

*Draft*  
TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
August 13, 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 13th day of August, 2015 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Allen

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

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

Commissioner Absent: District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Sandy Nielsen, Register John Bishop, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Sandy Erskine, Jeff Phillips, Robert McKay, Pam Shook, John Axe

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
15-M-128

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
15-M-129

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 30, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period - None*

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*  
15-M-130

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/10/15

**Description of Matter:** Move that the County Dashboard as reviewed at the August 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting be placed on the county web page and forwarded to the state for compliance with state revenue sharing reporting requirements.

**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/10/15

**Description of Matter:** Move that county health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield be renewed for the September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016 period. This action includes approval of Schedules A and B, the exhibit to the stop loss insurance policy, and the administrative services contract. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** C

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/10/15

**Description of Matter:** Move that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and concur with the hiring of Pablo Lopez III as a dispatcher effective August 29, 2015 (satisfactory physical and background check have been completed).

**Agenda Reference:** D

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/10/15

**Description of Matter:** Move that the following actions be taken related to Vanderbilt Park:

- Direct the county attorney to develop a parking ordinance for enforcement of parking provisions and this ordinance be completed before the next year's ice fishing season.
- Direct the Parks and Recreation Commission and EDC to assist in preparing a grant application from the Natural Resources Trust Fund before the April 1, 2016 application deadline to make important improvements to the park.
- Direct the county attorney to seek out the heirs of the Vanderbilt family to assert the reversion of the park property under the 1938 agreement.
- Ask the park attendant to develop a system to determine where campers are from.

*New Business -*

-BSA Final Software Payment -

Eean Lee explained what the BSA software is used for in the county and requested the final payment amount be added to his budget.

15-M-131

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that per the recommendation of the Information Technology Director that the final payment of the BSA software purchase be authorized in the amount of \$24,512. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Court Line Item Transfer Request -

District Court needs to purchase a new fax machine.

15-M-132

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to transfer \$1,395.00 from Jury Fees (101-130-807-000) to Supplies/Printing/Postage (101-130-728-000) in the Unified Court Budget for the purchase of a fax machine unit for District Court. Motion Carried.

-BPW Vacancy -

Louis Smallwood and Robert McKay applied for the vacancy on the Board of Public Works.

15-M-133

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Robert McKay be appointed to the Board of Public Works for a partial term ending December 31, 2017. Motion Carried.

-Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Vacancy - Matter tabled as the vacancy posting is still open until August 27, 2015.

*Old Business -*

-Assistant Prosecutor hiring for the HDC Stop Grant Violence Against Women Grant -

15-M-134

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein to concur with the hiring of Amy Yaeger effective August 3, 2015 to the HDC Stop Grant Violence Against Women position of Special Prosecutor (contingent upon satisfactory physical).  
Motion Carried.

## Correspondence/Resolutions

-Clayette Zechmeister is assisting the IRS in examining the previous Bond Issue.

-Mike Hoagland responded to the letter from Lela Higgins regarding the 4-H program.

-Mike Hoagland and Joe Bixler are currently reviewing the proposal language for MSU-e.

**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 - No new updates

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

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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 - Continues to do great improvements for our County.  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Tuscola In Sync  
NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use  
All Hazards Committee - First Responders did a great job responding to the tornado that hit Arbela Township.

BARDWELL - absent

NACo  
NACo Rural Action Caucus  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
Caro DDA/TIFA  
MAC Economic Development/Taxation  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
TRIAD  
Human Services Collaborative Council

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - The new name is Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works.  
Human Development Commission (HDC)  
Tuscola 2020  
Recycling Advisory Committee - Meeting has been rescheduled to October 2015.  
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

*Closed Session - None*

*Other Business as Necessary - None*

*Extended Public Comment -*

-Pam Shook addressed the Board regarding Vanderbilt Park and the possibility of the Board Closing the Park. She believes some of the outside lighting could be placed in non-service to help in the cost savings measure.

Meeting Recessed at 8:10 a.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:31 a.m.

-Resolutions for Bonding Pension Liabilities -

Attorney John Axe presented to the Board the resolutions for the Pension Obligation Bonds.

15-M-135

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the resolution authorizing the County of Tuscola to issue pension obligation bond series 2015 be approved and appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote - Allen - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Absent - Bardwell, Trisch. Motion carried.

15-M-136

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the resolution approving the undertaking to provide continuing disclosure by the County of Tuscola related to the 2015 County of Tuscola Pension Bonds be approved and appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote - Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Allen - yes. Absent - Bardwell, Trisch. Motion carried.

Public Comment -

Commissioner Allen revisited the Vanderbilt Park issue. Mike Miller will contact DTE to have them assess a cost savings plan if possible. Mike Hoagland will check on the liability if the lighting were to be decreased. Mike Hoagland will also contact the attorney regarding finding the heirs to the Park. Eean Lee and Clerk Fetting will work together to determine if any records can be obtained locally or through internet searches.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk