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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 27, 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 27th day of August, 2015 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bierlein

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Allen

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, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Mike Miller, Register John Bishop, Charles Kurtansky, Lorraine Kurtansky, Beth Asperger, Clayette Zechmeister, Erica Dibble, Mark Putnam, Curtis Stowe, Jim Matson, Kim Green, Steve Anderson, Undersheriff Glen Skrent, Walt Schlichting, Attorney John Axe, Meredith Shanle, Eean Lee

Adoption of Agenda -
15-M-137

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
15-M-138

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the August 13, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Clerk Jodi Fetting informed the Board that she was sworn in as the Michigan Association of County Clerk's 2nd Vice President for the 2016 year.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
15-M-139

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted with the removal of Agenda Reference A. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/24/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the August 20, 2015 letter from the Veterans Affairs Director that the general fund appropriation to the soldiers and sailors relief fund be increased by \$7,000 with appropriate budget amendments authorized. Also, the general fund be reimbursed for this \$7,000 increased expense when Veterans millage funds become available in 2016.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/24/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Chief Judge and Department of Health and Human Services Director, the 2015/2016 Child Care Fund budget as presented at the August 24, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved for submittal to the state and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/24/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Register of Deeds that the contract with Simplifile, to provide the ability for certain electronic transactions between the Register's office and other entities, be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/24/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Register of Deeds that a general fund budget amendment of \$1,320 be authorized to purchase book binders.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/24/15

- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as presented by the county auditors be received and placed on file and forwarded to all appropriate parties as the official statement of the year end 2014 county financial position.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/24/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Board of Health and Health Officer that the Michigan Thumb Public Health Alliance Memorandum of Understanding be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/24/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Board of Health and Health Officer that the agreement for the Tuscola County Health Department staff to train Sanilac County Health Department staff to conduct food inspections be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/24/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Recycling Coordinator that temporary part-time staff be authorized to be hired per the terms of the P2 grant agreement which paid for an additional recycling trailer for county use.
- Agenda Reference:** J
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
- Description of Matter:** Move that in order to comply with Department of Corrections (DOC) jail requirements the moratorium on capital improvement projects be lifted and the Skylight replacement at the jail is authorized so the county is able to comply with DOC requirements.

Consent Agenda Reference A Discussion:

Agenda Reference: A (Matter Removed from Consent Agenda)

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/24/15

Description of Matter: Move that the following language be approved for the March 2016 ballot proposal regarding funding MSU-e (Language has been reviewed and approved by corporate council and MSU-e):

Tuscola County
Michigan State University Extension
Millage Proposal

For the purpose of sustaining 4-H youth development, agriculture and agribusiness, health and nutrition and other community education programs through Michigan State University Extension services within Tuscola County, shall the County increase the limitation in the total amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes upon real and personal property in the County, as provided in the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended, which would result in a new levy of 0.1 mills (\$0.10 per \$1,000) of taxable valuation, for a period of six (6) years, in the years 2016 to 2021, both inclusive? This levy is estimated to raise \$173,094 in the first year.

Clerk Fetting informed the Board that she was just made aware by the Bureau of Elections that the County is not able to place a local proposal on the March Presidential Primary Election due to the recent changes in law. More information is to be provided by the Bureau of Elections and she will pass that on when it is received. It was discussed the next elections dates would be in May on a special election or in August on the Primary election.

New Business

-Building Codes Update, Curtis Stowe - An update was provided regarding the number of Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing and Soil Erosion permits issued from 2013, 2014 and to date in 2015.

-Animal Control Update, Jim Matson - A grant was received for a large animal trap and also for Danielle to attend training regarding animal cruelty investigation. Jim asked if there was assistance available to help write grants for the program. Mike will give the contact information for Vicky Sherry to Jim to see if she can provide assistance. Jim also provided an update on the Tuscola County Animal Control Center.

-Region VII AAA Advisory Council Vacancy

15-M-140

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that Barbara Dawson be appointed to the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. (This is a partial term expiring December 2016.) Motion Carried.

-Sheriff Dept. Request to Fill Vacancy - A Correction's Officer has taken employment somewhere else causing a vacancy in the Corrections Department.

15-M-141

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of the Sheriff that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and authorization is provided to refill a vacant corrections officer position so the county can maintain required staffing levels as required by the Michigan Department of Corrections for the 14 bed jail expansion. Motion Carried.

-Opening Airboat Bids - Steve Anderson received one bid from Midwest Rescue Airboats. Bid was opened and the bid amount is for \$140,907.69.

15-M-142

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the contract for the Airboat to serve Tuscola and Huron Counties (Homeland Security Grant) be awarded to Midwest Rescue Airboats who was the only bidder for an amount of \$140,907.69. Also, authorize the Board Chair to sign the contract with Midwest Rescue Airboats to proceed with the purchase. Motion Carried.

15-M-143

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick to authorize the purchase of accessory equipment for the Airboat up to the remaining amount of the grant and local matching funds of \$13,092.31. Motion Carried.

-Pension Bonds Update, Attorney John Axe - The 8% calculation that was used is no longer viable per MERS. The process will start over with a new calculation to assist in not having a shortfall in the end.

15-M-144

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that the resolution authorizing the insertion of Notice of Intent of the County of Tuscola to Issue Pension Bonds Series 2015 (General Obligation Limited Tax – amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 for 20 years) be approved. Roll Call Vote - Allen - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - absent; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

15-M-145

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that the resolution authorizing the County of Tuscola to Issue Pension Obligation Bonds, Series 2015 (General Obligation Limited Tax – amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 for 20 years) be approved. Roll Call Vote - Bardwell - yes; Trisch - absent; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Allen - yes. Motion Carried.

-Court Vacancies - There are three positions currently vacant within the Courts and a fourth one to become vacant by the end of the year. The Board discussed at length the vacancies in reference to the current budget. The need versus the emergency was discussed in refilling the positions. The discussion progressed into providing Security at the courthouse. It was discussed if there is a need, if it could be privatized and if they have arrested anyone at the courthouse. The Board would like Commissioner Bardwell and Commissioner Allen to meet with Judge Glaspie to discuss increasing fees, the 2016 Budget and staffing issues.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions - None

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

Human Development Commission (HDC) - A Go-Fund me account has been set up for the women's shelter.

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 - There have been current staffing changes. The new staff will need to be educated on the MAC policy and procedures.

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 - Commissioner Allen has received complaints regarding corn being planted too close to the road causing vision problems at intersections.

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council - Shared recent newsletter from meeting. The annual dinner/dance will be on September 24, 2015 with dinner at 5:00 p.m. at the Polish American Club.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Akron Township held their first meeting in their new hall.

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - MCF is still interested in the county owned land for future development. The open house for the new Small Houses is planned for September 24, 2015.

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 - No longer serving on NACo and can be removed from committee reports.

NACo Rural Action Caucus - No longer serving on NACo and can be removed from committee reports.

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

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - Mike Hoagland will contact Joe Bixler regarding the change in the March election. MSU-e also has the annual dinner coming up.

Extended Public Comment -

Register Bishop commented on the cost difference to fund MSU-e longer or hold a special election.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk