

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
October 31, 2013 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 31st day of October, 2013 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Trisch

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mike Miller, Ray Cortez, Jackie Roe, Bob Klenk, Tisha Jones, Kim Green, Eean Lee, Gretchen Tenbush, Steve Anderson

13-M-217

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen to adopt the agenda as amended.  
Motion Carried.

13-M-218

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 17, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period – Jackie Roe introduced herself and is a participant of the 2013 LEAD program.

**Consent Agenda Resolution**

13-M-219

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution.  
Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/28/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Board of Health, Medical Examiner fees be removed from the Health Department Fee Schedule.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/28/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Board of Health, that a death certificate fee of \$40 be established and the current cremation fees be increased from the current \$15 to \$35. These fee changes are made to help defray part of the cost of increasing the health department employee involved in issuing permits from 4 to 5 days per week.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/28/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that authorization be given to replace Julie Strasz's hand bag for an amount of \$47.65. This bag was damaged while passing through security equipment at the Courthouse.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/28/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Veteran Affairs 2012/2013 Annual Report be received and placed on file.

#### New Business

- 2014 County Budget Development - Mike Hoagland provided an update to the 2014 Budget.
- Special Purpose Millages - Mike Hoagland reviewed the County Millages.

## 13-M-220

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the first draft 2014 Baseline Budget as presented at the October 28, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting with revisions made at the October 31, 2013 Board meeting be sent to department officials for review and comment. Any unresolved budget matters shall be submitted to the Controller/Administrator in writing for commissioners discussion at the November 14, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion Carried.

-Coalition Against Bigger Trucks

## 13-M-221

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that the letter opposing truck size and weight increases be approved and forwarded to Federal Officials and the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks. Motion Carried with Commissioner Kirkpatrick opposed.

-Millington Township Police Services Contract

## 13-M-222

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the 2014 Sheriff Department Police Services contract with Millington Township be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Digital Parcel Mapping Assistance from the County Planning Commission - Ray Cortez, Tuscola County Planning Commission, has volunteered to lead the effort in inventorying any existing digital maps within Tuscola County.

## 13-M-223

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to allow Ray Cortez of the Tuscola County Planning Commission to organize any existing digital maps available within Tuscola County with assistance from other Tuscola County Planning Commission members. Motion Carried.

- Water Softener Bid for State Police post - Mike Miller has received bids from Culligan in the amount of \$3,989.00 and from Midwest Water Treatment in the amount of \$4,847.00

## 13-M-224

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to accept the bid from Culligan in the amount of \$3,989.00 for the water softener at the State Police Department. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

**Correspondence/Resolutions**

- Proposed Letter of Support and Commitment to Region 6 Regional Prosperity Plan Initiative
- Discussed Renewable Energy Article
- Consumers Energy Groundbreaking Ceremony - November 1, 2013 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Trisch excused at 9:25 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS****ALLEN**

Dispatch Authority Board  
County Road Commission  
Board of Public Works - Meeting November 5, 2013  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative  
Dental Clinic for Indigents  
Parks & Recreation  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

**BARDWELL**

NACo  
NACo Rural Action Caucus  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
Caro DDA/TIFA  
MAC Economic Development/Taxation  
Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

**TRISCH**

Board of Health  
Human Development Commission (HDC)  
TRIAD  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
Human Services Collaborative Council  
Great Start Collaborative  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works  
Board of Health  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Mike Bearden is going to look for alternative options for Tuscola County youth.  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition  
MEMS All Hazards  
Cass River Greenways Pathway  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Tuscola In Sync - Looking to educate the public on services that can be completed on line through [www.tuscolacounty.org](http://www.tuscolacounty.org).  
Natural Gas Recovery - Commissioner Kirkpatrick continuing to research.

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works  
Planning Commission  
Behavioral Health Systems Board - Board is reviewing potential changes in how Medicaid payments will be received.  
Tuscola 2020  
Recycling Advisory Committee  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
Multi County Solid Waste  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Tuscola In Sync

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment - Bob Klenk is applying for a grant for the multi-county phone system. Final documents for the Sprint/Nextel re-banding have finally been received.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk