

*Draft*  
TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
October 29, 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 29th day of October, 2015 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Trisch

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

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

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Register John Bishop, Erica Dibble, Tom Young, Sandy Nielsen, Steve Anderson, Walt Schlichting

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
15-M-173

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
15-M-174

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 15, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period - None*

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*  
15-M-175

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/26/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that the changes to the draft 2016 county budget as presented by the Controller-Administrator at the October 26, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting be implemented and forwarded to departments for review. Also, notification of a 2016 budget public hearing be placed in the newspaper explaining that the hearing will be conducted November 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/26/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the October 13, 2015 memorandum from the Chief Judge to concur with the reclassification of the Court Administrator position to District Court Administrator effective January 1, 2016. This reclassification will reduce salary from \$66,353.87 to \$63,883.76. Also, the draft 2016 budget be adjusted to reflect the cost reduction.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/26/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the October 13, 2015 memorandum from the Chief Judge to concur with the reclassification of the Deputy Court Administrator to Circuit Court Administrator/Staff Attorney effective January 1, 2016. This reclassification will increase the salary for the combined positions by \$7,500 from \$58,819.53 to \$66,319.53 for the new added responsibilities. Also, the draft 2016 budget be adjusted to reflect the cost increase. If in the future this arrangement changes back to two separate positions then the compensation will be reduced by \$7,500.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/26/15

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the IT Director that the 2016 Computer Operating and Road Patrol budgets annual contractual assistance (Zimco) amounts be reduced from \$139,500 to \$5,000 and two hourly county computer technicians be budgeted for an amount of \$104,292 to produce a net savings of approximately \$32,405. Also, the 2015 budget be amended and the 2016 draft budget be adjusted to reflect this change.

**Agenda Reference:** E

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/26/15

**Description of Matter:** Move that the Weigh Master contract with the Road Commission be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** F

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/26/15

**Description of Matter:** Move that the Sheriff Police Services contract with Vassar Township be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** G

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/26/15

**Description of Matter:** Move that the Sheriff Police Services contract with Arbela Township be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** H

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/26/15

**Description of Matter:** Move that the Sheriff Police Services contract with Millington Township be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

*New Business -*

-Economic Development Corporation Update - Matter tabled and to be brought before the Board at a future meeting.

-Multi-Year Financial Plan Update - Mike Hoagland reviewed the financial adjustments that have been made to the 2016 Budget. Also, reviewed were projected revenues, projected expenditures and future recommendations. Matter discussed by the Board.

-Farmland Lease Bids - Mike Miller opened and read the one bid received from Schriber Farms, LLC for the farmland to be leased.

15-M-176

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick to accept the bid from Schriber Farms, LLC for the 61 acres to be leased at \$156.00 per acre for a 3-year lease. Motion Carried.

-Snowplowing Bids - Matter Added

Mike Miller opened and read the two bids received from Esch Landscaping, LLC and Thumb Lawn and Snow. This is a snow removal contract for the MSP Building.

15-M-177

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to award the snowplowing bid for the MSP Building to Thumb Lawn and Snow per the terms on the proposed bid. Motion Carried.

-2015 Tuscola County Apportionment Report - Matter Added

Walt Schlichting presented the 2015 Tuscola County Apportionment Report.

15-M-178

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to approve the 2015 Tuscola County Apportionment Report as presented by the Equalization Department. Motion Carried.

-Dog License Policy - Matter Added

Commissioner Bierlein would like to review the policy regarding issuing of licenses to dogs under the age of one. Owners are required to license their dog at 4 months of age and the license is based on male, female, or spay/neutered. Veterinarians do not recommend spaying or neutering before the dog turns one year old. Commissioner Bierlein would like to review the policy to determine licensing a dog under 1-year old and if the fee for that needs to be adjusted.

*Old Business - None*

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-October 8th Road Commission minutes presented to the Board.

-October 26th COW Minutes presented to the Board.

-Mike Hoagland reviewed current articles in the Wednesday, October 28th edition of the Tuscola County Advertiser.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**TRISCH

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 - Waiting for the 45-day period to elapse to submit to the Townships for review.

Thumb Works

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board - November meeting has been rescheduled to December 1st.

County Road Commission

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council - The Millington meal site did not have any attendees and the site was closed. A new site will be opened in Deckerville to take its place.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Commissioner Allen has received a concern regarding the mud in the road from the sugar beet trucks.

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Margot Roedel is interested in expanding the services the Facility offers. She is interested in acquiring only a portion of land.

Land Acquisition - Commissioner Kirkpatrick recently attended a Parks & Recreation meeting which Senator Green spoke in reference to the acquisition of the land.

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 - No Updates

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  
Human Development Commission (HDC) - The grant presentation ceremony went well and was well received.  
Tuscola 2020  
Recycling Advisory Committee  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - There are upcoming trainings that are available. Commissioner Bierlein is interested in attending the Public Officer Information training to learn the best practices in releasing information to the public in an emergency situation.  
Great Start Collaborative Council  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Tuscola In-Sync  
MAC Board of Directors - MAC is closely watching the Road Funding bill.  
Commissioner Bierlein attended the MAC Judiciary Committee meeting and the meeting was very informative regarding crime rates within Michigan.  
Human Services Collaborative Council  
Region VI Economic Development Planning  
MAC-Economic Development & Taxation - The issue of dark stores is still a top priority.

*Closed Session* - None

*Other Business as Necessary* -

-Eean Lee, IT Director, has interviewed and made candidate selections for the two positions - Thomas Krieger and Timothy Green.

15-M-179

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that Thomas Krieger and Timothy Green be approved for employment in the IT Department upon satisfactorily completing the physical and backgrounds checks with the effective start date of Monday November 2, 2015. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Trisch excused at 9:20 a.m.

-Commissioner Bardwell is questioning how best to analyze the benefit that would be realized if fees were increased.

-Commissioner Bardwell reviewed the schedule for November and December for any possible changes. No changes in dates to be made at this time. Commissioner Kirkpatrick would like to hold the Organizational meeting on December 28th if possible.

*Extended Public Comment -*

-Register Bishop informed the Board there is a proposed bill to increase the filing fees in the Register of Deeds office. He will keep the Board informed of any progress.

-Sandy Nielsen would like to move forward with the emergency notification system she has proposed.

15-M-180

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to approve and sign the contract with Rave Mobility for \$6000.00 per year with a \$2500.00 set up fee to enable the emergency notification system as an extension of the smart911 system. Motion Carried.

-Register Bishop asked Matt to recommend that MAC does not support the proposed bill limiting the amount that can be rolled over from the automation fund year to year.

-Eean Lee thanked the Board for a good first year as a county employee. He is excited for the upcoming year and the goals he would like to accomplish.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk