

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 24, 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 24th day of March 2016, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bierlein

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Trisch

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick (via Google Hangouts excused at approximately 11:15 a.m.), District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee, Andrew Dietderich, George Pattullo, Betty Pattullo, Mike Pattullo, Carmell Pattullo, Vicky Sherry, Register John Bishop, Norm Stevens, Jim Tussey, Marty Geyer, Sandy Nielsen, Gary Anderson, Gretchen Tenbusch, Denny Anderson, Norm Daniels, Jim Matson, Russell Speirs, Heather Thomas

Adoption of Agenda -

16-M-041

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

16-M-042

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 10, 2016 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution -

16-M-043

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the March 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/7/16
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve a 12-month extension of the Material Recovery Facility agreement with the City of Caro and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/7/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the March 4, 2016 request from the Mosquito Abatement Director that the 2016 Mosquito Abatement budget be amended by \$185,334.53 through the use of fund balance to make the final payment on the Mechanic/Storage Garage which was supposed to occur in 2015 but will not occur until 2016.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/7/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2015 Drain Commissioner Annual Report be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/7/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the March 7, 2016 letter from the Drain Commissioner that the Revolving Drain Fund be increased from \$410,000 to \$510,000 to meet the increasing cash flow start-up costs of drainage projects. (The Revolving Drain Fund is repaid after funds from assessments and other sources are received to pay for the drainage project).
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/7/16
- Description of Matter:** Move to concur with the hiring of Tyler Kuhl to the position of Dispatcher effective March 26, 2016 contingent upon satisfactory physical and background check.

- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/7/16
- Description of Matter:** Move to concur with the hiring of Amy Garza to the position of Dispatcher effective March 12, 2016 contingent upon satisfactory physical and background check.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/7/16
- Description of Matter:** Move to concur with the hiring of Lynn Nigl as an irregular part-time Dispatcher effective March 12, 2016 at step 7 of the pay grade. (This employee was at the step 7 pay grade when she retired from Dispatch).
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/7/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the February 11, 2016 letter of request from the Future Youth Involvement to use the Courthouse Lawn to place a sign to raise awareness of their cause from April 16, 2016 to April 23, 2016.

New Business -

-Wind Energy Update - Mike Pattullo provided an update to the Board regarding the meetings that have occurred in Ellington Township regarding the Wind Farm Project. He informed the Board that Elmwood Township has entered a 1-year moratorium on a wind farm project in that Township. Mike reviewed the various distance and decibels requirements that is causing concern for Ellington Township residents.

Recessed at 8:30 a.m. for the Parks and Recreation Public Hearing
Reconvened at 8:36 a.m.

-Parks and Recreation Master Plan -
16-M-044
Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the Vanderbilt Park Capital Improvement Plan be approved. Motion Carried.

16-M-045
Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Resolution of Authorization for the 2016 Michigan DNR Passport Grant application be approved and authorized for submission. Motion Carried.

16-M-046

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that per the recommendation of the County Parks and Recreation Commission that the 2017 – 2021 Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Master Plan be adopted by resolution. Roll Call Vote - Young - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

-Wind Energy Update Continued - Mike Pattullo continued his presentation of the Wind Energy Update. Denny Anderson provided information regarding his findings on decibels. Norm Stevens provided a handout on additional sound pressure limits for wind energy. Jim Tussey updated the Board regarding Almer Township. Gilford Township project was discussed. In summary, the group of concerned citizens are not necessarily against windmills they are concerned with the Township Ordinance. They are concerned with the health and welfare of the Township residents and the loss of use of a homeowner's property. Norm Stevens addressed the Board with his concerns. Commissioner Bierlein asked Gretchen Tenbusch to forward the documentation from the presenter she had speak regarding the health and welfare of wind turbines to residents. The report was prepared from self-reported surveys. The Board would like to consider resolution wording asking the Township Boards to re-consider their ordinance based on the information presented by the concerned citizens. Register Bishop suggested to the group of concerned citizens to go to Townships that do not have an ordinance in place to educate them. He also stated as a current member of the Tuscola Township Planning Commission, at times local government does not appreciate the County government interfering at the local level.

Recessed at 10:35 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

-Animal Control Update - Jim Matson, Animal Control Director, reviewed the 2015 Animal Control Statistics.

-Health Department Audit Presentation (Item was to be on agenda and was missed) - Heather Thomas from Gardner, Provenzano, Thomas & Luplow PC presented to the Board the favorable audit for the Tuscola County Health Department.

16-M-047

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to receive and place on file the Tuscola County Health Department audit for the year 2015. Motion Carried.

-Dispatch Paging Contract with American Messaging - Sandy Nielsen explained the contract to the Board

16-M-048

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that per the request of the Dispatch Director that the Dispatch Paging contract with American Messaging be renewed for a two year period and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Dispatch Out-of-State Travel Request -

16-M-049

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that per the March 22, 2016 letter of request from the Dispatch Director that she be authorized for out-of-state travel to attend the National Association of Communication Officers National Conference from August 14, 2016 through August 17, 2016. (Costs will be 100% reimbursed by the Michigan Chapter of APCO). Motion Carried.

-Hanover Insurance Company - Release, Satisfaction & Non-Disclosure Agreement - Mike Hoagland explained the matter to the Board.

16-M-050

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to approve the Release, Satisfaction and Non-Disclosure Agreement with Hanover Insurance Company (Zimco's insurance carrier) regarding the displacement of county data and all appropriate county officials are authorized to sign the Agreement. Motion Carried.

-Wind Turbine Information Packet Approval - Mike Hoagland reviewed the draft Information Packet. Commissioner Trisch would like to review in greater detail prior to publishing on the website. Matter Tabled.

-IRS Mileage Rate Change - Mike Hoagland explained the reason for the change.

16-M-051

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Young that per Internal Revenue Service guidelines the county mileage reimbursement rate be decreased from the current \$.575 per mile to \$.540 per mile effective March 25, 2016. Motion Carried.

-Update Regarding Air Advantage - Mike Hoagland reviewed the response from Scott Zimmer regarding the recent news releases regarding Air Advantage. Mike Hoagland has prepared a draft letter to send to our Senators and Representative.

16-M-052

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that because Air Advantage (a major internet service provider for Tuscola County and the Thumb) has allegedly defaulted on \$13.9 million in loans with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development that notification be sent to U.S. and State Senators and State Representative explaining that disruption of service from this situation would be a potential catastrophe. Also, notification to include explanation that intervention must occur to prevent this situation which could detrimentally impact 911 emergency services, hospitals, schools, libraries, businesses, and private residents. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Resolution Regarding Wind Energy (matter added) - Commissioners discussed the possibility of drafting a resolution on behalf of the Board. Commissioners would like Mike Hoagland to prepare a draft resolution for review at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Bond Process for the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan is almost completed.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS - Updated reports will be provided at the next Board meeting due to time constraints.

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

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

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Parks & Recreation
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
MAC Economic Development & Taxation Committee

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
MAC 7th District
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
TRIAD
Human Services Collaborative Council
Behavioral Health Systems Board

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Human Development Commission (HDC)
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

Board of Health
Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Animal Control
Solid Waste Management

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

TUSCOLA COUNTY
Parks and Recreation
Master Plan Public Hearing
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Commissioner Thomas Bardwell called the public hearing for the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Master Plan held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 24th day of March, 2016 to order at 8:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

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Vicky Sherry presented to the Board regarding the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Master Plan would be for the time period of 2017 to 2021. The Master Plan has been available for review at the Tuscola County Controller's Office, the Tuscola Economic and Development Corporation's Office and the Tuscola County website www.tuscolacounty.org.

Public Comment:

-Gary Anderson would like the Parks and Recreation Committee to work toward and establish a 10-mile Rail Trail from the Caro area to the Colling area. He believes that the land can be acquired as it is owned by the State. He has discussed this with the Parks and Recreation Committee. Gary would like this turned into a Rail Trail Project to help promote Tuscola County. He feels it would be a great benefit to the community.

Public Hearing adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk