

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 14, 2014 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 August, 2014 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch (excused at 9:30 a.m.), District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Mike Miller, Kim Green, Lorraine Kurtansky, Charles Kurtansky, Sandy Nielsen, Register John Bishop, Joe Bixler, Clayette Zechmeister, Erica Dibble, Robert Kendrick, Tisha Jones.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

M-14-129

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that the first statement below which is in the July 31, 2014 Board of Commissioners minutes be replaced with the second statement to clarify that long term disability coverage is still available without coverage changes but through a different carrier:

- Life and Disability Insurance Proposal – Unum decided to no longer offer the long term coverage for the deputies. Dan Skiver quoted a better coverage program through Cigna.
- Life and Disability Insurance Proposal – The current carrier decided to no longer offer long term disability coverage for certain classes of employees. Dan Skiver (county agent) obtained a quote from another company for the same coverage with a cost reduction.

M-14-130

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 31, 2014 meeting with the above amendment. Motion Carried.

Adoption of Agenda

14-M-131

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to adopt the agenda. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

Charles and Lorraine Kurtansky presented a letter on behalf of the Citizens Against Unfair Taxation (CAUT) regarding the Denmark Township water project. They are asking the Board to decline to bond or finance a water project for Denmark Township if approached.

Consent Agenda Resolution

14-M-132

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/11/14

Description of Matter: Move that per the July 15, 2014 letter from Mid-State Health Network, effective with the October 1, 2014 payment PA 2 Liquor Tax funds be made to Mid-State Health Network instead of Riverhaven Coordinating Agency.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/11/14

Description of Matter: Move that Attorney Doug Van Essen be authorized to forward to the Michigan Department of Management and Budget cost sheet and make a 20-year lease offer for the State Police Post at \$9 per square foot with a \$.10 annual inflationary increase.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/11/14

Description of Matter: Move that the County Clerk be requested to advertise for applicants to fill a vacancy on the County Parks and Recreation Commission.

New Business

-Mosquito Abatement Garage and Insecticide Storage Building Project -

Kim Green and Mike Miller provided an update regarding the construction of the pole barn for Mosquito Abatement.

14-M-133

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen that per the recommendation of the Mosquito Abatement Director that TSSF Architects be hired to perform professional architectural services for a lump sum amount of \$37,500.00 to implement the construction of the budgeted pole building for the County Mosquito Abatement operation. Motion Carried.

-2014 Budget Amendments

Clayette Zechmeister reviewed budget amendments that are needed for the 2014 county budget.

14-M-134

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the 2014 county budget amendments as presented and recommended by the Controller/Administrators Office be received and authorized for implementation. Motion Carried.

-Region 6 Prosperity Meeting

Mike Hoagland provided an update regarding Region 6.

-Prosecutor Position Vacancy - Prosecutor Mark Reene

Prosecutor Reene explained to the Board his reasons for the request to refill the vacancy that will be created with the retirement of a 37-year employee, Karen Elmy.

14-M-135

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen to lift the hiring freeze to allow Prosecutor Reene to fill the vacant position in the Prosecutor's Office. Roll Call Vote - Allen - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - no; Bierlein - no. Motion Carried.

-Closed Session - Labor Negotiations (8:30 A.M.)

14-M-136

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the Board meet in closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, to devise strategy in connection with labor negotiations. Erica Dibble, HR Director, is authorized to attend the closed session. Roll Call Vote - Allen - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried at 8:41 a.m.

14-M-137

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that the Board reconvene to open session at 9:21 a.m. Roll Call Vote - Allen - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting recessed at 9:21 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Trisch excused at 9:30 a.m.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions

- Mike Hoagland provided an update regarding the letter received from Attorney Lessing in regards to the Marcus Snyder case. The property had been previously in forfeiture which is why Tuscola County was notified of the case.
- Preventative Child Care Group Meeting - The meeting will be on August 28, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center - Commons Room.
- Kristi Smith from the Human Development Commission inquired if the County could help pay administration costs for associated with their program that assists county residents who need help paying back taxes. Mike will work with the Treasurer to determine any solution.
- August 18, 2014 MAC 7th District Meeting - Meeting to be held at the Dairy Plant in Cass City. A tentative agenda has been developed.
- The Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival has requested the Commissioners participate in the parade. Please let Renee know if you will be able to attend. Craig has a convertible available.
- The Commissioners have been invited to the 2014 Tuscola County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2014. The meeting will be hosted by Kohls Farms located at 3062 Hobart Road, Gagetown beginning at 5:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

TRIAD

Human Development Commission (HDC) - At the Personnel Committee meeting the policy handbook was revised to reflect changes with the Affordable Care Act. Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee - The Committee is working on putting a plan in place for the next 5 to 10 years.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Meeting scheduled for August 18, 2014.

Multi County Solid Waste

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync

MAC Board of Directors - Annual conference is in September at Mackinaw Island.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning - Meeting with the consultant went well.

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

BARDWELL

NACo

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Still working with the DFA.

Caro DDA/TIFA - The meeting was yesterday and went well.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 7th District - The meeting is August 18, 2014

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - There is local concern regarding the Road Commission and how working together with the Commissioners will positively progress forward.

MAC – Past President

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Small House project is on target.

Land Acquisition - A letter has been sent to Senator Green. Commissioner Kirkpatrick is concerned with who owns the land. He has been informed that possibly Indianfields Township, the Airport Authority and/or the State of Michigan may have interest.

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 - excused at 9:30 a.m.

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board - The vendor selection is proceeding forward.
County Road Commission - Joint meeting was held on August 11, 2014.
Board of Public Works - There is no new update there has been discussion regarding Denmark Township.
Senior Services Advisory Council - Necessary donations are down for the meals on wheels.
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Laura Olgar is working on grant regarding phragmites spraying
Dental Clinic for Indigents
Parks & Recreation - Nick Buggia, Parks & Recreation Chairperson, met on August 13th for how to move forward with the Committee.
Local Unit of Government Activity Report - The Akron water project is moving forward and should be completed soon.

Other Business as Necessary

-Commissioner Bardwell would like to see how a Commissioner could attend the Road Commissioner meeting. Mike Hoagland will request if it is possible to meet at an alternate date to allow for a Commissioner to attend.
-Commissioner Bierlein would like to resend the letter to the Department Heads for the steps requested to be followed when a position needs to be filled.

Extended Public Comment

-Clerk Fetting provided an update regarding CPL applications.
-Joe Bixler informed the Commissioners that the new County Commissioner training is schedule in Frankenmuth for December 9 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk