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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 25, 2015 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 25th day of June, 2015 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Trisch

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

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, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Register John Bishop, Sandy Nielsen, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Kim Vaughan, Pam Shook, Beth Asperger, Mark Ransford, Erica Dibble, Gretchen Tenbusch, Brian Neuville, Jeff Bliss, Lieutenant Brian Harris, Matt Brown

Adoption of Agenda -

15-M-094

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

15-M-095

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 11, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Steve Anderson requested the Board to sign a Declaration regarding the tornado damage from the storm on Monday, June 22, 2015.

15-M-096

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to approve and sign the Emergency Management Declaration regarding the storm that occurred on June 22, 2015 declaring a state of emergency. Motion Carried.

-Sandy Nielsen reported on the activity at the 911 Dispatch Center on Monday, June 22, 2015 due to the storm. The team handled 34 calls to 911 with 18 calls being in the first hour of the storm. There was 53 separate incidents reported with 23 of those calls regarding downed wires. There were 7 residents that called in regarding their homes being destroyed by the tornado. Also, the 911 Dispatch Center received 3 medical calls not in the area effected by the tornado.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
15-M-097

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/22/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that the grant agreement with the Department of Environmental Quality for the Tuscola County Recycling Trailer project be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/22/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that the agreement with the Tuscola County Community Foundation be approved to administer the unendowed funds for the county at no cost and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/22/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2014 investment report from the County Treasurer be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/22/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that a communication be sent to elected and appointed officials as a reminder that under the law it is the Board of Commissioners that review and approve all contracts that obligate the county.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/22/15
- Description of Matter:** Move to concur with the recommendation of the law firm assigned by the county insurance company that represents the county in the FOIA lawsuit involving the Prosecutor's Office be authorized to be settled for an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/22/15
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the June 17, 2015 letter from the County Sheriff that the hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and authorization is given to fill the vacancy on the road patrol with Deputy Cory Jacobs which was created by the resignation of Deputy Jason Holsapple. (Since the road patrol is funded with a dedicated millage, there is no financial impact on the general fund of the county).

New Business

-Vanderbilt Park Update -

-Kim Vaughan from the Parks and Recreation Committee presented to the Board ideas on how to improve the Park.

- Improve the road.
- Install water to the campground.
- Improve/move the volleyball court and horseshoe pit.
- Make the park a place for families to gather for family reunions and graduation parties.

Mike Miller has received bids to have the 3 oak trees removed: Kappen Tree Service - \$1,900.00; Trees R Us - \$1,125.00; A Cut Above Tree Service - \$1,050.00.

Mike Miller has sent an email to the State requesting a sign to be placed at the boat launch.

15-M-098

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that \$1,050.00 be allocated to implement the following improvements at Vanderbilt Park as recommended by the County Parks and Recreation Commission in the interest of public safety and in the interests of making basic improvements to increase the usability of the park:

- Removal of 3 dead oak trees to improve safety with work to be conducted by A Cut Above Tree Service for an amount not to exceed \$1,050.00.

With appropriate budget amendments approved. Motion Carried.

-Mike Miller to follow-up with Pam Shook to make contact with the gentleman that has volunteered to repair the park road. Mike will also look at locations to move the dumpster to a better location and obtain bids for a pad to place the dumpster.

BOC meeting recessed at 8:30 a.m. for the public hearing for the MHSDA Rental Rehabilitation Grant Application. See Public Hearing minutes for 15-M-099.

MHSDA Rental Rehabilitation Grant Application Public Hearing concluded at 8:44 a.m. and the Board of Commissioners meeting recessed at 8:44 a.m.

Board of Commissioner's Meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

-Vanderbilt Park Update continued -

Commissioner Allen would like to see improved marketing for the Park. Eean Lee has been reaching out to neighboring counties and other agencies for ways to improve the marketing approach. Matter will be discussed further when more information is available.

-Concierge Corrections Proposal -

Lieutenant Harris and Matt Brown explained the proposal of the contract for Asset Recovery and Management Services. They assist in recouping medical costs incurred by the County when a prisoner receives medical treatment. Matt Brown and his team have avenues to explore that the County may not have access to. Matter discussed.

15-M-100

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that the contract for Asset Recovery and Management Services with Concierge Corrections to recover county inmate medical expenses from insurance companies and other responsible paying parties be approved contingent upon final review and approval of corporate council. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Region VII Area Agency on Aging 2016 Annual Implementation Plan -

Brian Neuville explained the changes that were made in the Annual Implementation Plan. Brian believes the funding is currently following the need.

15-M-101

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the Region VII Area on Aging 2016 Annual Implementation Plan be accepted. Motion Carried.

-Health Department Personnel Policy Changes -

Gretchen Tenbusch reviewed the changes and additions that were implemented in the Health Department Personnel Policy.

15-M-102

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Health Department personnel policy changes as recommended by the Board of Health and as reviewed at the June 25, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting be approved. Motion Carried.

-Gretchen invited the Board to a presentation given by Dr. McFadden on wind turbines and if there are health effects from them on July 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Huron County Board of Commissioner's meeting.

- ACA Compliance with Reporting Requirements -
- Mike Hoagland presented different technology options to assist the County with reporting requirements.

15-M-103

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that assistance from Health Decisions be approved to support completing the new reporting requirements of the Affordable Care Act. Also, a one year contract with this company is authorized for an amount not to exceed \$6,000. The \$6,000 cost shall be spread to the general fund and other county funds on a per capita basis.

Matter discussed.

Motion Carried.

- Resolution Honoring USA State Champion Softball Team -

15-M-104

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the resolution honoring the USA Patriot Girls softball team for their tremendous accomplishment by winning the 2015 MHSAA Division 4 Girls State Softball Championship be approved and forwarded to USA Officials for permanent display of this memorable victory.

Matter Discussed.

Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

- Communication regarding FY 2016 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development bill was reviewed.
- Road Commission minutes presented.
- Equalization Director Level 3 extension. Matter discussed.
- MHSDA grant of \$295,000 grant request was approved per letter received.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BARDWELL - No updates to provide

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

TRIAD

Human Services Collaborative Council

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - GST (Genesee, Shiawasee, Thumb) Michigan Works will be the new name to identify the team. There will be two board members from the private sector from Tuscola County. Genesee County will have a majority in the "house" and the Commissioners will have an equal vote in the "senate".

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council

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

TRISCH - No updates to provide

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

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board - Sandy updated that the phone system is tentatively scheduled to be installed the beginning of November

County Road Commission

Board of Public Works - Quarterly meeting scheduled for July 7, 2015.

Senior Services Advisory Council - 94,000 home delivered meals in the tri-county area so far in 2015!

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Commissioner Allen discussed a plan to have the phragmites removed for the coast line which requires a 10-year contract to be signed. DNR is holding back on signing this contract which is holding the project up.

Parks & Recreation - Commissioner Allen met with Prosecutor Reene in possible solutions for policing the park entry fee being paid by users.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Grant application has been submitted.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Child care fund participants have been reduced. Medical Care Facility small houses are nearing completion and staff training will begin. The Medical Care Facility retirement fund is funded at 98%.

Land Acquisition

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MEMS All Hazards - Airboat project funding has been approved.

MAC-Environment Energy Land Use

Oil/Shale Work Group - Commissioner Kirkpatrick provided an update.

Cass River Greenways Pathway

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync

NACo- Energy, Environment & Land Use

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary -

-Commissioner Trisch will meet with Mike Bearden and Matt Cook on July 6th for arrangements to raise money for county services using a Foundation development effort.

-Commissioner Bardwell and Commissioner Trisch is wondering if the pool car policy is being used by county employees. Matter discussed and to be placed on a future Committee of the Whole.

Commissioner Trisch excused at 10:22 a.m.

Extended Public Comment -

-Clerk Jodi Fetting - The National Night Out for Tuscola County will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center. This event is being held in conjunction with the Caro Area Camp 911. This is a FREE event and open to the public.

- Register John Bishop observed that the wind mill health concern is similar to the health concern years ago with the high voltage power lines. Also, he updated the Board regarding the time frame that documents need to be documented within the time guidelines. A flat fee is being researched to be charged to the the title companies and others. The Register's Association is also looking at establishing an e-filing system.

-Sandy Nielsen provided an update on the audit and review of the 911 surcharge report received from Maner Costerisan.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

TUSCOLA COUNTY
MSHDA Rental Rehabilitation Program
Public Hearing
June 25, 2015
HH Purdy Building

Commissioner Bardwell called the MSHDA Public Hearing to order at 8:30 a.m. held at the HH Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan.

Present: Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Bardwell, Commissioner Trisch, Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Commissioner Bierlein, Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Brian Neuville, Jeff Bliss, Mark Ransford, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Erica Dibble, Beth Asperger, Sandy Nielsen, Register John Bishop, Pam Shook, Mike Miller, Lieutenant Brian Harris, Matt Brown

Mike Hoagland stated that no written comments were received at the County Controller's Office.

Brian Neuville provided an explanation of the grant request in the amount of \$120,000.00. The grant funds will be used for rental rehabilitation which will result in three newly created housing units in the City of Caro downtown area. Tuscola County will continue to use the Human Development Commission (HDC) as its third-party administrator for this affordable housing project. Rental Rehabilitation provides safe, decent and affordable rental housing in vibrant, walkable downtown communities.

Mark Ransford provided the overview of the positivity that can be created for the downtown area by encouraging residents to live, work and play in the City of Caro.

Public Comment - None

15-M-099

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to approve the resolution for the 2014 – 2015 MSHDA Housing Resource Fund, a rental rehabilitation grant targeting the City of Caro, and authorize the chairperson to sign all appropriate documents. Roll Call Vote - Allen ~yes; Bardwell ~ yes; Trisch ~ yes; Kirkpatrick ~ yes; Bierlein ~ yes. Motion Carried with all yes votes.

Public hearing adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk