

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, December 17, 2014 – 9:30 A.M.
(Following the Regular Board Meeting)

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

- 1) Call to Order – Clerk Fetting
- 2) Roll Call – Clerk Fetting
- 3) Alternative to Elect Chairperson by Secret Ballot or Voice Vote
(See Attachment A)
- 4) Alternative to Elect Chairperson for One or Two Year Period
- 5) Nominations for and Election of Chairperson
- 6) Nominations for and Elections of Vice-Chairperson
- 7) Establishment of Board and Committee of the Whole Meeting Dates
(See Attachment B)
- 8) Appointment of Commissioners to Boards/Commissions
(See Attachment C)
- 9) Other Business as Necessary

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



GUEST ARTICLE REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTION OF COUNTY BOARD CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

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Starting in January of next year, new Boards of Commissioners will take office. This article is a reminder of the legal requirements to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.



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Every Board of Commissioners is required to elect one of its members as Chairperson and one member as Vice-Chairperson.¹ The Chairperson shall be elected each odd numbered year for a 2-year term, unless the Board provides by resolution that the Chairperson shall be elected annually for a 1-year term. The Vice-Chairperson is always elected annually for a 1-year term. The election of a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson is required to take place at the first meeting of the County Board of Commissioners in a year in which a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, respectively, is to be elected. The term of a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson begins upon his or her election.

In accordance with these statutory provisions, the Board of Commissioners may opt to elect its Chairperson either annually or bi-annually. If the Board chooses to elect its Chairperson on an annual basis, it must adopt a resolution to that effect or provide for that 1-year term in its Board rules. If the Board does not adopt a resolution or provide for a 1-year term in its Board rules for the Board Chairperson, the election for Chairperson occurs every two years; specifically, at the first meeting in an odd-numbered year, e.g., 2013.

By contrast, the Board does not have the option of electing a Vice-Chairperson for a 2-year term. Rather, the election of the Vice-Chairperson must occur annually at the first meeting of the Board, regardless of whether or not the election of the Board Chairman occurs annually. The election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson is

determined by a majority vote of the County Board members elected and serving.²

Another unique aspect of the election of Board Chairperson (not Vice-Chairperson) is the potential for use of a secret ballot. State law provides that the vote for Chairperson of a County Board of Commissioners may be accomplished by way of a secret ballot.³ If the Board chooses to conduct the election of the Board Chairperson by secret ballot, a majority of the Board must first vote to do so. There is no statutory authorization for the election of Vice-Chairperson by secret ballot.

MCL 46.3(4).

MCL 46.3(2).

MCL 46.3a. The Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261 et seq., was enacted in 1976 pursuant to 1976 PA 267. MCL 46.3a was amended by 1998 PA 97 and retained the language permitting a secret ballot.

NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER WORKSHOP-FUNDAMENTALS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

For more than 40 years, Michigan State University Extension and Michigan Association of Counties have offered the New County Commissioner Workshop (NCCW) series and other educational opportunities for new and returning commissioners, administrators and other county officials. These six workshops, held biennially, are attended by over 80 percent of newly elected commissioners. We encourage you to attend one of the six NCCWs, designed to help you learn about the challenges and responsibilities of this new role. Dates and locations are:

- December 4, 2012, Big Rapids
- December 5, 2012, Kalamazoo
- December 10, 2012, Frankenmuth
- December 11, 2012, Novi

Workshop topics include policymaking, county board organization, county administration, legal issues, county governmental functions and services, financing county government, and much more. These workshops also provide officials with an opportunity to network with other county officials.

All NCCW attendees will receive a resource notebook, refreshments and meal. Attendees will also receive the MSU Extension publication: County Government at Work,

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TO: Department Heads and Public

FROM: County Board of Commissioners, Controller/Administrator, County Clerk

DATE:

RE: County Board and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule for 2015

The following is a list of dates for the County Board and Committee of the Whole meetings in 2015. Requests to address the Board of Commissioners and Committee of the Whole should be submitted to the Controller/Administrator in advance of the scheduled meeting dates. Also, it should be noted that meetings can be added or cancelled at the discretion of the Committee Leader. All meetings are held in the Tuscola County Purdy Building at 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723 unless otherwise stated.

	2nd & 4th Mondays Committee of the Whole		2nd & 4th Thursdays Full Board	
	7:30 A.M.		7:30 A.M.	
January	12 th , 26 th		15 th , 29 th	
February	9 th		12 th , 26 th	
March	9 th , 23 rd		12 th , 26 th	
April	13 th , 27 th		16 th , 30 th	
May	11 th		14 th , 28 th	
June	8 th , 22 nd		11 th , 25 th	
July	27 th		16 th , 30 th	
August	10 th , 24 th		13 th , 27 th	
September	14 th , 28 th		17 th , Oct. 1 st	
October	12 th , 26 th		15 th , 29 th	
November	9 th		12 th , 23 rd	
December	14 th		17 th , 28 th	

County Board
Chairperson:
Vice-Chairperson:
Members:

Work Groups:
Finance:
Personnel:
Building & Grounds:

Meetings may be added, cancelled or rescheduled as necessary. If you need accommodations to attend a meeting, please notify the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator's Office at (989) 672-3700 two days in advance of the meeting.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIERLEIN

- Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
- TRIAD
- Human Development Commission (HDC)
- Tuscola 2020
- Recycling Advisory Committee
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Multi County Solid Waste
- Local Unit of Government Activity Report
- Tuscola In Sync
- MAC Board of Directors
- Human Services Collaborative Council
- Region VI Economic Development Planning
- MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

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- Board of Health
- Community Corrections Advisory Board
- Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
- Land Acquisition
- MI Renewable Energy Coalition
- MEMS All Hazards
- MAC-Environment Energy Land Use
- Oil/Shale Work Group
- Cass River Greenways Pathway
- Local Unit of Government Activity Report
- Tuscola In Sync
- NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use

TRISCH

- Board of Health
- Planning Commission
- Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
- Local Unit of Government Activity Report
- Behavioral Health Systems Board
- Animal Control
- Solid Waste Management
- Thumb Works

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Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Parks & Recreation
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL

NACo
NACo Rural Action Caucus
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
MAC 7th District
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
MAC – Past President