

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
October 12, 2017 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 12th day of October 2017, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Reverend Douglas S. Abel, First Presbyterian Church, Vassar

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones, Mike Miller, Register John Bishop, Steve Anderson, Nina Petfushkova, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Caryn Michalak, Sandy Nielsen, Rev. Doug Abel, Sandy Nielsen, Jennifer Leitzel, Patti Kirkpatrick, Wade McFarland

Nina Petfushkova is a foreign exchange student from Russia and introduced herself to the Board.

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
17-M-175

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
17-M-176

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 28, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -*

*Consent Agenda Resolution -  
17-M-177*

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the October 9, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/9/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Contract for Mental Health Services to be provided by Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems for county jail inmates for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/9/17
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the Primary Road Millage transfer request of \$494,560.26 as identified by Voucher #02-17 dated October 1, 2017 for transfer from the Primary Road Millage to the Road Commission General Fund.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/9/17
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the Local Bridge Millage transfer request of \$374,054.57 as identified by Voucher #02-17 dated October 1, 2017, for transfer from the Local Bridge Millage Fund to the Road Commission General Fund.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/9/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Register of Deeds that authorization is given to purchase four receipt printers from the automation fund for a total amount of \$3,600. Also, appropriate budget amendments are authorized.

- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/9/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that Sonja A. Rajkovic-Bennett be appointed to the County Planning Commission to complete the term of Louis Smallwood which expires December 2019.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/9/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the County Clerk be requested to advertise to fill a vacancy on the County Planning Commission created by the resignation of Amber Hughey.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/9/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems that Janet Huff be appointed to the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board to complete the term of Raymond Bates which expires on March 31, 2018.

*New Business -*

-Dispatch Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Bids - Sandy Nielsen informed the Board the bids came in over budget as a 30kva system was quoted. It has been determined a 15kva system is sufficient.

17-M-178

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the Dispatch Director that all uninterruptible power supply (UPS) bids be rejected and the UPS be rebid reducing the requirement from 30 kva to 15 kva which has been determined to be sufficient to meet the electrical protection needs of the system. Motion Carried.

-Dispatch Director Update Regarding Pagers - Sandy Nielsen updated the Board regarding the pagers as it has been determined that the pager system does not need to be replaced immediately. This is a project that will be continued to be monitored.

-Mayville Lions, Jennifer Leitzel - The 3rd Annual Fall Into Made in the Thumb Exposition is an event scheduled for October 21, 2017 at the Polish American Hall in Caro to showcase local entrepreneurs from around the Thumb.

-4-H and Plat Books - Eean Lee has contacted the company that MSUe has chosen to prepare the Plat Books and updated the Board regarding their need to have the GIS files in order to prepare the books. Board discussed matter with no action at this time.

-Vanderbilt Park Bids - Mike Miller opened the sealed bids for the Park Project.

- Bourdow Contracting, Carrollton - \$70,523.00
- R. Kern and Sons, Vassar - \$42,975.47
- McFarland Excavating, Wisner - \$38,210.00

Board discussed matter and bids received.

#### 17-M-179

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the Vanderbilt Park improvements bid be awarded to McFarland Excavating who was the low bidder for an amount of \$38,210.00. Motion Carried.

Wade McFarland is appreciative of being awarded the bid. His projected start date is November 1, 2017.

-2018 County Budget Development - Mike Hoagland and Clayette Zechmeister are currently working on putting a projected budget together for review. Board discussed matter.

Recessed at 8:51 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:01 a.m.

Board continued discussion of the 2018 budget as to how there are many variables that influence the budget.

-Vassar TIF - Board is looking forward to continued discussion with the City of Vassar. The City Council has changes coming due to resignations.

-Huron County IT Changes - The Huron County IT Director has resigned. Mike Hoagland and Eean Lee will reach out to see if there is any way Tuscola County IT Department can assist.

*Old Business - None*

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

- Resolution from Otsego County Board of Commissioners regarding Opposition to the Reduction or Elimination of Federal Funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.
- Road Commission Minutes.
- Thumb Regional Sobriety Court Graduation will be held on October 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission Liaison - Provided an update regarding a concern over Sheridan Road and also a potential wind turbine project beginning.

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Strategic EDC Planning Committee - Update provided regarding meeting this week. Commissioner Young felt the meeting was positive.

Jail Planning Committee

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Region VI Economic Development Planning - Update provided.

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Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Update provided and matter discussed.

Caro DDA/TIFA - Update provided regarding projects underway.

MAC Finance - Update provided.

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Update regarding Almer and Ellington Townships provided.

TRIAD - Update provided regarding DTE scam.

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Budget has been approved.

MAC Workers Comp Board

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health - Update provided.

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Update provided.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

MI Renewable Energy Coalition - Matter discussed.

MEMS All Hazards - Update provided.

MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair

Cass River Greenways Pathway

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Local units are discussing marijuana ordinances.

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use

Jail Planning Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Tuscola In-Sync

Region VI Tourism Discussions

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Human Development Commission (HDC) - Commissioner Bierlein wondered if the Senior Ball has been scheduled or cancelled. Board was not aware either way.

Recycling Advisory Committee - Deputy Coordinator/Director has accepted the position.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Board of Directors - Update provided.

Human Services Collaborative Council

MAC Judiciary Committee

Tuscola County College Access Network

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

VAUGHAN

Board of Health - Update provided.

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Caro Dam discussed.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission - Update provided.

*Other Business as Necessary -*

-Mike Hoagland is concerned with state funding for the rebuild of the Caro Center.

*Extended Public Comment -*

-Judge Gierhart invited the Board to the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court graduation. The Judge discussed the Community Corrections program and the benefits that Tuscola County does receive by having the work site program.

Security Committee concerns were discussed and how policies are being handled. 2018 budget concerns were discussed.

-Register John Bishop addressed the Board regarding how during the budget time it always seems to be adversarial.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk