

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
November 20, 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 20th day of November 2017, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Pastor Mark Seppo, Vassar Victory Center/Assembly of God

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 (via Hangouts), District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Caryn Michalak, Clayette Zechmeister, Ann Hepfer, Register John Bishop, Pastor Mark Seppo, Gregg Campbell, Nancy Barrios, Joe Greene, Jim McLoskey, Barbara Klimaszewski, Vicky Sherry, Steve Erickson, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray, Matt Shane

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
17-M-196

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
17-M-197

Motion by Young, seconded by Bierlein to adopt the meeting minutes from the November 9, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None*

*Consent Agenda Resolution - None*

*New Business -*

-Introduction of Cass City Manager, Debbie Powell - Mrs. Powell introduced herself to the Board. She reviewed the projects the Village has put as a priority such as a grocery store, economic development, wastewater treatment plant, streets, blight, the master plan and parks and recreation.

-Airport Authority Update - Joe Greene provided an update to the Board as the airport is the only one on the East side of the state offering multiple types of octane fuel. There has been discussion of ways to fund the airport and a special millage has been discussed. Nancy Barrios updated the Board regarding the growth of the airport due to Midwest Sky Sports and Lapeer Flight training. On December 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., Santa Claus will be flying into the airport.

-Airport Zoning Board of Appeals By-Laws - Clerk Fetting has received confirmation that 4 of the 5 current members would continue to serve on the Board of Appeals.

## 17-M-198

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals By-Laws as recommended by the county attorneys be approved and implemented. Motion Carried.

-Indigent Defense Plan - Barbara Klimaszewski updated the Board to the progress of the plan to be submitted on behalf of Tuscola County. She does not recommend that the plan include a line to include the Prosecutor. She feels any plan that includes the Prosecutor arm will be rejected by the State Commission. The plan must be submitted today. Clayette has reviewed the recommendations received from Barbara with the only two issues outstanding is the Prosecutor and polycom units. Barbara recommends removing the polycom units as the tablets included would be sufficient. Board discussed and agreed to remove the two polycom units for each of the conference rooms in the courthouse. Board discussed and agreed to remove the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney portion.

## 17-M-199

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that the Tuscola County Indigent Defense Plan be approved and submitted to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission with the stipulation that if state funding is not provided for all costs over the local share then it is not the county's responsibility to carry out any of the new plan functions or fund any of the state share of the plan costs. (Clearly the county has limited funding capabilities and could not add over \$800,000 in new cost for an expanded Indigent Defense Program). Motion Carried.

-2018 Budget Development Update and Set Public Hearing - Draft budget has been submitted to Department Heads for review and comments. Public hearing to be set with the Controller's Office to handle the newspaper posting and Clerk Fetting to post on the website and Purdy Building.

## 17-M-200

Motion by Young, seconded by Bierlein that a notice be placed in the local newspaper that a public hearing will be scheduled for December 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. to review and consider adoption of the 2018 Tuscola County Budget.  
Motion Carried.

-Letter of Funding Support for Region 6 Prosperity Initiative - Mike Hoagland reviewed proposed letter.

## 17-M-201

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the letter of support and commitment to I-69 Thumb Region Regional Prosperity Initiative including the application for continued funding be approved. Also all appropriate signatures are authorized.  
Motion Carried.

-Dental Clinic Update - Ann Hepfer explained to the Board the concern of enhanced reimbursement that is received as the clinic is a 501c3. There is concern from a local dentist as that dentist cannot utilize enhanced reimbursement. There are 36 Dental Clinics now established throughout the State of Michigan. Ann feels this is a needed clinic in Tuscola County as there is not adult Medicaid dental care available.

-Vassar TIFA - Board discussed the opinion from Braun Kendrick. No action required at this time.

-Probation Officers On-Call Pay - Mike Hoagland explained the request for the change in the on-call pay for Juvenile Probation Officers. Caryn Michalak reviewed the proposed change to allow the Officers to either take \$150.00 stipend or 1-day of comp time. Caryn also provided an update regarding the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) contract. Both current contractors do not want to apply to the state to be a contractor. Board discussed matter and a meeting to be scheduled.

## 17-M-202

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that per the request of the Court Administrator and Chief Judge that if juvenile probation officers choose to receive pay instead of compensation time for being on-call (limit of one juvenile probation officer on-call per week) then this pay be increased from \$50 to \$150 per week. Also, this pay change be applied retroactively to October 1, 2017. (Juvenile probation officers have demanding on-call requirements and in many instances have to physically come to the county facilities to deal with certain child care matters). Motion Carried.

-Prosecutor Stop Program Appointment - Mike Hoagland explained the request from the Prosecutor.

## 17-M-203

Motion by Young, seconded by Bierlein that per the request of the County Prosecutor that effective November 20, 2017 Kathleen A. Miller be appointed as a part-time employee for the STOP Grant Coordinator Position (The amount of hours worked cannot exceed the amount of hours allowed for a retired employee in the MERS pension program). Motion Carried.

-Grant Request Letters to Wal-Mart - Mike Hoagland explained request.

## 17-M-204

Motion by Young, seconded by Bierlein that a letter confirming that Tuscola County is a legal governmental entity be authorized to be sent to Wal-Mart so that the Sheriff Department can make a grant application to Wal-Mart. Motion Carried.

-Remodeling of New Recycling Building Bid - Mike Miller updated the Board regarding the lack of bids received to remodel the Recycling Building. He has reached out to the architect and to the lone bidder for follow-up meetings. No further action at this time.

-Re-appointment of Members to Various Boards and Commissions -

## 17-M-205

Motion by Young, seconded by Bierlein that Terry Jones be appointed to the Tuscola County Building Authority for a 6-year term beginning December 1, 2017. Motion Carried.

## 17-M-206

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the following appointments be made to the corresponding Tuscola County Boards and Commissions beginning January 1, 2018:

Ben Guile	911 Dispatch Authority Board	2-year term
Matthew Foley	911 Dispatch Authority Board	2-year term
Keith Kosik	Construction Code Board of Appeals	2-year term
Ken Martin	Construction Code Board of Appeals	2-year term
Marvin Klein	Construction Code Board of Appeals	2-year term
Sue Morris	Department of Human Services Board	3-year term
James Hecht	Department of Public Works	3-year term
Jerry Peterson	Human Development Board of Directors	1-year term
John Hunter	Jury Board	6-year term
Beverly Read	Jury Board	6-year term
Stephen Erickson	Parks & Recreation Commission	3-year term
Zygmunt Dworzecki	Parks & Recreation Commission	3-year term
Cynthia Kapa	Parks & Recreation Commission	3-year term
Albert Pearsall III	Planning Commission	3-year term
Terry Jones	Recycling Advisory Committee	3-year term

Sharon Mika	Recycling Advisory Committee	3-year term
William Sanders	Region VII Area Agency on Aging	1-year term

Motion Carried.

*Old Business -*

-Vassar Foundry - There is a meeting scheduled at 3:30 p.m. today.

-MREC Update - Mike Hoagland provided a written overview in the Board packet.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-Mike Hoagland presented a proposed letter to be distributed to the elected and appointed officials to involve the IT Director at the onset of a project.

-State approval of Ann Hepfer as Health Officer.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

KIRKPATRICK - No Report

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MEMS All Hazards

MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair

Cass River Greenways Pathway

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use

Jail Planning Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Tuscola In-Sync

Region VI Tourism Discussions

BIERLEIN - No Report

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Board of Directors

Human Services Collaborative Council

MAC Judiciary Committee

Tuscola County College Access Network

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

VAUGHAN - No Report

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission Liaison

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - MAC District meeting held today was very informative.

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Strategic EDC Planning Committee

Jail Planning Committee

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Region VI Economic Development Planning

Tuscola 2020

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Finance

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Opioid Epidemic is a topic to take concern of.

TRIAD

Behavioral Health Systems Board

MAC Workers Comp Board

*Other Business as Necessary - None**Extended Public Comment -*

-Matt Shane introduced himself as the interim director for MSU Extension with Joe Bixler assuming his new role.

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk