

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 14, 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 14th day of April 2016, to order at 3:00 o'clock p.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

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, Andrew Dietderich, Steve Erickson, Vicky Sherry, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Bobbi Mozden, Mike Pattulo, Carmell Pattulo, Betty Pattulo, George Pattulo, Russ Spiers, George Mika, Sharon Mika, Norm Stevens, Wayne Koper, Register John Bishop, Jim Mewhiney, Joyce Mewhiney, John Sauber, Randi Spiers, Dan Grimshaw, Sharon Beals, Nancy Barrios

Adoption of Agenda -

16-M-053

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

16-M-054

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 24, 2016 meeting as corrected. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

- Wayne Koper is concerned with road frontage on Graf Road between Gilford Road and Deckerville Road as it is crumbling causing a driving hazard.
- Mike Pattulo provided an update regarding the status of Almer Township Board not implementing the moratorium on use permits for wind turbines.

- Norm Stevens stated the Almer Township Board said there were too many people in attendance to the Township meetings putting pressure on the Board.
- Bobbi Mozden expressed concern regarding wind turbines. She also expressed concern of the Almer Township Board's comments over the number of residents that attended the Township Meeting and the dissatisfaction of the Board with the amount of participation.
- Randi Spiers expressed concerns with the Almer Township Board not enacting the moratorium.
- George Pattulo expressed concern that the Township Boards felt the need to move forward quickly rather than looking at the ordinance further. He expressed his concern to not encroach on neighbor's property.
- Bobbi Mozden expressed she is not anti-wind she would just like the wind program to be fair to all township residents.
- Wayne Koper expressed concern on government receiving revenue from a wind farm program and the influence the wind farm company could have if creating more revenue than the tax payers.
- Mike Pattulo questioned what a millage would be versus the amount of money received from wind farm revenue.

*Consent Agenda Resolution -
16-M-055*

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the March 21, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/21/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the county attorney be authorized to send the revised CGI Communication contract for the Community Video Program to determine if CGI Communication will accept the revisions.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/21/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that authorization is given to establish appropriate accounting and budgeting for funds distributed to the county under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act as explained in the March 15, 2016 memorandum from the Undersheriff. The state has approved uses of these funds as follows:

- o John Deere gator and trailer
- o Bar code scanner for records to log evidence for the Sheriff's Office
- o Evidence cabinets for the Sheriff's office
- o Training seminar hosted by the Sheriff's Office for all law enforcement agencies in the county dealing with Medical Marijuana and reimbursement for wages
- o Evidence bags and tape for local law enforcement agencies

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/21/16

Description of Matter: Move that the following recycling millage renewal language be approved for a vote at August 2016 primary election:

Tuscola County Recycling Renewal Proposal

For a period of eight (8) years, from 2017 and continuing through 2024, inclusive, shall the expiring previously voted increase in the taxable property rate limitation of Tuscola County be renewed at the rate of .15 mills (\$.15 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) to provide funds for recycling within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage raises an estimated \$262,000 in the first calendar year after its approval. All revenue will be disbursed to Tuscola County and shall be exclusively used for recycling activities within Tuscola County.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/21/16

Description of Matter: Move that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and concur with the hiring of Gary Miller to the budgeted position of temporary part-time Maintenance II position effective May 2, 2016.

16-M-056

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the April 11, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted.
Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the resolution regarding wind turbine development financial impacts in Tuscola County is approved and authorized for signature. Also, the resolution be forwarded to local officials in the County along with Senator Green and Representative Canfield and placed on the county web site for informational purposes.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the March 25, 2016 communication from Tim McClorey with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority that renewal of various county property, liability and other insurances for the 2016/2017 year be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2015 Mosquito Abatement Annual Report be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that a loan be provided to MSU-e in the amount of \$120,651.50 to fund the operation for the March 9, 2016 to December 31, 2016 period. Said loan to be repaid to the county from the approved 0.1 mill beginning in 2017. Payment shall be made in six equal annual installments of \$20,651.50. Also, the loan may be repaid in a shorter time period if this is financially possible.

- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the April 5, 2016 letter of request from the Mosquito Abatement Director that promotion of the part-time Office Clerk (Lisa Ozbat) to full-time be approved effective immediately. This change is authorized with the understanding that it is budget neutral with cost increases to be off-set by cost reductions in part-time seasonal and other line items as necessary. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the proposal from the Tuscola BAR Association to pay the cost of materials and provide volunteer assistance to repair the stain glass window (individual to do the work is experienced in stain glass window repair) be approved and appreciation be extended to the local BAR Association for assistance for the repair of this historical stain glass window.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Sheriff, that the proposal to change cellular telephone carriers be approved and the Sheriff be authorized to enter into a new cellular telephone contract with AT&T.

New Business -

-Court Request for Contract with MGT Financial Services and Corresponding Budget Amendment - Judge Gierhart explained request to hire the Consultant from MGT Financial Services to administer the Child Care Fund.

16-M-057

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that per the April 12, 2016 memorandum of request from the Chief Judge that authorization is provided for the court to enter into a contract for \$8,000 with MGT of America to provide orderly Child Care financial services while the administrator normally responsible is on leave. Also, requested transfers within the current unified court budget are

authorized. Chairman is authorized to sign appropriate paperwork. Motion Carried.

-Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Update - Currently, the EDC is assisting with 8 grant writing projects. The EDC is close to having a year-round Farmer's Market established in Tuscola County. There are various Municipal Projects underway. Vicky has assisted in completing various Park Plans and there are also many Master Plans underway.

-Behavioral Health Systems Audit - Sharon Beals, Director - Sharon provided an overview of the audit. Sharon also discussed the changes with the Section 298 program. She is working with Steve Anderson for grant funding for substance abuse kits.

16-M-058

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the Behavioral Health Systems Audit be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

-Resolution Regarding Wind Energy Development - Mike Hoagland explained Resolution discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 11, 2016.

16-M-059

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the resolution regarding Wind Turbine Development in Tuscola County be approved and forwarded to state officials, cities, villages and townships in the county and be placed on the county web site. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

-Road Commission Requested Millage Renewal Languages for August 2016 Primary Vote - Mike Hoagland called Mike Tuckey to discuss the Millage Language. Mike Hoagland explained to the Board.

16-M-060

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that the following Primary Road/Street Improvement millage renewal language be approved for a vote at the August 2016 Primary Election:

**PRIMARY ROAD/STREET IMPROVEMENT
(Renewal)**

For a period of eight (8) years, from 2016 and continuing through 2023, inclusive, shall the previously voted increase in the taxable property rate limitation of Tuscola County be renewed at the rate of .9657 mills (\$.9657 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) to provide funds for primary county roads and streets within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise in the first year an estimated \$1,674,000. All revenue shall be disbursed only to the Tuscola County Road Commission, villages and cities, and be used exclusively for the construction, repair and maintenance of primary county roads and major streets within Tuscola County.

Roll Call Vote: Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Young - yes.
Motion Carried.

16-M-061

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the following Bridge/Street Improvement millage renewal language be approved for a vote at the August 2016 Primary Election:

**BRIDGE/STREET IMPROVEMENT
(Renewal)**

For a period of eight (8) years, from 2016 and continuing through 2023, inclusive, shall the previously voted increase in the taxable property rate limitation of Tuscola County be renewed at the rate of .4807 mills (\$.4807 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) to provide funds for local bridges, roads, and streets within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise in the first year an estimated \$833,300. All revenue shall be disbursed only to the Tuscola County Road Commission, villages and cities, and be used exclusively for improvement to local bridges, roads and streets within Tuscola County.

Roll Call Vote: Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-MAC 7th District Meeting - Meeting is being hosted by Sanilac County on April 25, 2016. Tuscola County will host at a future time. The Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for April 25, 2016 will be cancelled. Clerk Fetting will prepare the posting.

Old Business -

-Commissioner Bardwell wanted an update regarding CGI Communication contract for Community Video Program. The contract was approved today in the Consent Agenda.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Mike Hoagland would like the Board to begin thinking about Labor Negotiations.
-Jail Planning Committee - Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the goals of the Committee.
-Mike Hoagland and Register Bishop are watching SB599.
-ME Program - Mike Hoagland is working with Dr. Busch in streamlining the program with hopes of staying cost neutral.
-Equalization Director - Timeline discussed as to having a new Director hired and in place.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTSTRISCH

Board of Health - Meets tomorrow.

Planning Commission - Meeting was recently held with no update.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Update provided earlier in the Board Meeting.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Animal Control

Solid Waste Management

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health - Will follow up with Dr. Busch regarding the ME program.

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Update provided.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Land Acquisition

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MEMS All Hazards - Update Provided.

MAC-Environment Energy Land Use

Oil/Shale Work Group

Cass River Greenways Pathway

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Has received concerns regarding the Tuscola County Road Commission from his local units.

Tuscola In Sync

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use - Update provided.

Jail Planning Commission - Would like to support select members to receive training in moving forward with this project.

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board - Update Provided.

County Road Commission - Tuscola County has more bridges and tubes than any other county in the State of Michigan.

Board of Public Works - Update Provided.

Senior Services Advisory Council - Update Provided.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Update Provided.

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Economic Development & Taxation Committee - Update Provided.

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA - The Board had to disband the summer music at Atwood Park as there is no longer a person to organize. Please forward any names of people interested that may be interested to Mike Bauerschmidt at Galaxy Office Supply.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation - Commissioner Young provided update.

MAC 7th District - Sanilac County hosting next meeting.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRIAD - Update Provided.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Update provided during meeting.

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - No meeting this month.

Human Development Commission (HDC) - Meets next week.

Tuscola 2020 - Tuscola Stars breakfast will be on Thursday, April 21st at 7:30 a.m. There will be 22 more quilts placed on the Thumb Quilt Trail this summer.

Recycling Advisory Committee - Met last week.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council - Meets next week.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In-Sync

MAC Board of Directors - Provided update on MAC position for SB599.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC - Judiciary Committee - Update Provided.

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary -

-Saturday, May 14th 10:00 a.m. moving auction sale at the Kern property.

Extended Public Comment -

-Nancy Barrios questioned if there was a legal opinion regarding holding Village office and County Commissioner office. Commissioner Young stated Tuscola County corporate counsel, Braun Kendrick, has rendered an opinion reflecting the advisement that it is proper.

-Mike Pattulo thanked the Board for preparing and approving the wind energy resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk