

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 11, 2016 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 11th day of February 2016, to order at 8:05 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Trisch

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Andrew Dietderich, Sandy Nielsen, Steve Anderson, Sheriff Lee Teschendorf

Adoption of Agenda -

16-M-023

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

16-M-024

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the January 28, 2016 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Eean Lee, IT Director, is looking at providing an additional service to a local internet service provider. He will continue to update the Board as information becomes available.

Consent Agenda Resolution -

16-M-025

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the following Consent Agenda Resolution with Item C removed be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/8/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 26, 2016 correspondence from the County Veterans Director, that a letter be authorized to be sent to the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency accepting grant funds of up to \$2,500 (no match requirement) to support technology upgrades/investments for the county Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/8/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the agreement between Tuscola County and Indianfields Township be approved for the County Information System Department to provide maintenance for the township website and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/8/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that staff be authorized to discuss potential legislative changes to enable the ability to maintain the joint Tuscola County and Huron County Equalization Director which has produced significant savings for both counties.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/8/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the County Parks and Recreation Plan adopted on February 26, 2015 (Board Motion 15-M-026) be withdrawn because a new plan will be submitted with certain revisions for compliance procedures required by the state.

- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/8/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the February 2, 2016 letter of request from the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center and Tuscola County Victim Services use of the Courthouse Lawn the week of April 10 -16, 2016 to raise community awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault is authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/8/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the February 2, 2016 letter of request from Friends of Extension and 4-H that use of the Courthouse Lawn on February 29, 2016 and March 1 - 2, 2016 for rallies is authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/8/16
- Description of Matter:** Move to support the Huron County resolution to require state lawmakers and top officials from exempting themselves from Freedom of Information Act requirements and instead to make themselves subject to the same state laws for which all other public entities are required to comply.
- Item Removed from the Consent Agenda with no further action to be taken:
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/8/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the topic of combining the County Clerk/Register of Deeds elected positions not be put on the February 11, 2016 Full Board Agenda.

New Business -

-Discussion of Potential Full Board Meetings to 4:00 P.M.

*Commissioner Trisch has received input that Tuscola County residents would like the opportunity to attend a late afternoon meeting.

*Commissioner Kirkpatrick suggested streaming the meeting via www.tuscolacounty.org.

*Eean Lee to research the possibility of streaming and how other counties handle this service.

*The potential of streaming the meetings to be placed on the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

16-M-026

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that the first full board meeting for the month of March and April be moved to 3:00 p.m. as a trial basis to see if attendance increases. Motion Carried.

-Byrne Justice Assistance Grant - Mike Hoagland explained the request.

16-M-027

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that per the request of Lieutenant Doug Rogers, that the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant for the Thumb Narcotics Unit and sub-agreement with Lapeer County be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Secretary II Position Vacancy Prosecutor - Commissioner Trisch had to reschedule the meeting with the Prosecutor due to the weather. A new meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday afternoon. Matter tabled until next Committee of the Whole meeting.

-Authorization to Write Community Foundation Grant to Obtain NARCAN Rescue Kits - Mike Hoagland explained request. Commissioner Trisch explained the need for the rescue kit.

16-M-028

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of the Emergency Services Director, that authorization is provided to pursue a Community Foundation grant application for a NARCAN rescue kit (NARCAN is used to reverse the effects of an Opioid – Heroin drug overdose). Motion Carried.

-Bay County Resolution Regarding Judgeships - Commissioner Bierlein explained the Resolution and his request to support the resolution. Judge Gierhart explained how the State Court Administrative Office determines the number of Judges per jurisdiction and there needs to be a separate legislative bill for each increase or decrease in the number of Judges per jurisdiction.

16-M-029

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to support the Bay County resolution in opposition to SB 321 which would require a continuation of three Circuit Court Judgeships in Bay County which is counter to the State Court Administrators Office which recommended elimination of one of these judgeships when a vacancy occurs. Motion Carried.

-County Clerk Approval of Candidate to fill Court Clerk II position (matter added) - Position was approved to be filled at the January 14, 2016 Board meeting. Clerk Fetting has selected Stacey Wilcox to fill the vacant position.

16-M-030

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the County Clerk to concur with the hiring of Stacey Wilcox to the position of Court Clerk II effective February 29, 2016 at the beginning step of pay for this position. (Contingent upon satisfactory physical and background check). Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions - Mike Hoagland included in the agenda packet.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Meets tomorrow.

Human Development Commission (HDC) - Meets next week.

Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee - Special meeting scheduled for March 10th.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Meets next Monday.

Great Start Collaborative Council

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In-Sync

MAC Board of Directors - Meeting on February 29, 2016 with conference following.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

TRISCH

Board of Health - Meets next week.

Planning Commission - Two new members attended their first meeting last week.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Animal Control

Solid Waste Management - Plan is out to local municipalities.

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health - Proud of our Health Department for recognizing the Zika virus before it was discussed in the media.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Our Medical Care

Facility does an excellent job at staying ahead of the curve.

Land Acquisition

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MEMS All Hazards - Has asked Mike Hoagland as the Public Information Officer for Tuscola County to take specific training regarding this topic.

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 - Participates via conference call to stay involved. There is an upcoming conference in Wyoming on May 25-27, 2016. Board discussed if Commissioner Kirkpatrick should attend and what an estimated cost incurred would be. Commissioner Bardwell would like Commissioner Bierlein to suggest to MAC that if the MAC Board member could not attend the NACo conference that is paid by MAC to allow a different representative from that county attend instead.

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee - Will be meeting with Kim Green regarding the upcoming season.
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Parks & Recreation
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Commissioner Young would like to have Steve Erickson provide regular reports to the Board possibly monthly.
Caro DDA/TIFA - Update provided.
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
MAC 7th District
Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Ellington Township meeting was cancelled due to weather.
TRIAD - Update provided.
Human Services Collaborative Council
Behavioral Health Systems Board

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

-Sheriff Teschendorf invited the Board to an Identity Theft seminar on August 10, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk