

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
April 24, 2013 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Chairman 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Bardwell  
Pledge by Commissioner Allen

Commissioners Present: District 1 – Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Ione Vyse, Bob Klenk, John Bishop, Ticia Jones, Walt Schlichting, Henry Wymore, Carolyn Wymore, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, John Bishop, John Axe, Margot Roedel, Brenda Kretschmer, Maggie Root, Tanya Hahn, Mark Miller, Gretchen Tenbush, Tip Maguire, Tina Middaugh, Eileen Huizar and other staff members from the Health Department staff, Ron Chriss (DTE), Marv Hasso and Steve Anderson.

13-M-086

Motion by Bierlein seconded by Allen to adopt the agenda. Motion Carried.

13-M-087

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the April 9, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period

Ione Vyse – If needed, Almer Township Hall has been secured for May 24, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. for a meeting between DTE Energy, Township Supervisors and Fire Chiefs.

Consent Agenda Resolution – None

New Business

## 13-M-088

Motion by Allen seconded by Kirkpatrick that a technology planning/advisory workgroup be formed with the title "Tuscola In Sync" with initial objectives of:

- (1) Expanding communication among county computer technicians
  - (2) Expanding the understanding of current network infrastructure
  - (3) Determining infrastructure capabilities
  - (4) Aiding with product review, recommendation and training
  - (5) Reviewing the potential of capitalizing on the advanced county optic network.
- (Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Bierlein to participate on committee)

Motion Carried.

## 13-M-089

Motion by Allen seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the Dispatch Director that the settlement agreement resolution be approved accepting the Michigan Public Service Commission proposal of \$2.03 telephone surcharge rate effective July 1, 2013 and the county waives retroactive application of this rate for the period of July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2013. Motion Carried.

## 13-M-090

Motion by Allen seconded by Bierlein that per the request of the County Prosecutor, Robin Neff who transferred from District Court to the Prosecutors Office be authorized to be placed at Step 4 of the AFSCME wage schedule for a Secretary II position \$14.13 per hour. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

## 13-M-091

Motion by Trisch seconded by Kirkpatrick that the County Solid Waste Management Plan be updated and staff assistance from the County Economic Development Corporation Director (EDC) to perform this function be authorized. Payment for said services is approved per the terms of the April 19, 2013, letter from the County EDC Director. (Funding was included in the 2013 county budget for this purpose). Motion Carried.

## 13-M-092

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch to approve the 2013 County Equalization report and authorize all appropriate signatures. Motion Carried.

## 13-M-093

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch that per the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Director that the two budgeted trailers for lawn mowing equipment be awarded to Reese Trailer Sales who was the low bidder for an amount of \$5,180. Motion Carried.

## 13-M-094

Motion by Trisch seconded by Kirkpatrick to move \$680 from the equipment/repair line item to cover the additional cost of the Building and Grounds trailer purchase. Motion Carried.

Tire Recycling Agreements – The Recycling Center works with Mosquito Abatement to recycle used tires.

Potential Re-use of Camp Tuscola – Mike Hoagland is continuing to stay in contact with the State of Michigan regarding Camp Tuscola.

#### 13-M-095

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch that the county credit/debt card policy be amended as recommended and presented by the Chief Accountant and Controller at the April 24, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion Carried.

State Revenue Sharing – Mike Hoagland provided an update to the Board.

Overview of Potential Wind Energy Revenue – Mike Hoagland provided an update to the Board.

Medical Care Facility Borrowing for Small House Project – John Ax provided an update to the Board regarding issuing Revenue Bonds.

#### 13-M-096

Motion by Allen seconded by Kirkpatrick that the resolution regarding notice of intent to issue \$4,600,000 in Revenue Bonds for the Medical Care Facility small house project be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

Roll Call – Allen – yes, Bardwell – yes, Trisch – yes, Kirkpatrick – yes, Bierlein – yes. Motion Carried.

Health Department Accreditation – Two Certificate of Accreditations were presented to Gretchen Tenbush and staff members by Mark Miller from the Department of Community Health for the many accomplishments achieved by the Tuscola County Health Department.

DTE Payment of Local Fire Department Services – Ron Chriss from DTE Energy expressed the need for DTE, local townships and fire departments to work together.

Old Business - None

#### Correspondence/Resolutions –

- Great Lakes Coastal Initiative

- A meeting has been schedule for Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. with Dan Shiver regarding health care.

- The IT Department is working on updating the Tuscola County website.

- Dental Clinics – The Cass City School Board is working on an agreement regarding the building that the dental clinic will be located in.

- Veteran's Affairs Director – Requests have been mentioned for the position to be placed as a full-time position.

- There has been a lawsuit filed by Genesee County regarding the lack of transfer tax paid by Greenstone Farm Credit. Tuscola County is currently mentioned as part of the class action lawsuit.

- Watertown pager testing is still being completed.

- Vanderbilt Park - Would the township want to assume responsibility of the park?
- County hotel tax – It does not appear that Tuscola County has a large enough population to qualify.
- Mike Miller looking at doing repairs at MSP.
- Legacy Costs – Continue to look at ways to reduce retirement costs.
- Act 88 – Gratiot County is backing off from placing millage in place without their voter approval.

## COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 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

### 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 – Looking to increase tourism for Cass River
- Local Unit of Government Activity Report

### 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
- Local Unit of Government Activity Report – Some residents are finding that the cost of flood insurance is more than their home insurance.

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board  
County Road Commission – M-25 bridge should have one lane of traffic open middle of May.  
Board of Public Works  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative – Working on beach front at Bay County Park.  
Dental Clinic for Indigents  
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  
Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors  
MAC 7th District  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Closed Session - None

Other Business - None

Extended Public Comment –  
John Bishop spoke regarding the Genesee County transfer tax lawsuit.

Adjournment at 9:58 am

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk