial responsibilities over to the County Controller. Matter discussed further by the Board of Commissioners. The Financial Committee will look at options and place on the next Board agenda.

-Animal Control Update - Jim Matson provided an overview of the 2014 Statistics for the Animal Control Center. The use of technology has improved the opportunity of placement of animals. Mr. Matson would like to continue to update the Board on a bi-annual basis.

-Building Codes Update/SCMCCI Rent - Curtis Stowe provided an overview of the permits issued over the last 5 years for Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing and Soil Erosion. The SCMCCI Board voted to increase the rent payment to \$25,000 then to \$30,000. The SCMCCI Board would like to continue working with the Board of Commissioners to put in place a plan for future increases in the rent payment. The Board of Commissioners will watch for this plan to be fulfilled and are looking forward to working together to implement the future plan.

-Vanderbilt Park Survey Review - Ken Dunton provided a copy of the Vanderbilt Park Survey that was prepared in April of 1991. Beach Road access was discussed at length. Discussion will continue after the Public Hearing for Parks and Recreation.

Recessed at 8:35 a.m. for the Public Hearing for the County Parks & Recreation Plan. (See Separate Minutes)
Reconvened at 8:38 a.m.

- County Parks & Recreation Plan

15-M-026

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that per the recommendation of the County Parks and Recreation Commission that the 2015-2019 Updated County Parks and Recreation be adopted and forwarded to all appropriate state entities. Roll Call Vote: Allen - yes, Bardwell - yes, Trisch - yes, Kirkpatrick - yes, Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

-Vanderbilt Park discussion continued-

One option for the County is to try to obtain ownership rights of the disputed property between Gilmore and Beach Roads. The owner of that property is concerned about the liability. Ken stated that the Road Commission has turned it over to their attorney. County has egress from Gilmore Road. Beach Road access has been used by the public since approximately 1942. The Building and Grounds committee to review this issue with the Road Commission. Matter will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

Recessed at 9:05 a.m. - Commissioner Allen excused from meeting.

Reconvened at 9:22 a.m.

-Notice of Intent to Issue Pension Obligation Bonds -

Mike Hoagland met with the Court Administrator and two of the Judges regarding the proposed change. The meeting went well with a few questions that Mike will get clarification on. The Board would like to proceed with the notice and public notice.

15-M-027

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the resolution authorizing the insertion of the notice of intent to issue pension obligation bonds be approved. Roll Call Vote; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Allen - not present. Motion Carried.

-Tuscola County Health Department Proposed Retirement System Changes -

The Health Department would like to have their new employees be uniform with the County employees.

15-M-028

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that per the recommendation of the Board of Health and to achieve uniformity with other county employees the Municipal Employees Retirement System benefits for Tuscola County Health Department employees hired after December 31, 2014 be as follows: B-2 multiplier, 55/25, 10-year vesting, FAC-5 and employee contribution rate of 6.7% and authorize the Health Officer to sign. (Employer contribution rate for employees hired after December 31, 2014 is 4.7%). Motion Carried.

-Health Department Fee Schedule Change

15-M-029

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the Board of Health the health department fee schedule be revised (Section 4 – Miscellaneous Fees) to add Varnish Screening Exam and Varnish Application effective March 1, 2015. Motion Carried.

-County Parks and Recreation Commission Vacancy -
Nick Buggia resigned from the Committee due to new employment.

15-M-030

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the County Clerk advertise to fill a vacancy on the County Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion Carried.

-Park Host Agreement -

15-M-031

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that per the recommendation of the County Parks and Recreation Commission that the Park Host Agreement be amended so the Park Host is paid a per diem and mileage for attending Parks and Recreation Commission meetings to provide updates regarding Vanderbilt Park activities and issues.

Commissioner Allen rejoined the meeting at 9:37 a.m. to discuss matter.
Motion Carried.

15-M-032

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein to rescind Motion 15-M-031 regarding the Park Host per diem for further clarification. Motion Carried.

15-M-033

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that per the recommendation of the County Parks and Recreation Commission that the Park Host Agreement be amended so that only one of the Park Hosts are paid a per diem and mileage for attending Parks and Recreation Commission meetings to provide updates regarding Vanderbilt Park activities and issues. Motion Carried.

-Warrant Deed to Akron/Fairgrove Sewage Disposal System - Resolution approved by the Board of Commissioners on September 16, 2010. This document was located by Caryl Langmaid in the County Clerk's office. The Drain Commissioner's office and the County Controller's office have been provided a copy.

-Dispatch Maintenance Agreement

15-M-034

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that all appropriate signatures are authorized to renew the maintenance agreement with Schneider Electric for the Uninterruptible Power Supply Unit at Dispatch. Motion Carried.

-Dispatch Hiring Request

15-M-035

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that per the recommendation of the Dispatch Director that Karen Fraim be hired as a Dispatcher to fill a vacancy effective March 7, 2015 at the step 1 rate of pay of \$14.95 per hour. Motion Carried.

-Request to Use Courthouse Lawn

15-M-036

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that per the February 19, 2015 letter of request that authorization is given to use the courthouse lawn on Thursday, May 7, 2015 for the National Day of Prayer. Motion Carried.

-Approval of Various Policies Regarding GIS -

15-M-037

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that the following documents be adopted and maintained as Tuscola County policies regarding the County Geographic Information System (GIS). Specific documents include:

- Resolution specifying uses of GIS revenue
- Pricing guide
- Data policy
- Conflict resolution agreement
- School districts agreement
- No resale agreement
- Web map, portal username and password agreement
- Map disclaimer

Motion Carried.

-Community Corrections Funding Issue - Commissioner Kirkpatrick believes this has been resolved. He will update the Board if any new issues arise.

-Court Part-time Temporary Position -

15-M-038

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that per the request of the Court Administrator that a temporary part-time person be authorized to be hired for the court while a current employee is on medical leave. This change is approved with the understanding that an increase in the court budget is not required. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

- No update with the Road Commission yet.
- Election Day Turnout was very low and that seems the general public was not aware that there was an election. The County's role was discussed in the administration of the Veteran's millage that was passed. The County will oversee the special fund and will work closely with the Veteran's Administration Director for proper handling.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

- Caro Community Hospital offered a 33% discount for any prisoner's that need services while incarcerated in the Tuscola County Jail. The Board of Commissioners is very appreciative of Caro Community Hospital's effort to work with the County.
- Sanilac Board of Commissioners have rescheduled a meeting to discuss Compressed Natural Gas and its potential effects on Sanilac County and the Thumb Area on March 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sanilac Transportation
- Tuscola County Farm Bureau is hosting a meet & greet on February 27, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. at the MSU Bean and Beet Research Farm.
- There will be a public hearing on March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Watertown Township Hall regarding the establishment of an Industrial Development District in Watertown Township.
- The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department is looking at housing out of county inmates. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTSALLEN

- Dispatch Authority Board
- County Road Commission
- Board of Public Works
- Senior Services Advisory Council
- Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
- Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Meeting last Thursday. There is money for a collaborative weed control area possibly. Looks like Vanderbilt Park will qualify. Commissioner Allen will continue to research.
- Parks & Recreation
- Local Unit of Government Activity Report

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 - Attended the NACo conference, with great presentations.

BARDWELL - No updates

NACo

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 7th District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRIAD

Human Services Collaborative Council

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 - Attended Donna Fraczek's retirement and there was a great turnout. She was appreciative of the resolution presented to her.

Tuscola In-Sync

MAC Board of Directors - Meeting in March

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

TRISCH

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Indianfields Township brought to her attention the responsibility of providing a flag holder for Veteran's grave when requested by the family.

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Animal Control

Solid Waste Management - Project nearing completion.

Thumb Works

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk