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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
November 23, 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 23rd day of November, 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, District 3 - Christine Trisch (excused at 9:25 a.m.), 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, Judge Nancy L. Thane, Nancy Barrios, Register John Bishop, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Sharon Darbee, Brandon Darbee

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
15-M-187

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
15-M-188

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the November 12, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period -*

-Nancy Barrios introduced herself and expressed her interested in serving as a Tuscola County Commissioner.

*Consent Agenda Resolution - None*

*New Business -*

-MSU-e/4-H Programs Involving Juveniles, Judge Thane -

-There are 19 youth participating in the MSUe program established by the Commissioners by increasing the hours of the MSUe employee. The Juvenile Probation Officers have found the program to be beneficial and appreciate the positive influence Heather Middleton has had on the youth. Currently, Judge Thane has 110 open juvenile cases and 69 juveniles on probation.

-FOC Budget Amendment 2016 - Mike Hoagland explained Sandy Erskine's request for the Budget Amendment.

15-M-189

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen to table the FOC Budget Amendment Request to the next Board Meeting to allow Judge Amy Grace Gierhart to attend and provide explanation. Motion Carried.

-Medical Care Facility Budget Amendment 2016 - Mike Hoagland explained the request received from the Medical Care Facility.

15-M-190

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen that per the November 19, 2015 communication from the Medical Care Facility that the 2016 Medical Care Facility Budget be amended per the updated information provided in the November 23, 2015 Board of Commissioners correspondence. Motion Carried.

-State Revenue Sharing Compliance - Mike Hoagland reviewed compliance required and the need for the dashboard to be kept up to date.

-Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative - Mike Hoagland provided an update from the meeting. There has not been an exact date set for our case to be heard at the tax tribunal but looks like it may be scheduled for Spring 2016.

-Vacancies on Various Boards and Commissions -

Region VII Area Agency on Aging - Currently, looking for applicants but have not had interest yet.

Tuscola County Senior Citizens Advisory Council -

15-M-191

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the letter of resignation from Margaret Wenta from the Tuscola County Senior Citizens Advisory Council be received and placed on file. Also, the County Clerk be requested to use all available methods to seek applicants to fill said vacancy. Motion Carried.

Tuscola County Behavioral Health Systems -

15-M-192

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that Thomas Bardwell be appointed to fill the Commissioner position on the Tuscola County Behavioral Health Systems Board. Motion Carried.

Construction Code Board of Appeals -

15-M-193

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that Keith Kosik be reappointed to the Tuscola County Construction Code Board of Appeals. Motion Carried.

-Veteran's Affairs Vehicle Purchase (Matter Added) - Mike Hoagland explained need for the purchase of a vehicle.

15-M-194

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that per the November 19, 2015 correspondence from the County Veteran's Affairs Director that the county front the balance of \$9,348.09 needed to purchase a vehicle to transport veterans and reimbursement to the county be made when the new Veteran's millage funds become available in 2016. Motion Carried.

-Vanderbilt Park (Matter Added) - Commissioner Allen attended a recent Road Commission Meeting where the uncertified road within Vanderbilt Park was discussed. The Board discussed whose responsibility it is to pay the Road Commission to maintain the uncertified road. The Road Commission is to be contacting Wisner Township to try to work this issue out.

*Old Business -*

-MSU-e/4-H Millage Language

15-M-195

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that the following language for a millage request to fund MSU-e/4-H as reviewed and approved by corporate council and MSU-e officials be approved. This language is to be placed on the March 8, 2016 ballot contingent upon state legislative approval to allow a county election to be held on this date.

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.

Motion Carried.

-Update on Retirement System Changes & Pension Bonds - Plan has been placed on [www.tuscolacounty.org](http://www.tuscolacounty.org) and has been presented to the Treasury for approval.

-Johnson Controls Performance Contracting - Mike Miller is working on project.

-Community Corrections Meeting Update - Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the meeting. The appropriate departments are continuing to meet to work through eligibility of inmates.

-County Property Appraisal Update - Mike Hoagland provided an update.

#### *Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-Bay County Resolutions reviewed.

-Undersheriff Skrent is applying for a grant to aid in education, communication and enforcement of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act.

-Thumb Regional Sobriety Court Stakeholders Meeting - December 4, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

-Tuscola County Road Commission Meeting Schedule provided.

-Legislation discussed regarding handling of a 17-year-old as a juvenile or as an adult.

-MI County Cares Dental Program letter received by Commissioner Bardwell.

### **COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA - Meeting postponed.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District - No update on meeting scheduled.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRIAD - Meeting in December

Human Services Collaborative Council

#### BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - Meeting location being moved to Lapeer County Health Department.

Human Development Commission (HDC) - HDC has provided monetary assistance to Thumbody which reimbursement has not been received. This could cause services to stop.

Tuscola 2020 - Meeting in January.

Recycling Advisory Committee - Meeting in December.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Meeting in December.

Great Start Collaborative Council

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In-Sync

MAC Board of Directors - Road Bill was discussed at last meeting. Judiciary Committee meeting today.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation - Dark Stores are being discussed.

### TRISCH

Board of Health - Veterans Affair purchase of vehicle was discussed.

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Met last week.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Animal Control

Solid Waste Management

Thumb Works

### ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Waiting on grant.

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Concerned resident regarding the noise from the milk plant. Steve Erickson stated there is a plan in place to help alleviate the issue. Nancy Barrios stated that there has not been anyone in attendance at recent Village Council meetings and she is aware that the plant is working on solutions.

Commissioner Trisch excused at 9:25 a.m.

### KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Medical Care Facility is waiting for appraisal to be completed.

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 - Looking at waters of the U.S.

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary -

-Commissioner Bardwell questioned how the appointment process will be handled due to Commissioner Allen's resignation.

Extended Public Comment -

-Nancy Barrios asked if there has been any further information regarding the State of Michigan property and grants that possibly could be available. Commissioner Kirkpatrick responded that this issue is still being discussed with Senator Green.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk