

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 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 July 2016, to order at 7:04 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, 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, Register John Bishop, Nancy Barrios, John Sauber, Sandy Nielsen

Adoption of Agenda -

16-M-117

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

16-M-118

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 30, 2016 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Nancy Barrios - Nancy questioned which areas are planned to be treated with the phragmites grant. She had heard Vanderbilt Park will not be treated although the area near Roger Allen's house will be. Commissioner Bardwell explained that Roger Allen and his neighbors hired an independent company to treat the phragmites. She also questioned who would be responsible for a tree that fell on resident's property near a road in Vanderbilt Park. She stated the homeowner thought the remainder of the tree needs to be removed. If the road was certified then whose responsibility would it be to remove? Ziggy had also called Mike Hoagland regarding trees that had fallen from the storm. Mike Miller met with Pam Shook who confirmed there were two trees that had fallen. The Road Commission had already been there to remove the fallen trees. Mike Miller also stated we needed to revisit who will plow the uncertified portion

of the road prior to the winter season. The Road Commission plowed last year for a nominal fee.

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business -

-Refilling of Vacant Circuit Court Administrator Position - Judge Gierhart explained the proposal for the candidate.

16-M-119

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request from the Chief Judge to lift the hiring freeze and concur with the hiring of the person identified in the July 13, 2016 memo from the Judge to the position of Circuit Court Administrator to replace the former Circuit Court Administrator effective August 1, 2016 at the rate of \$59,743.17 (Step 2). Motion Carried.

-Child Care Fund - October and November requests have been approved and December request is being processed.

-Courthouse Security - Judge Gierhart, Sheriff Teschendorf and Prosecutor Reene met regarding the security in the Courthouse in light of the Berrien County Courthouse incident. Judge Gierhart explained concerns that were discussed regarding security concerns. She has requested a security audit be completed by the State Court Administrator's Office.

16-M-120

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the former Deputy Circuit Court Administrator wage/step schedule be eliminated. Motion Carried.

-Medical Care Facility Millage Transfer Request - Mike Hoagland explained the transfer request and what the funds will be used for.

16-M-121

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that the Medical Care Facility millage transfer request of \$139,208.99 from the voted to the general Medical Care Facility Fund be approved for the Items explained in the July 6, 2016 letter of request from the Facility Director. Motion Carried.

-Vehicle Policy Update - Mike Hoagland explained the changes within the policy.

16-M-122

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Young that the County Vehicle policy be amended with the changes identified in the revised July 13, 2016 policy. Motion Carried.

-Commissioner Trisch questioned the availability of county cars to employees and the reason they are not being used. Matter discussed as to how to improve the usage of cars by employees.

-DEQ Scrap Tire Grant - Mike Miller provided an update on the grant.

16-M-123

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that the Department of Environmental Quality \$10,000 grant for the collection and disposal of scrap tires be approved and all necessary signatures are authorized with no required match. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Air Advantage - Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the progress known in the court case.

-Signage at the Purdy Building and how can it be improved. Matter discussed.

-Child Care Fund progress has been made in processing payments due from the State.

-State Reimbursement - Mike Hoagland provided an update and Board discussed.

-ACA Reporting System - System is up and running.

-Animal Control - There has been an alleged animal abuse complaint and Jim Mattson is involved in the situation.

-Health Department Bonding - Mike Hoagland updated the Board.

-CGI Communications - Introduction Video has been placed on the county website. Project is underway.

-Equalization Director Interviews - There were 2 applications received.

-Mid-year Financial Year - Mike Hoagland is working on preparing a presentation for the Board.

-Labor Negotiations - Closed Session will be scheduled for August 11th.

-Air Conditioning at the Sheriff's Department - Mike Miller updated the Board regarding installing air conditioning in the B-wing room that the nurse uses and in the Sargent's offices. Newton Johnson provided a quote of \$3,232.00 to install air conditioning. The quote does not include electrical work needed or roof installation. Mike is projecting the total cost to be approximately \$4,000.00. The Undersheriff explained there is money available in his budget from the special revenue account IC Solutions. Undersheriff Skrent explained the request and the need to have the air conditioner installed.

16-M-124

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the Building and Grounds Director is pre-approved to spend up to \$4,500.00 from the IC Solutions fund for air conditioning upgrades to be made at the Jail after the proper bidding procedure has taken place. Motion Carried.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTSBIERLEIN - no updates

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 - Update provided on conference.
Human Services Collaborative Council
Region VI Economic Development Planning
MAC Judiciary Committee

TRISCH

Board of Health
Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Animal Control - Will gather information regarding above mentioned animal abuse case.
Solid Waste Management - Close to completion.

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Purchase Agreement is being reviewed.
Land Acquisition - Spoke to Jim McLoskey regarding the acquisition.
MI Renewable Energy Coalition
MEMS All Hazards - National Night Out will be held on August 4th.
MAC-Environment Energy Land Use
Cass River Greenways Pathway - Cleanup scheduled for July 23rd. Group will be meeting at Chippewa Landing.
Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Update provided on Millington Downtown growth.
Tuscola In Sync
NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Jail Planning Committee

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board - No July meeting

County Road Commission - Meeting today.

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee - Update provided.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Meeting upcoming.

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Went to Shiawassee County to explore other ways to fund EDC. Attended Elkland Township Meeting.

MAC Economic Development & Taxation Committee - No July meeting.

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA - Roof being replaced at Atwood Park. Concerts in the Park have been very successful with approximately 100 people in attendance each week. Update provided on the Peer Center.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 7th District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Update provided on wind turbines to be placed in Ellington Township. Nick Buggia from Representative Canfield's office requested to be placed on the agenda for August 28th.

TRIAD

Human Services Collaborative Council

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

-John Bishop - Living Waters Church hosted a Meet the Candidates evening although it was not well attended. Update provided regarding the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk