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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 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 12th day of March, 2015 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick (via Google Hangouts), District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 3 - Christine Trisch

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Gary Johnson, Beth Asperger, Scott Asperger, Sandy Nielsen, Register John Bishop, Kim Green, Chuck Heinlein, Joe Gerulis, Ruth Gerulis

Adoption of Agenda - Followed as presented.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes - No action taken.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Joe and Ruth Gerulis - Presented to the Board regarding standing water along East Northgrove Road in Fremont Township. Mr. Gerulis presented his concern to the Board and asked for help in resolving. Mr. Gerulis to provide copies of pictures regarding his concern to allow Commissioners Trisch, Allen and Kirkpatrick to view them.

-Eean Lee - Informed the Board that the GIS program is up and running. There is a free-trial period currently being offered.

-Eean Lee - Stated the In-Sync Committee has met and is working on the Assessment of the Connective Community Plan to be able to move forward to offer bandwidth and infrastructure within the County.

Consent Agenda Resolution - No action taken.

New Business -

-Mosquito Abatement Annual Report - Kim Green presented the 2014 Annual Report to the Board.

- P2 Recycling Grant Application - Mike Miller and Vicky Sherry have completed the grant application and will be sending in upon receiving reference letters to include.
- Request to Use Courthouse Lawn - Caro Chamber of Commerce is requesting use of the courthouse lawn on June 5th and 6th in conjunction with the Cars & Crafts weekend. They are requesting to place a bounce house on the lawn. The Board would like to clarify they have liability insurance in place to cover that.
- Next Steps County Financial Planning - Mike Hoagland is working on the 5-year financial plan to be able to prepare for the future. He would like to work with all of Department Heads.
- Veteran Director Hiring Process - Looking at transitioning from the current Director to the new Director and how to make this as smooth as possible.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

- Road Commission minutes from February 12, 2015.
- Antrim County resolution regarding wind energy developments.
- Letter from Connections Human Services regarding Guardian and Conservator Services. Mike Hoagland to see if the Director could attend an upcoming meeting.
- Jail Contract has been reviewed by the County attorney and is acceptable as presented.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 - absent
Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
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

BARDWELL

NACo
NACo Rural Action Caucus
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - www.humanhoist.com
Caro DDA/TIFA - Getting ready for flowers in downtown Caro.
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
MAC 7th District - Monday in Port Huron.
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
TRIAD
Human Services Collaborative Council - Council will be looking at a possibility of a millage with no specifics at this time.

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 - has shared the legal opinion regarding meeting electronically in meetings.
Human Services Collaborative Council
Region VI Economic Development Planning
MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

-John Bishop recognized the Mosquito Abatement and Recycling Program and the success of those programs. It was discussed how to better inform the residents of Tuscola County of available programs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk