

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 – 7:30 A.M.

**H. H. PURDY BUILDING BOARD ROOM
125 W. Lincoln Street
Caro, MI**

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Caro, MI 48723

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7:30 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Commissioner Kirkpatrick
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Trisch
Roll Call – Clerk Fetting
Adoption of Agenda
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)
Brief Public Comment Period
Consent Agenda Resolution (See Correspondence #2)
New Business
 -Thumb Community Dental Clinic Update
 -County Planning Commission Vacancies
 -Medical Examiner System
 -County Board of Canvassers
 -State Police Post Refurbishing Bid
Old Business
Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
MI Renewable Energy Coalition
MEMS All Hazards
Cass River Greenways Pathway
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
Planning Commission
Behavioral Health Systems Board
Tuscola 2020
Recycling Advisory Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Multi County Solid Waste
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ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Dental Clinic for Indigents
Parks & Recreation
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BARDWELL

NACo
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MAC Economic Development/Taxation
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TRISCH

Board of Health
Human Development Commission (HDC)
TRIAD
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Human Services Collaborative Council
Great Start Collaborative
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Closed Session (If Necessary)

Other Business as Necessary

Extended Public Comment

Adjournment

Note: If you need accommodations to attend this meeting please notify the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator's Office (989-672-3700) two days in advance of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 August 29, 2013 Full Board Minutes
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #3 September 9, 2013 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- #4 Sheriff Department Promotion
- #5 Berrien County Resolution

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 29, 2013 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 29th day of August, 2013 to order at 7:31 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

Roll Call - Deputy Clerk McKinney-Volz

Commissioners Present: District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: District 1 – Roger Allen

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Mike Miller, Mary Drier, Clayette Zechmeister, Val Hartel-CPA for Anderson, Angela Burnette-CPA from Anderson, Michael Beardon, Margot Roedel, Maggie Root, Mary Kulis – Consumers Energy,

13-M-181

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

13-M-182

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the August 16, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period – None

Consent Agenda Resolution

13-M-183

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution with the removal of agenda reference D. Motion Carried.

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13

Description of Matter: Move that a resolution be sent to appropriate state officials in opposition to fee increases for licensing, training and other functions of local emergency service operations and personnel.

Agenda Reference: B**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13**Description of Matter:** Move that the Controller work with the Sheriff to develop a multi-year repayment schedule for the \$52,500 appropriation made in 2013 from the General Fund to the Road Patrol Fund. This funding was necessary in 2013 to meet bare minimum operating costs of the road patrol after several years of decline in property tax revenue and a failed request for a millage increase to operate the police road patrol.**Agenda Reference: C****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13**Description of Matter:** Move that an ad-hoc workgroup consisting of Dennis Stein, Walt Schlichting, Michael Hoagland, Craig Kirkpatrick and John Bishop be formed to plan and prepare for shale/natural gas mining in Tuscola County including appropriate assessing and tax structure.**Agenda Reference: E****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13**Description of Matter:** Move that per the August 16, 2013 request from Susan Rickwalt-Holder that the Courthouse Lawn be authorized for use during the 2013 Pumpkin Festival. Also, to allow an entertainment tent on the lawn with the understanding alcoholic beverages will not be served because of county insurance restrictions.**Agenda Reference: F****Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13**Description of Matter:** Move that per the August 16, 2013 request from Susan Rickwalt-Holder that art pieces are authorized to be displayed at the Purdy Building and/or County Courthouse with the understanding the county is not responsible for any damages or theft that could occur to the art.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that any motion, resolution, or other act of Tuscola County inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded, modified, replaced or superseded by this Resolution.

YEAS: Bardwell, Trisch, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

-Medical Care Facility Small House Project Update – Update provided by Margot Roedel

-County Dashboard/State Revenue Sharing – Update provided by Mike Hoagland

-DTE Local Fire Service Payment Policy – Update provided by Mike Hoagland

13-M-184

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to receive and file the 2012 County Audit as presented by the County Auditors. Motion carried.

13-M-185

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to approve that the August 29, 2013 proposal from Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt, and Doran to continue auditing services to Tuscola County for 2013, 2014, and 2015 for the following amounts: 2013 - \$35,000, 2014 - \$35,000, and 2015 - \$36,000. Appropriate documents regarding this service are authorized for signature. Motion carried.

13-M-186

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to receive and file the 2011-2012 Health Department Annual Report. Motion carried.

13-M-187

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that the proposal from State Street Fitness is approved to provide reduced membership costs to county employees for \$19.95 per month with payroll deduction available for employees who choose to participate in the program. Motion carried.

13-M-188

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to receive and place on file the 2011-2012 Health Department Annual report. Motion carried.

Old Business

-Entrance mats – Mike Miller is continuing to work with supplier.

Correspondence/Resolutions

-Updates provided by Mike Hoagland

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**BIERLEIN**

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Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment – Golf outing was successful
Caro DDA/TIFA – Meeting in September 2013
MAC Economic Development/Taxation – Meeting in September 2013
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MAC 7th District -
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRISCH

Board of Health
Human Development Commission (HDC)
TRIAD
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment – Golf outing went very well
Human Services Collaborative Council
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KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works – attended meeting regarding re-employing individuals recently released from jail/prison.
Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
MI Renewable Energy Coalition
MEMS All Hazards
Cass River Greenways Pathway – signs installed along the river
Local Unit of Government Activity Report – Emerald ash still an ongoing problem
Tuscola In Sync

Closed Session: None

Other Business as Necessary: None

Extended Public Comment:

Mary Kulis – Consumers Energy

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 AM

Cindy McKinney-Volz
Chief Deputy Clerk

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COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, on the 12th day of September, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. local time.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

It was moved by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____ that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted:

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/09/13

Description of Matter: Move that the September 9, 2013 County Treasurer's Investment Report be received and placed on file.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/09/13

Description of Matter: Move that per the September 5, 2013 request from the County Register of Deeds to purchase four land corner books for an amount of \$640 be approved and all necessary budget amendments are authorized.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/09/13

Description of Matter: Move that the purchase of budgeted building entrance way mats be awarded to Arnold Sales who was the low bidder for an amount \$2,985.26.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that any motion, resolution, or other act of Tuscola County inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded, modified, replaced or superseded by this Resolution.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

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Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, September 9, 2013 - 7:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

Present: Roger Allen, Thomas Bardwell, Craig Kirkpatrick, Matthew Bierlein

Absent: Christine Trisch

Others Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Mike Miller, Bob Klenk, Steve Anderson, Pat Donovan-Gray, Wendy Falls - HDC, Kristie - HDC

Finance

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Trisch and Kirkpatrick

Primary Finance

1. **2014 County Budget Development Forms Distributed** – 9/12/13 Presentation reviewed by Mike Hoagland
2. **Animal Control Agreement**
3. **Tuscola “In Sync”** – County Web Site, Micamp and GIS Review - Update provided
4. **Natural Gas/Shale Resource Workgroup** - Workgroup has met with discussion on progressing further
5. **Medical Examiner Police Chiefs Proposed Changes** – Undersheriff Skrent wrote letter regarding the Chief's meeting on October 2, 2013. Mike Hoagland will attend on behalf of the County.
6. **Medical Examiner Days of Operation**
7. **Update DTE Fire Run Payments to Fire Departments** – Bob Klenk/Steve Anderson - Local Departments have been working with the DTE Representative and making progress forward.
8. **911 Radio Purchases Update** - Bob Klenk provided update
9. **County Investment Report** – County Treasurer Pat Donovan-Gray provided Investment Report. Move to the Consent Agenda.
10. **MSHDA Housing Rehabilitation Audit Comments** – Wendy Falls from HDC provided update on audit from MSHDA.
11. **Register of Deeds Budget Amendment Request** - Move to Consent Agenda

On-Going Finance

1. Dentist Program for Indigent - Mike Hoagland will invite the program director to an upcoming board meeting.
2. Potential Re-Use of former Camp Tuscola
3. Denmark Township Litigation Update - Mike Hoagland has a conference call this week.
4. Register of Deeds Land Transaction Recordings Regarding Wind Energy
5. Medical Care Facility Certificate of Need for Small House Project Update
6. BC/BS Access Fees Lawsuit
7. Health Insurance Affordable Care Act

8. ORV Ordinance Final Steps - public hearing to be scheduled
9. Requirements to Receive Full State Revenue Sharing
10. Per Diems and Mileage for Boards and Commissions
11. Potential Child Care Cost Reduction
12. eCivis Grant Writing Service
13. Recovery of GF Appropriation to Road Patrol
14. Joint Service Delivery Ideas

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Trisch

Primary Personnel

Recessed at 8:16 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:22 a.m.

1. **Notice Sent to Employees Regarding Affordable Care Act**
2. **County Planning Commission Vacancy** - Three candidates have applied for two vacancies. Board would like to invite the candidates to the Board meeting on Thursday.
3. **Dispatch Staffing Update** - Bob Klenk provided update
4. **Definition of Reasonable Accommodations** - Matter Discussed

On-Going Personnel

1. Court Personnel Policy Revisions
2. Equalization Waiver Request
3. Labor Negotiations
4. MAC 7th District Meeting 9-23-13

Building and Grounds

Committee Leader-Commissioners Allen and Bierlein

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **Courthouse Lock Boxes** - Matter Discussed
2. **Bids for Building Entry Way Mats** - Mike Miller has low bidder information. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. **Jail Bed Addition Project Update** - Mike Miller provided update
4. **Dead Ash Trees Roadway Problems/Concerns** -Matter Discussed
5. **Fixed Asset Inventory** - Mike Hoagland, Clayette Zechmeister and Mike Miller is working on the inventory.

On-Going Building and Grounds

1. Cass River Greenway - Looking for a coordinator to head up a clean-up project day on the Cass River from Caro to M-46.
2. State Purchase of Private Land in Tuscola County
3. State Police Post Update - Mike Miller received three bids for the work requested although one did not meet the deadline. Gerald Bergman, Inc. total bid \$27,935.00 with alternate bid for door installation of \$1,260.00 and JR Heineman and Sons total bid \$31,900.00 with alternate bid for door installation \$1,800.00. Mike Miller will review bids and will prepare recommendation for the Board.
4. Completion of 2013 Budget Equipment/Capital Improvement Projects
5. Update to the County Solid Waste Management Plan – EDC

Other Business as Necessary -

-Construction Board of Appeals may need to meet regarding the new Indianfields Township Hall.

-County Clerk requested to be placed on the agenda for Thursday to vote for the Democratic and Republican member of the Board of County Canvasser.

Public Comment Period - None

Closed Session – None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk



Tuscola County Sheriff's Office

420 Court Street • Caro, MI 48723

Lee Teschendorf, Sheriff
Glen Skrent, Undersheriff

Phone (989) 673-8161

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September 9, 2013

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Michael Hoagland, County Controller

I am pleased to advise you that, effective Saturday September 28, 2013, Deputy James Hook is being promoted to the rank of patrol sergeant.

The position is being filled to replace an opening created by the retirement of Detective Sergeant Michal Pine and the subsequent lateral transfer of Sergeant Robert Baxter to the detectives position.

Section 10.2 of the P. O. A. M. non-supervisory Act 312 eligible contract that covers pay upon promotion states that the rate of pay will be increased to the pay scale immediately above their present pay rate.

Deputy Hook's pay rate is currently \$ 21.40 per hour and the next higher step in the P. O. L. C. supervisory contract sets the sergeants pay scale for this promotion at \$ 21.68 per hour. Please adjust his pay rate, along with any applicable incentives or premiums he is entitled to receive, on the effective date of September 28, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leland Teschendorf".

Leland Teschendorf, Sheriff

Cc/Tuscola County personnel office
Undersheriff Glen Skrent
Lieutenant James Giroux
Deputy James Hook



BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

B1309185

September 5, 2013

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, property owners wanting to appeal the assessed values of their property can do so through the State of Michigan Tax Tribunal, who has the authority under the Tax Tribunal Act to review and reevaluate the assessments and valuation of property under the General Property Tax Act (PA 206 of of 1893); and

WHEREAS, recent decisions by the Tax Tribunal appear to set a trend for reversing and significantly lowering the property assessments set by local municipalities for larger retail property owners, by using a valuation comparison of "dark stores" which are closed, abandoned, former retail stores with thriving, occupied retail spaces; and

WHEREAS, this concerning trend is costing local municipalities not only in the legal costs to defend their assessments before the Tax Tribunal, but also in the reduced tax income as a result of the Tax Tribunal lowering the property values; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities right here in Berrien County are being hurt financially by the inaccurate and arguably unfair valuation methods being utilized by the Tax Tribunal; and

WHEREAS, Senator Casperson and State Representative Kievela have presented a bill which amends the General Property Tax Act (specifically MCL § 211.27), and defines "existing use" in determining true cash value of property as being based on its use at the time of assessment and current value received from property. It further deems the "existing use" to be the highest and best use where the use is financially feasible and more profitable than modification or redevelopment.; and

WHEREAS, with the more specific definitions to the General Property Tax Act, which the Tax Tribunal follows, the detrimental trend of reduced property valuations should cease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners supports Senator Casperson's and Representative Kievela's bill to amend MCL § 211.27, which will better define terms used to assess property values in the State of Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Jon Hinkelman, Chairman

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RESOLUTION REVIEW			
Administrator	<i>WV</i>	Date	<i>9/4/13</i>
Comments Attached			
Corporate Counsel	<i>CB</i>	Date	<i>9/5/13</i>