

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 28, 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 28th day of April 2016, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Young

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch (excused at 11:09 a.m.), District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Sandy Nielsen, Margot Roedel, Maggie Root, Nancy Barrios, Kim Vaughan, Register John Bishop, Walt Schlichting, Angie Daniels

Adoption of Agenda -

16-M-062

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

16-M-063

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the April 14, 2016 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business -

-Update Regarding Potential Purchase of County Land by Medical Care Facility - Margot Roedel explained the desire to expand the Medical Care Facility and the need to acquire the land that is adjacent to the Facility. She would like to transition the Facility to a person centered care facility. Board discussed the steps that would need to be followed if the acquisition happened. Commissioner Bardwell wanted to verify the land can be sold without putting it out to bid. Mike Hoagland will contact the County Attorney to verify the procedure that should be followed.

-National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Conference - Mike Hoagland explained the details that will be discussed at the Conference. NIC is offering to pay for the Undersheriff, Jail Administrator, a Commissioner and the Controller to attend the conference. Mike Hoagland is gathering further information to be presented at the next meeting. Board discussed if other employees should attend the conference in addition to the four employees paid for such as Mike Miller. Matter tabled until next Board meeting.

-Architectural Assistance to Develop Specifications for Jail Water/Plumbing Needs - Matter discussed by the Board. Nancy Barrios suggested preparing a needs assessment prior to attending the NIC Conference.

16-M-064

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the Building and Grounds Director be authorized to obtain professional assistance from Landmark Architects to develop specifications to replace the current plumbing/water system in the Jail which is over 50 years old and has had to be repaired many times at increasing costs. (Estimated Architectural costs are 5% of project costs). Motion Carried.

-Final Approval of Agreement with CGI Communications - Mike Hoagland provided an update of the contract that was revised by the County Attorney.

16-M-065

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the Community Video Program Agreement between CGI Communications and Tuscola County be approved and the Controller/Administrator be authorized to sign said agreement to begin implementation of the video program. Also, the CGI sponsorship letter is authorized to be placed on Board of Commissioner Letterhead and to be sent to businesses to notify them of potential program sponsorship. Motion Carried.

-2016 Budgeted Telephone System - Eean Lee presented to the Board the option of installing a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system in order to realize a cost savings. The current VoIP service provider is Avaya. Eean is disappointed in the customer service he receives from this company. Eean has researched a variety of companies and feels that ShoreTel would be a good solution for Tuscola County. Millennia Technologies provides the ShoreTel solution. They currently provide the VoIP service for Tuscola County Medical Care Facility and Tuscola County Behavioral Health Systems. Board discussed matter and tabled to the next Board meeting.

Recessed at 9:14 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Closed Session – Labor Negotiations

16-M-066

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the Board meet in closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss labor negotiations at 9:31 a.m. Erica Dibble, HR Director, is authorized to attend the closed session. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 11:05 a.m.

Recessed at 11:05 a.m.

Commissioner Trisch excused at 11:09 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

-County Equalization Report - Walt Schlichting presented the 2016 Tuscola County Equalization Report.

16-M-067

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young to accept the 2016 Tuscola County Equalization Report as presented by the County Equalization Director and the report be placed on file. Motion Carried.

-SET MI Green Thumb Regional Economic Development Planning Program - Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the program from a meeting he recently attended.

16-M-068

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to commit to being a MI Green Thumb Regional team member for the SET economic development program and a letter be forwarded to all appropriate parties to document this commitment. Motion Carried.

-Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program - Local Farmers have been recognized for their outstanding performance by the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program.

16-M-069

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that Mr. Jerry Vandemark, Jerry Vandemark Farm, be recognized by the County Board of Commissioners for his outstanding commitment to the environment and for assuring that agricultural resources and a quality of life is available for current and future generations by achieving the standards of the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). This Board of Commissioners expresses its gratitude to this dedicated Tuscola County farmer for protecting the environment and accomplishing the high standards of MAEAP. Motion Carried.

16-M-070

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn be recognized by the County Board of Commissioners for their outstanding commitment to the environment and for assuring that agricultural resources and a quality of life is available for current and future generations by achieving the standards of the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). This Board of Commissioners expresses its gratitude to the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn for protecting the environment and accomplishing the high standards of MAEAP. Motion Carried.

16-M-071

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Mr. Ben Grady, Ben Grady Home Farm, be recognized by the County Board of Commissioners for his outstanding commitment to the environment and for assuring that agricultural resources and a quality of life is available for current and future generations by achieving the standards of the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). This Board of Commissioners expresses its gratitude to this dedicated Tuscola County farmer for protecting the environment and accomplishing the high standards of MAEAP. Motion Carried.

-Update Regarding Potential Purchase of County Land by Medical Care Facility (continued) - Mike Hoagland presented the legal opinion stating the land purchase did not have to go out to bid and could be sold directly to the Tuscola Medical Care Facility.

16-M-072

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Chairperson of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners be, and hereby is, authorized to sign the Letter of Intent prepared by the Board of Directors of the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, d/b/a Tuscola County Medical Care Community ("TCMCF") for the possible sale and purchase of the approximately 25-acre parcel described in the Letter of the Intent and depicted on Exhibit A to the Letter of Intent and that delivery of the signed Letter of Intent to TCMCF is conditioned upon TCMCF acknowledging in writing that: (i) the Letter of Intent is non-binding, except for Section 6 regarding Non-Solicitation which shall be binding on the parties; (ii) neither party will have any other binding rights or obligations unless and until a Purchase and Sale Agreement is signed by the parties within ninety (90) days of the date of the adoption of this motion; and (iii) if a Purchase and Sale Agreement is not signed within said ninety (90) day period, the Letter of Intent shall automatically expire and neither will have any rights or obligations under the Letter of Intent. Motion Carried.

-Concur with Filling of Vacancy in District Court - Mike Hoagland explained the request.

16-M-073

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the April 19, 2016 memorandum from the Chief Judge to concur with the refilling of the budgeted vacant Deputy Court Clerk position in District Court. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-Mike Hoagland provided a brief overview of the MAC meeting held on April 25, 2016.

-Mike Hoagland provided an update from the grant seminar hosted by Senator Green.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Commissioner Bardwell read letter received by Representative Canfield regarding the resolution issued by Tuscola County regarding wind energy.

-Commissioner Bardwell received a letter from Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

-Commissioner Bardwell extended invitation for the Great Lakes National Advisory Council Ceremony to be held in Holly on May 29, 2016.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTSBIERLEIN

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 Judiciary Committee - Update provided as to the discussion of the specialized courts.

TRISCH - excused at 11:09 a.m.

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

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 - Commissioner Young did drive the road that Wayne Koper was concerned about it. Wiscoggin Intercounty Drain is part of the issue. Drain Commissioner Mantey is aware of the issue and will work on a possible solution.

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 - Columbia Township meeting discussed replacing the bridge over Bay City Forestville Road as many residents cross with their bicycles. The Board discussed the option of installing a bike path. It is planned to install a bike path.

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

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk