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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 17, 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 17th day of September, 2015 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Trisch

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell (excused at 10:20 a.m.), District 3 - Christine Trisch (excused at 9:40 a.m.), District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Sandy Nielsen, Brian Neuville, Judge Nancy L. Thane, Sheila Long, Jim McLoskey, Steve Anderson, Attorney Laura Brown, Sheriff Lee Teschendorf, Erica Dibble

Adoption of Agenda -
15-M-146

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
15-M-147

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the August 27, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Jim McLoskey attended the Board meeting on behalf of Senator Mike Green. Jim updated the Board regarding the funding cuts that the Michigan Economic Development Commission will be experiencing. There will be restructuring within the Commission to help offset the cuts. It is hoped the local programs will not be affected. Jim also extended an invitation to the Exchange Club Trail Walk on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
15-M-148

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/14/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of county bond council that the Board of Public Works Chairperson be authorized to sign to rescind the original water project agreement between the Bloomfield Reese Water Authority, the Township of Denmark, the Township of Gilford and the Tuscola County Board of Public Works.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/14/15
- Description of Matter:** Move to concur with the County Medical Examiner request to increase the number of part-time Medical Examiner Investigators (MEI) so enough are available to meet needs especially with the limited availability of MEI at certain times of the year. (Other than the purchase of a two iPads, this change does not increase costs because MEI are paid \$150 per case).
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/14/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that the form used to certify the County-Wide Cost Allocation Plan for Indirect Costs be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/14/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that the amount of general fund monies escrowed for the NextEra wind turbine appeal be increased from \$70,000 to \$237,000 for 2015.

- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/14/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that the amount of budgeted general fund property tax revenue be increased for 2015 from \$5,639,000 to \$5,724,000 per updated projection from the Equalization Department.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/14/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Website Development and Maintenance Agreement between Tuscola County Information System Department and Tuscola Township be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/14/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Mosquito Abatement Director, that authorization is given to purchase a truck mounted sprayer from Adapco for an amount of \$6,499.00.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/14/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the September 14, 2015 letter of request from the Mosquito Abatement Director that approval to change the Biologist position from part-time to full-time and continue as an hourly employee is granted and all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Said change to be effective September 26, 2015 (Background check and physical were previously conducted).
- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/14/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the September 14, 2015 letter of request from the Mosquito Abatement Director that approval to change the temporary part-time office position to permanent part-time General Office Clerk effective September 26, 2015 is granted and all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. (Background check and physical were previously conducted).

Agenda Reference: J

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/14/15

Description of Matter: Move that per the August 31, 2015 correspondence from Dave Kolacz requesting use of the Courthouse Lawn on October 10, 2015 for Lady of Fatima National Rosary Day be granted and the Building and Grounds Director notify the requesting party that the request was granted.

Agenda Reference: K

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/14/15

Description of Matter: Move that the new MSU-Extension request and Recycling millage renewal be put on the August Primary ballot of 2016 and the Primary Roads and Bridge millage renewals be put on the November 2016 general election ballot.

New Business

-Child Care Fund Request, Sheila Long (matter added) - Sheila Long updated the Board regarding the change within the budget. The change was a decrease within the wages and benefits due to an employee being off from work.

15-M-149

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to accept the State of Michigan Child Care Fund Budget as presented and amended for Fiscal Year 2016. Motion Carried,

-Request for Funding from Senior Millage, Brian Neuville - Brian Neuville updated the Board regarding the projected summary of Tuscola County Senior Services provided during October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015. Brian is requesting a fund balance transfer of millage funds to offset the shortfall. Brian is also requesting funds to allow for the relocation of the Adult Day Care Center in Caro and some upgrades that will be necessary.

15-M-150

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of the Human Development Commission to amend the 2015 Senior Millage Fund Budget in the amount of \$14,744 to fund the client contribution shortfall for clients receiving services in Tuscola County. Also, per the request of the Human Development Commission the 2015 Senior Millage Fund Budget be amended in the amount of \$7,538 (October through December 2015 - ¼ of \$30,150.00) as a permanent increase to the base funding for senior services based upon increased cost to provide services. Motion Carried.

15-M-151

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of the Human Development Commission to incorporate in the 2016 Senior Millage Fund Budget the amount of \$10,000 to fund the upgrades/relocation of the Adult Day Care Center in Caro. Also, per the request of the Human Development Commission the 2016 Senior Millage Fund Budget incorporate the amount of \$22,612.50 (January through December 2016 $\frac{3}{4}$ of \$30,150.00) as a permanent increase to the base funding for senior services based upon increased cost to provide services. Motion Carried.

Brian also informed the Board that the THAW program will not be available to assist clients this year. There will still be other programs available through the Human Development Commission.

-Policy Regarding Electronic Sale of County Assets - Mike Hoagland updated the Board on the progress made in establishing a policy.

15-M-152

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Electronic Sale of County Assets Policy be adopted and forwarded to County officials and explained that this is the method that will be used for electronic sale of county assets. Motion Carried.

-Smart 911 Agreement - Sandy Nielsen requested approval to proceed with the Smart 911 Agreement.

15-M-153

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the Dispatch Director the Smart 911 Agreement be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized (legal review and approval has been obtained). Motion Carried.

-Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board Service Agreement - Mike Hoagland explained the Agreement to the Board.

15-M-154

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to approve the 2015/2016 service agreement between the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board and Tuscola County and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 8:21 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:34 a.m.

-CLOSED SESSION – Pending Litigation scheduled at 8:30 a.m. - Commissioner Bardwell announced the Board will be going into Closed Session and notified the audience that Sheriff Teschendorf and Erica Dibble will be requested to attend the closed session. There was no opposition to that request.

15-M-155

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Board meet in closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss pending litigation with Attorney Laura Brown at 8:35 a.m. Sheriff Lee Teschendorf and Erica Dibble are authorized to attend the closed session. Roll Call Vote - Allen - yes; Bardwell - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Trisch - absent. Motion Carried.

Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:40 a.m.

Recessed at 9:40 a.m.

Commissioner Trisch excused at 9:40 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:43 a.m.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions - None

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - EDC will be paying off their current lease and have relocated their office.

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 - New staff is in place and the transition is going well.

Human Development Commission (HDC) - Working to provide current services with a smaller budget.

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 - Matt has announced that he is seeking the 2nd Vice President on the MAC Board of Directors.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

TRISCH - excused at 9:40 a.m.

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 - Smart911 Agreement presented today.

County Road Commission

Board of Public Works - Quarterly meeting will be scheduled.

Senior Services Advisory Council

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee - Working on Fall spraying.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Looking at Vanderbilt Park and Oakhurst Park although Thomas Marine area and Bay Park has had previous success.

Parks & Recreation - Commissioner Allen would like to improve opportunities for communication and ways to improve the park.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Currently, the jail is at capacity.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - The land that the Medical Care Facility is interested in has interest from other county programs also.

Land Acquisition - Commissioner Kirkpatrick is still interested in acquiring the state land offered by Senator Green. Matter was discussed at length regarding the possibility of Tuscola County acquiring the property.

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

Other Business as Necessary -

- There will be a grant presentation on Monday at 9:00 a.m.
- Mike Hoagland has become involved in the MMR Building inspections.
- Laura Ogar has sent communication regarding phragmites.
- Bay County Resolution was received and Mike Hoagland will include in a future packet.
- Karen Southgate has expressed concern regarding the county issued contracts regarding foster care services.

Commissioner Bardwell excused at 10:20 a.m.

Extended Public Comment -

-Eean Lee recently attended an IT conference which was very beneficial and informational to him. Leaving the conference he has set priorities to accomplish: Cyber security; Top quality staff; Increasing the ability of our website to be accessed by mobile devices. Tuscola County's website structure was planned out well and we are ahead of the curve. Eean would like to add a "How Do I" section to the website. He is going to review our licenses to verify we are in compliance. Another area he would like to improve is the system used to store videos from body cameras. He is also working on the future advancement of the GIS system.

-Mike Miller explained the need for storage space now and in the future. Mike Miller has worked with Clerk Fetting to be able to build more shelving in the current storage space the Clerk uses. That space was used by Building and Grounds to store items to be sold. Matter discussed.

-Steve Anderson updated the Board on the progress of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. There have been two public hearings held which allowed for comments. The plan is on the website under the top news. Matter discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk