

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 30, 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 30th day of June 2016, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Trisch

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

Commissioner Absent: District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee, Andrew Dietderich, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Register John Bishop, Erica Dibble, John Sauber, Gretchen Tenbusch, Sandy Erskine, Samantha Bates

Adoption of Agenda -

16-M-111

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

16-M-112

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 16, 2016 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Eean Lee has met with Charlie Walker from Adult Probation and a cost study is underway. It appears that installing a fiber line to the building will provide a cost savings. Eean will update the Board when more information is available.

Consent Agenda Resolution -

16-M-113

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the June 27, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/27/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Economic Development Corporation Board that Brian Chapman (Vassar City Manager) be appointed to Tuscola County Economic Development Commission Board of Directors effectively immediately.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/27/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that because Consumer Energy appealed their assessment of the wind turbine project in Akron and Columbia Townships to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, the amount of escrowed general fund dollars for 2016 be increased by \$105,000 from the current \$237,000 to \$342,000. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/27/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Board of Health Selection Committee to approve the hiring of Ms. Ann Hepfer as the next Association Health Officer/Chief Executive Officer for Huron and Tuscola County with an effective date of 11/18/16 and to approve Ms. Tenbusch to forward Ms. Hepfer's name to seek approval from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. The Huron and Tuscola Association will share this key employee via Intergovernmental Agreement.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/27/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that \$1,500 be approved to remove tree limbs that are a safety issue to people using the campground at Vanderbilt Park. Also, budget amendments regarding this change are authorized.

New Business -

-Hiring of Domestic Relations Referee - Sandy Erskine expressed the need for a long-term Referee to be employed at Tuscola County. Sandy expressed the excitement that Tara Hoffmeister applied for the job as she is highly qualified for the position with her experience in family law.

16-M-114

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that per the memorandum from the Chief Judge that the Friend of the Court Domestic Relations Referee position be authorized to be refilled July 11, 2016, at the top step for the position of \$64,948.28. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Hiring of Law Clerk -

-Judge Gierhart informed the Board that the October Child Care fund has been approved by the State and a check should be issued shortly. Judge Gierhart explained the need to have a Law Clerk to serve the Circuit Court. Judge also explained that she is conducting interviews for a new Circuit Court Administrator and expects a decision this week.

16-M-115

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the memorandum from the Chief Judge that the Law Clerk position be authorized to be refilled effective August 1, 2016 with the individual as identified by the Chief Judge. Also, the Unified Court Budget be amended (annualized wage/fringe costs assuming health insurance is taken - \$69,626) using general fund balance to restore funding for the Law Clerk position which was eliminated from the 2016 budget when the Law Clerk position was combined with the Court Administrator position. Also, when the current Circuit Court Administrator leaves employment and if a new Circuit Court Administrator is hired the salary shall be reduced by \$7,500 from the rate of the Circuit Court Administrator per Board motion from 10/26/15. Motion Carried.

Judge Gierhart discussed the Sobriety Court and the revenue that is generated by the program is to be used to make the program self-sustained. She also provided an example of a success story of a gentleman that has graduated from the program. Judge also explained the steps that are being taken to assist Veterans that are entering in the court system

-Health Department Succession Plan for Retiring Health Officer -

-Gretchen Tenbusch informed the Board that Huron County Board of Commissioners approved Ann Hepfer as Gretchen's replacement. Commissioner Bardwell signed the letter to be sent to the State of Michigan. The next step is to wait for approval from the State of Michigan. Gretchen will keep the Board informed as to the State's decision.

-Region VII Area Agency on Aging 2015 Annual Report - Report included in the Board packet.

16-M-116

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the 2015 Region VII Area Agency on Aging 2015 Annual Report be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Mike Hoagland requested the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for July 11, 2016 be cancelled due to time constraints to prepare the agenda. All matters to be handled at the Board meeting scheduled for July 14, 2016. It was also decided to schedule the July 14, 2016 Board meeting to begin at 7:00 a.m. Clerk Fetting will prepare the notice.

-Fire dispute appears to be resolved and the resolutions are provided in the Board agenda for review.

-Bay County has adopted a resolution regarding Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act and is included in the Board agenda.

-HDC Senior Services has sent a budget request to Region 7 which is included in the Board agenda.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRISCH

Board of Health - Gretchen Tenbusch provided an update to the Board today regarding the selection process for her replacement, Ann Hepfer.

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Update provided at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 27, 2016.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Animal Control

Solid Waste Management - Project has been completed and just waiting for local municipalities to return the agreements.

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health - Commissioner Kirkpatrick expressed his gratitude in the cooperation in working with the Huron County Board of Health in working on the replacement for Gretchen Tenbusch.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - The final purchase agreement is in process and is close to being agreed upon.

Land Acquisition

MI Renewable Energy Coalition - Enbridge has a pipeline that travels through Tuscola County. He recently attended a presentation which was very informative. An update was provided to the Board.

MEMS All Hazards

MAC-Environment Energy Land Use

Cass River Greenways Pathway - Meeting is upcoming. There was recently a kayak and swim event and there was over 50 participants.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board - No update.

County Road Commission - Reported at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Phragmites grant is on track.

Parks & Recreation - Meeting is end of July.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Met with Mike Miller regarding upcoming projects. Has meet with the Shiawassee County EDC and was a positive meeting with a plan of action in place.

MAC Economic Development & Taxation Committee

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA - Meeting cancelled.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 7th District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Ellington Township Board meeting was last night. Update provided to the Board.

TRIAD

Human Services Collaborative Council

Behavioral Health Systems Board

BIERLEIN - absent
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
MAC Board of Directors
Human Services Collaborative Council
Region VI Economic Development Planning
MAC Judiciary Committee

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary -

-Mike Hoagland received a request on the County Controller listserv asking "Do you have centralized grant writing in the county?" Most responses stated the grant writing was prepared at the department level. Matter discussed.

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk