

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 13, 2017 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 13th day of April 2017, to order at 8:06 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Reverend Todd Gould, Cass City Evangelical Free Church

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

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, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones, Todd Gould, Tom Gilchrist, Gene Pierce, Vicky Sherry, Steve Erickson, Christine Young, Representative Edward Canfield, Register John Bishop, Tod Fackler, Marianne Daily, Damian Wasik, Mark Ransford, Ryan Piche, Dave Osentoski, Evan Osentoski, Nancy Barriger, Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey, Steve Anderson, Norm Daniels

Adoption of Agenda

17-M-064

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

17-M-065

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 30, 2017 meeting as corrected. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -

-Tod Fackler - Tod addressed the Board regarding the Gilford Township industrial property equalization issue.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
17-M-066

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the April 10, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted with Consent Agenda Reference L removed. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2016 Drain Commissioner Annual Report be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2017 Equalization Report as presented by the County Equalization Director be approved and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the April 6, 2017 communication from Tim McClorey (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority) that renewal of various county property, liability and other insurances for the 2017/2018 year be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Millennia Invoice in the amount of \$8,187.50 be authorized for payment from the budget established for the new telephone system. Also, budget amendments for this unanticipated expense are authorized. Assistance from Centurylink for payment of this invoice be continued.

- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the December 2016 Personnel Policies Handbook be amended to incorporate a provision to clarify when a weather emergency is declared that Maintenance employees receive time and one-half for hours worked in addition to their regularly scheduled hours at the employee's regular rate of pay.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the December 2016 Personnel Policies Handbook be amended to incorporate an Acknowledgement and Receipt form for union and non-union employees. The Handbook will first be sent to union representatives for review. Then the handbook and form will be sent to employees for acknowledgement of receipt, review, and that any questions have been answered by returning a signed copy.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that as an employment incentive, the Sheriff is authorized to reimburse from the Road Patrol Millage fund on a temporary basis for police academy training costs of new road patrol deputies hired on or after 4/13/17 (except for Timothy Zube who qualifies for the incentive because of prior understanding with the Sheriff). Said reimbursement payments will be made based on number of years of service: after one year 1/3 paid, after two years another 1/3 paid and after three years the final 1/3 paid. The Sheriff has the right to terminate this agreement at any time. The Road Patrol Deputies have signed a document agreeing to these provisions.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Sheriff, as a method of attracting experienced road patrol deputies the Sheriff is allowed to offer an appropriate higher starting pay on the wage scale for new hires, but not to exceed step three in the road patrol contract. The Road Patrol Deputies have agreed to this provision.

- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the budgeted HVAC unit in the Sergeant's Office in the Jail be awarded to Thumb Heating and Cooling who was the low bidder for an amount of \$4,595.00.
- Agenda Reference:** J
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the budgeted Washing Machine for the Jail be awarded to Great Lakes Commercial Sales who was the sole bidder for an amount of \$5,730.00.
- Agenda Reference:** K
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the budgeted Phase III Courthouse Sprinkler System be awarded to Marlow who was the sole bidder for an amount of \$3,240.00.
- Agenda Reference:** L - *Item Removed from the Consent Agenda Motion*
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the budgeted carpet cleaning work be awarded to C&H Government who was the sole bidder for an amount of \$_____

New Business -

- Representative Canfield – Caro Regional Center Update -
- Representative Canfield presented to the Board regarding the Caro Center being renovated or relocated. He is actively working to keep the Caro Regional Center in Caro. Senator Green and Representative Canfield will be presenting to the Governor various considerations to retain the Center in Caro.

- Nancy Barriger - The State of Michigan encourages individuals and businesses to renovate old buildings and restore them as part of their business plan. She believes that the State should practice what they preach and do the same for the Caro Center. The State encourages reinvestment and growth. She also sees an opportunity that the State could utilize the land and develop it to make it a growing development.

-Mark Ransford - Wondered where the pressure to move the Caro Center was coming from. Representative Canfield said the Caro Center has been neglected for too long and repairs need to happen. Nick Lyon, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director, has not indicated his intention of renovating or relocating.

-Gene Pierce - Expressed concern of losing families from the community and the loss of students to the local school districts. In Tuscola County, 20 years ago, there were over 16,000 students now there are less than 9,000 students. Another loss like this could be detrimental.

-Economic Development Corporation Update -

-Steve Erickson and Vicky Sherry presented regarding the Economic Impact of the Caro Center. An Economic Impact Study was completed and the devastation caused by the loss of the Caro Center would be astronomical. Vicky Sherry will update the Economic Impact Study based on the statistical information from Representative Canfield.

-Caro Regional Center Resolution -

-Mike Hoagland presented to the Board the Call to Action that has been placed on the website, www.tuscolacounty.org/carocenter.

17-M-067

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the resolution supporting the construction of a new State Psychiatric Facility in Tuscola County to replace the current Caro Center facility be approved and forwarded to all appropriate state officials. Roll Call Vote - Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Authorization to Refill Vacancy in Sheriff Department -

Mike Hoagland explained the request on behalf of Sheriff Skrent.

17-M-068

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and the Sheriff be authorized to fill the road patrol officer vacancy created by the resignation of Deputy Brow. Motion Carried.

-Bid Award for Fairgrove Outdoor Warning System -

Steve Anderson explained the request to the Board.

17-M-069

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that that per the recommendation of the Tuscola County Emergency Manager, that the Outdoor Warning Siren for the Village of Fairgrove which is a Fiscal Year 2015 Homeland Security Grant Project be awarded to West Shore Services, which is the lowest bidder and met all bidding requirements set forth in the Request for Proposal. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Region VII Area on Aging Allocation Plan for Senior Services for FY 2018.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Tuscola County has requirements that need to be met regarding the number of participants in the program.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Commissioner Kirkpatrick has spoken to Irene Waller regarding the Caro Center although she doesn't have any additional information.

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MEMS All Hazards - Team is working with the Enbridge Representative to schedule a training exercise.

MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair

Cass River Greenways Pathway - Clean-up day has been scheduled for cleaning near the Cass City area.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Local Units have concern of the Caro Center and the devastation that would be realized if it were to be relocated.

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use - Waters of the US discussed during a recent conference call.

Jail Planning Committee

Land Acquisition

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Meeting upcoming on May 4th with more details to come.

Tuscola In-Sync

Region VI Tourism Discussions

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Recycling Advisory Committee - Closing on the recycling property project has been finalized.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Board of Directors - Meeting upcoming to shape the future of MAC.

Human Services Collaborative Council - Suze Walker is retiring.

MAC Judiciary Committee

Tuscola County College Access Network

MAC Agricultural Committee

VAUGHAN

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Expressed his appreciation of the Indianfields Township Board's cooperation in the Recycling property purchase.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission - Commissioner Vaughan's goal is to make Vanderbilt Park self-funded. He would like the Parks and Recreation

Commission to focus on moving forward with the park.

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission Liaison - The Road Commission has dedicated money to put toward retirement legacy costs.

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Meeting upcoming.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Economic Development & Taxation Committee

Strategic EDC Planning Committee - Update provided.

Jail Planning Committee

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Region VI Economic Development Planning - Commissioner Young would like to invite Bryan Chapman, City of Vassar Manager, to an upcoming meeting to highlight the positive efforts that have been put forth in Vassar.

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Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA - Dr. Spillane resigned and the vacancy will need to be filled.

Faced upgrade program has 5 or 6 businesses interested.

MAC Finance

MAC 7th District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Update Provided

TRIAD

Behavioral Health Systems Board

MAC Workers Comp Board - Meeting upcoming is on May 11th. Commissioner Bardwell asked Commissioner Bierlein to chair the Board meeting.

Other Business as Necessary -

-Mike Hoagland updated the Board that approximately 326 letters were sent from the Caro Chamber of Commerce letter drive held at the Caro Area District Library.

Extended Public Comment -

-Clerk Fetting invited the Board to Tuscola Stars Breakfast on April 20, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.

-Norm Daniels expressed his concern regarding the equalization of Gilford Township industrial property. Norm is requesting the Board send a letter on behalf of Tod. Matter discussed at length. Board agreed to seek legal counsel prior to preparing and sending a letter. Tisha has asked for her story to be removed from www.thumbnet.net.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk