

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 27, 2016 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 27th day of October 2016, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch (excused at 9:42 a.m.), District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Mike Miller, Caryn Painter, Steve Erickson, Vicky Sherry, Glen Roth, John Tilt, Wayne Koper, Christine Young, Robert Zeilinger, Ziggy Dworzecki, Register John Bishop, Tom Gilchrist, Steve Anderson, Attorney John Axe, Meredith Shanle, Debra Cook, Gretchen Tenbusch, Ann Hepfer, Bill Campbell

Adoption of Agenda -
16-M-178

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
16-M-179

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 13, 2016 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Wayne Koper -

-Mr. Koper requested the amount of revenue that would be generated with the current projected wind project in the first year for Tuscola County. Mike Hoagland explained that approximately \$1.2 million was received in 2015 with 8 special funds receiving almost \$1 million. Although, the amount of revenue will decline substantially in subsequent years.

-Mr. Koper requested the current funding status of the Caro Airport Authority. The Board stated that is handled by the City of Caro.

-Mr. Koper asked Clerk Fetting the probability of voter fraud in the November 2016 election. Clerk Fetting stated the opportunity of voter fraud in the State of Michigan is nil. She also explained the voting process of optical scan tabulators.

Consent Agenda Resolution -

16-M-180

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the October 24, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/24/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Jail Administrator, that the fifth amendment to the Correctional Health Care Services agreement be approved to increase hours from 32 to 40 per week at an annual cost of \$14,844. Said service expansion to include Medicaid billing as well as other services as outlined in the October 13, 2016 communication from the Jail Administrator. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/24/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Information Technology Services Agreement with the City of Caro be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/24/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2016 County Apportionment Report as submitted by the County Equalization Director be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/24/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 child care fund budget as prepared and submitted by the Circuit Court Administrator be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/24/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2017 Sheriff Department police services contract with Millington Township be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/24/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2017 Sheriff Department police services contract with Arbela Township be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/24/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2017 Sheriff Department police services contract with Vassar Township be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/24/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Undersheriff that authorization is given to make application to the state for a grant under the Medical Marijuana Act with specific enforcement needs to be determined at a later date.

- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/24/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Equalization Department to concur with the hiring of Kristin Nelson as a Property Appraiser I at Step 1 of the pay schedule effective November 14, 2016.

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: all. NAYS: none. ABSTENTIONS: none

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

New Business -

-Public Hearing Regarding Cass City Annexation Request - 8:00 a.m.
Commissioner Bardwell recessed the Board of Commissioner's meeting at 8:14 a.m. for the Public Hearing.

Recessed at 8:14 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:17 a.m.

16-M-181

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the requesting petition submitted by the Cass City Village Council and after conducting a public hearing the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners approve the annexation of property commonly known as V/L Doerr Road from Elkland Township to the Village of Cass City (Tax Parcel No. 007-033-000-2900-01). Motion Carried.

-Discussion of Economic Development Corporation (EDC) – William Campbell
Mr. Campbell provided history to the Board regarding POET establishing in Caro rather than Vassar. Mr. Campbell worked with Hank Jaster and Dave Murphy to have land near the Industrial Park re-zoned by the Planning Commission and the Village of Caro. He stated this was all completed on the down-low to ensure that many people would not know about it. He feels this was instrumental in bringing POET to Caro not necessarily the Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Campbell does not feel the EDC did what they should have to retain manufacturing companies that were located in Caro and Vassar. He feels the EDC needs to take on a new direction.

Christine Young stated there are things that were instrumental in bringing POET to Caro that Mr. Campbell may be unaware of. She also stated that the EDC can only provide assistance to a business if the business requests it.

Ziggy Dworzecki stated a community cannot provide assistance in bringing in business if tactics are being done on the down-low. Mr. Dworzecki feels the GIS system is an important asset to have in Tuscola County. It allows investors to begin their research to determine if Tuscola County may be a possible fit for their business.

-Economic Development Corporation Update - CDBG -

Steve Erickson explained there is a new requirement in order to receive a CDBG grant. The municipality needs to be redevelopment ready which Tuscola County has no municipalities that meet this requirement. Steve Erickson and Vicky Sherry are working with the local units in order to provide assistance needed to qualify.

16-M-182

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Young that the budget for the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) be increased by \$25,000 to support the Economic Development Corporation and their activities for the 2017 fiscal year only. Matter Discussed at length. Voice Vote: Trisch, Young, Bardwell - yes; Kirkpatrick, Bierlein - no. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 9:42 a.m.

Commissioner Trisch excused at 9:42 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:58 a.m.

-Cass River Greenway Update – Robert Zeilinger

Mr. Zeilinger presented to the Board the history and the goals of Cass River Greenway. New kayak/canoe launches have been established along the Cass River with two more planned for 2017. After those two launches are complete, it will complete the vision of the Lower Cass River Water Trail. There is interest in establishing the Upper Cass River Water Trail. Cass City is considering sponsoring a launch site near the water waste treatment plan. Tuscola County Road Commission has worked with Cass River Greenway in spraying and controlling phragmites along the roadsides. A water quality monitoring project sponsored by the DEQ and was completed in 2014. In 2015, the Cass River Watershed Management Plan was completed and approved by the DEQ and EPA. Cass River Greenway continues to apply for grants and looks forward to the future of improving the Cass River. Their website is www.CassRiver.org.

-Health Department Bonding and Change from DB to DC Retirement Plan -

Attorney John Axe and Meredith Shanle presented to the Board regarding the next step in the conversion process. They need the Bond Resolutions to be adopted.

16-M-183

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the resolution authorizing the County of Tuscola to issue pension obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 (2017 series) be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote - Young -yes; Trisch - absent; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

16-M-184

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the resolution of undertaking to provide continuing disclosure by the County of Tuscola be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Trisch - absent; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

16-M-185

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to authorize the resolution approving the Comprehensive Plan for the Tuscola County Health Department Retirement System and all appropriate signatures are allowed. Also, this plan be posted on the county web site and filed in the County Clerk's Office. Roll Call Vote - Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Young - yes; Trisch - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Parks and Recreation Commission Membership Appointments -

Robert McKay and Clerk Fetting have worked together to determine the current Board membership and expiration dates.

16-M-186

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the following actions be taken with respect to appointments to Parks and Recreation Commission and clarify previous appointment actions:

- Jerry Peterson be reappointed for a three year term expiring December 31, 2019.
- Kim Vaughn be reappointed for a three year term expiring December 31, 2019.
- Robert McKay be reappointed for a two year term expiring December 31, 2018.
- Advertise to fill the open seat formerly held by Mary Stec – the term of the person appointed to this position will expire on December 31, 2018.

Old Business -

Courthouse Fire Inspection -

A Fire Inspection has been scheduled to be completed at the jail and Steve Anderson is requesting for the Courthouse to be completed at the same time. The additional cost would be \$100.00.

16-M-187

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein to approve spending \$100.00 for a fire inspection to be completed at the courthouse with written report to be received. Motion Carried.

Strategic EDC Planning Committee -

The Board needs to appoint a Commissioner to the Strategic EDC Planning Committee. Commissioner Young offered to represent the Board on the committee.

16-M-188

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Commissioner Young be appointed to the Strategic EDC Planning Committee. The current Board of Commissioners per diem should be received for attending the meeting. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Gretchen Tenbusch's retirement party will be held at the Oven.

-Almer Township Public Hearing regarding the wind and special use permit will be held at Caro Community High School.

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Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission - Will be hosting a meeting to welcome all elected officials and review their responsibilities.

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

MAC Economic Development & Taxation Committee

BARDWELL - overall update provided

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

Behavioral Health Systems Board

BIERLEIN - overall update provided
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
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 Judiciary Committee

TRISCH - absent
Board of Health
Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Animal Control
Solid Waste Management

KIRKPATRICK - no update
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
Cass River Greenways Pathway
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync
NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Jail Planning Committee

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary -

-Mike Miller explained to the Board that the Courthouse has been inspected in 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, and 2011. The Courthouse is not required to have a fire alarm as it is grandfathered in due to the age of the building. Per a recommendation from a previous inspection, there were additional exit signs and lighting installed approximately in 2004 or 2005.

Extended Public Comment -

-Tisha Jones stated Lapeer County Courthouse has no security at their front entrance which was a surprise to her.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

TUSCOLA COUNTY
Village of Cass City Annexation
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Commissioner Thomas Bardwell called the public hearing for the Village of Cass City Annexation held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 27th day of October, 2016 to order at 8:14 o'clock a.m. local time.

Present: Commissioner Bardwell, Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Commissioner Bierlein, Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Tom Gilchrist, Steve Erickson, Vicky Sherry, Glen Roth, Register John Bishop, John Tilt, Ziggy Dworzecki, Christine Young, Wayne Koper, Bill Campbell, Bob Zeilinger, Caryn Painter, Mike Miller

Commissioner Bardwell referenced the proposed resolution to annex property commonly known as V/L Doerr Road in Cass City, Michigan to the Village of Cass City. The annexation will allow for water and sewer lines to be extended to the property. The annexation of the property to the Village of Cass City would promote industrial development, growth and future expansion.

Steve Erickson asked the Board to consider and approve the Annexation.

Commissioner Bardwell offered a public comment period - None

Commissioner Bardwell adjourned the public hearing at 8:17 a.m. to resume the regular Board of Commissioners meeting.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk