

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
January 3, 2017 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Clerk Jodi Fetting called the Organizational 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 3rd day of January 2017, to order at 9:02 o'clock a.m. local time.

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Mike Miller, Renee Francisco, Register John Bishop, Debanina Seaton

-Nominations for and Election of Chairperson -

Clerk Fetting referenced the Board Rules regarding the Chairperson being elected for a 2-year term or for a 1-year term. Clerk Fetting also provided the option of the Board selecting the Chairperson by secret ballot or by voice vote.

The Board agreed on a 2-year term with a voice vote for the Chairperson.

Clerk Fetting opened the floor for nominations of Chairperson.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick nominated Commissioner Bardwell for Chairperson.

Clerk Fetting called for any other nominations and with none stated closed the floor for nominations.

17-M-001

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to elect Commissioner Thomas Bardwell as the Tuscola County Board Chairperson for a 2-year term. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Bardwell - yes; Vaughan - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

Clerk Fetting turned the meeting over to Chairman Bardwell.

-Nominations for and Election of Vice-Chairperson -

Commissioner Bardwell opened the floor for nominations of Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick nominated Commissioner Bierlein for Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner Bardwell called for any other nominations and with none stated closed the floor for nominations.

17-M-002

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young to elect Commissioner Matthew Bierlein as the Tuscola County Board Vice-Chairperson for a 1-year term. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Establishment of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Dates –

Board discussed proposed meeting dates and times. The Board would like to cancel the February 20, 2017 and September 25, 2017 Committee of the Whole meetings. The Board decided to leave all other dates as proposed knowing they can be adjusted with proper notice.

17-M-003

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to accept the Committee of the Whole and Board meeting schedule as amended. Motion Carried.

-Establishment of Finance, Personnel and Building and Grounds Chairs for the Committee of the Whole –

Board discussed which Commissioner should chair each of the Committees.

17-M-004

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to appoint Commissioner Kirkpatrick and Commissioner Bierlein as Co-Chairs to the Finance Committee, Commissioner Bardwell as Chair to the Personnel Committee, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Vaughan as Co-Chairs to the Building and Grounds Committee. Motion Carried.

-Appointment of Commissioners to Boards and Commissions –

Commissioners discussed the various Boards and Commissions they are currently appointed to and which Boards and Commissions they would like to be appointed to. Matter discussed at length to decide on each Commissioner's strength to match up to a corresponding Board and Commission.

17-M-005

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Boards and Commissions assignments be accepted as revised. Motion Carried.

Other Business as Necessary -

-Board of Commissioners Rules of Order - Board reviewed and discussed Board Rules 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5. Board discussed possible amendments to these rules.

17-M-006

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to amend Board Rule 6.4 to read “A brief public comment period will be provided early on the Board agenda *for agenda items only.*” (This is the first sentence of the first paragraph in Board Rule 6.4).  
Motion Carried.

17-M-007

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to amend Board Rule 6.5 to read “Any person who addresses the Board shall state their name *and their Township* for the record.” (This is the first sentence of Board Rule 6.5) Motion Carried.

17-M-008

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to accept the Board of Commissioners Rules of Order for the Commissioner terms of 2017 and 2018 as provided and amended. Motion Carried.

Public Comment - None

Meeting Adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk