

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
December 17, 2018 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner 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 17th day of December 2018, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

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

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Register John Bishop, Nancy Laskowski, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Clayette Zechmeister, Mary Drier, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Steve Anderson

*Adoption of Agenda -*

18-M-212

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*

18-M-213

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 13, 2018 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings as presented. Motion Carried.

18-M-214

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to adopt the minutes from the Public Hearing for 2019 Budget held on December 13, 2018. Motion Carried.

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

*Consent Agenda Resolution - None*

*New Business -*

Resolution Honoring Mary Drier -

18-M-215

Motion by Young, seconded by Bierlein that the resolution honoring Mary Drier for her numerous outstanding journalism accomplishments be approved and placed on file. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bierlein - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Honoring Matthew Bierlein -

18-M-216

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the resolution honoring Matthew Bierlein for his numerous outstanding accomplishments during his time as a Tuscola County Commissioner be approved and placed on file. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes; Bierlein - abstain. Motion Carried.

-Sheriff's Department Wage Increase Request - Sheriff Skrent requested the Board to set a meeting to discuss increasing the wages for the Sheriff, Undersheriff and Emergency Services Manager.

Commissioner Bardwell would like a baseline set in order to review the wages within a Department.

Commissioner Bierlein discussed a wage study that was completed by Michigan Works. Also, discussed was wage studies completed by Lapeer County and Huron County.

-Proctor vs. Tuscola County et. al. - Mike Hoagland provided an overview of the lawsuit filed.

-Opioid Lawsuit update - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update regarding the case as it will be filed in the State of Ohio.

-Organizational Meeting -

18-M-217

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the Board Organizational meeting be set for January 2, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. Motion Carried.

-Committee Assignments -

Board reviewed current assignments and made some changes. Mike Hoagland will prepare a proposed revised list to present to the Commissioners.

-Economic Development Commission (EDC) Board appointments and by-law review -

Commissioner Bardwell reviewed the current board appointments and how those persons should be re-appointed per the by-laws. The current board members do not have the class type listed next to them which Commissioner Bardwell would like to have added for the future. Board reviewed the by-laws regarding appointments to the EDC Board. Board discussed matter.

Recessed at 9:54 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

Clerk Fetting will audit the EDC Board to verify that all members were appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

*Old Business -*

-MREC Meeting December 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Tuscola Intermediate School District. Mike Hoagland provided an overview of the letter sent.

-Jail Planning Committee - Mike Hoagland provided an update regarding the recent meeting. The Committee is going to work on getting estimates to decide what possibilities are available.

-Caro Regional Center Water - Representative Canfield has reached out to Mike Hoagland regarding the progression of the project. Board discussed matter.

-Update regarding former Vassar Foundry - Mike Hoagland reported that the Vassar Foundry has been sold with a closing date pending.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-RPC sent communication regarding the audit for Behavioral Health Systems.

-EDC audit is completed by Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

JENSEN - No updates.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Jail Planning Committee

Board of Health

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - 23 to 26 projects currently.

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Finance

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRIAD - Scams are prevalent targeting our senior population.

Behavioral Health Systems Board

MAC Workers Comp Board

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 Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Strategic EDC Planning Committee

Jail Planning Committee

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Received a \$50,000 grant for truck driving school attendees.

Region VI Economic Development Planning

Tuscola 2020

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

Cass River Greenways Pathway

VAUGHAN

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Update provided regarding Riverside Grill and the process and permits need to replace his water heater.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission - Report from engineer is pending.

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

MAC Environmental Regulatory – Septic Code bill has lost steam. Update from meeting provided.

NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use

BIERLEIN - No Update.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Work  
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  
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee  
MEMS All Hazards

*Other Business as Necessary -*

-Drain Commissioner's Office Reclassification - Drain Commissioner Mantey requested the Board reconsider his request proposed at the December 13, 2018 meeting.

*18-M-218 Rescinded 2/1/19 Motion 19-M-031*

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the Drain Commissioner Office be allowed to offer an Appraiser II position to the current Account Assessment Specialist, in the Drain Office, Dara McGarry, and be offered the Appraisal II wage rate, Step 5 wage, as of January 1, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: Jensen - no; Bierlein - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

*Extended Public Comment -*

-Nancy Laskowski stated that wind turbine equipment is being moved at night in order to be hid from having the property appraised for year end.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk