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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 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 November, 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 3 - Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick (via Google Hangouts), District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee, Register John Bishop, Tom Young, Ken Dunton, Michael Yates, Nancy Barrios, Dave Barrios

Adoption of Agenda -
15-M-181

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
15-M-182

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 29, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Ken Dunton introduced Michael Yates who will be appointed as the Tuscola County Representative to the County Surveyor's Office.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
15-M-183

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/9/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Johnson Controls be approved for signature. The MOU will allow Johnson Controls to conduct a walk-through of county buildings to develop a generalized assessment of energy savings potential (no county cost). This generalized preliminary assessment will help county officials decide if there is merit to submit a Request for Proposal for professional assistance to coordinate implementation of energy reduction measures.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/9/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that authorization be given to hire Farmers National (Brian Wilson) and authorize the signing of an engagement letter to conduct an appraisal of about 20 acres of county-owned land near the Medical Care Facility and County Health Department for an amount of \$1,200 with said appraisal to be completed by December 15, 2015. Costs are to be paid from the special programs account.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/9/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that the November 1, 2015 letter of retirement from Kenneth Dunton as the Representative to the County Surveyor Office be received and placed on file with said retirement to be effective December 31, 2015.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/9/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that Michael Yates be appointed as the Representative to the County Surveyor Office effective January 1, 2016 to replace Kenneth Dunton who retired.

- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/9/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the November 6, 2015 letter from the Dispatch Director that authorization be given to refill a vacancy created by the resignation of Nichole Kelly.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/9/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the November 2, 2015 letter of request from Tuscola County Right to Life that authorization is given to use the Courthouse Lawn on January 17, 2016.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/9/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the November 5, 2015 letter of request from the Caro Women's Interfaith Committee for Christmas that authorization is given to use the Courthouse Lawn from November 28, 2015 to January 9, 2016.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/9/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) resolution establishing uniform transfer provisions be approved giving the individual choice to either be placed in the open plan or the closed division if it is the same plan type (in the division from which the employee is transferred from) provided there are active employees remaining in the closed plan type. All necessary signatures are authorized.

New Business -

- Region VII Area Agency on Aging Appointment - Ken Hess has resigned from his position on the Board creating a vacancy. Position will need to be advertised and filled.

- Primary Road Millage Transfer Request - Mike Hoagland explained request received.

15-M-184

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen to approve the Primary Road Millage transfer request of \$599,128.48 as identified by Voucher #03-15 dated November 3, 2015 for transfer from the Primary Road Millage to the Road Commission General Fund. Motion Carried.

-Caro Dam Grant Support Resolution -

15-M-185

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to approve the resolution to submit a grant application to the Michigan Dam Management division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Caro Dam-Caro Lake Project to restore the dam and vital environmental assets of the Cass River Greenway. Roll Call Vote - Allen - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

-Assessment of Wind Revenue Decline -

Mike Hoagland reviewed the impact of wind revenue on Tuscola County. The positive impact adding additional wind farms in Tuscola County was discussed.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Mike Hoagland has the detailed application for the Phragmites Grant.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**BIERLEIN**

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - Meets tomorrow although Commissioner Bierlein will be in Lansing with MAC.

Human Development Commission (HDC) - Meets next week.

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

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

TRISCH - no updates

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 - Road Commission is working on a project to replace the Bridge east of Unionville on Bay City Forestville Road in the next couple of years.

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Grant application has been submitted.

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board - The State is concerned with the number of prisoners from Tuscola County that are sent/enrolled in Corrective Programs. Mike Hoagland to follow-up on.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Commissioner Kirkpatrick watching the potential sale of the land closely.

Land Acquisition

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MEMS All Hazards

MAC-Environment Energy Land Use

Oil/Shale Work Group

Cass River Greenways Pathway

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NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Economic Development/Taxation - Last meeting was about dark stores.

MAC 7th District - No update.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRIAD

Human Services Collaborative Council

Recessed at 8:22 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:35 a.m.

-Public Hearing 2016 County Budget called to order at 8:35 a.m.

15-M-186 (See Public Hearing Minutes)

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to approve the 2015 General Appropriations Act adopting the 2016 County All Funds Budget of \$58,470,024. Roll Call Vote - Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Allen - yes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary -

-Commissioner Allen announced he will be resigning as a County Commissioner.

Extended Public Comment -

-Clerk Fetting updated the Board that HB4904 will be voted on today by the Senate and should then be forwarded to the Governor for signature.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk