

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 29, 2014 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 29th day of January, 2014 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Trisch

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Allen

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, Bob Bushaw, Steve Erickson, Vicky Sherry, Mike Miller, Nick Buggia, Robert McKay, Bob Klenk, Jerry Peterson, Chuck Heinlein, John Bishop, Steve Anderson.

14-M-009

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

14-M-010

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the January 16, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution -

14-M-011

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 21, 2014 letter of recommendation from the Mosquito Abatement Director that the two budgeted trucks for 2014 be purchased from Moore Motors who was the low bidder for an amount of \$45,222.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 21, 2014 letter of recommendation from the Mosquito Abatement Director to authorize the purchase of the following treatment materials for the 2014 season for an amount of \$111,468.60.
- Perm – X 4-4 (ULV permethrin) gallons
 - BTI Grandular 12,800 lbs.
 - BTI Liquid 540 gallons BVA 2 (larvicide oil) 550 gallons
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move to concur with the Kalkaska resolution in opposition to SB 552 (changes in personal property tax related to gas and oil drilling) due to the adverse effects on local revenue and the inequity it will create within the general property tax act by providing special treatment to a particular group of businesses. Also, copies of the resolution be forwarded to state officials and the Michigan Association of Counties.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that a letter of support be sent regarding submitting a grant application to the EPA for a Brownfield Assessment Grant.
- Agenda Reference:** E

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14

Description of Matter: Move that the hiring freeze be lifted and the Recycling Director be authorized to refill the part-time Recycling Material Handler position vacancy.

Agenda Reference: F

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14

Description of Matter: Move that a letter be sent from the Board of Commissioners to Dr. Kumar congratulating him for his award from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for his tremendous work with childhood immunization.

Agenda Reference: G

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14

Description of Matter: Move that per the January 14, 2014 letter from the Region VII Area Agency on Aging the County Clerk be requested to advertise to fill various vacancies on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.

Agenda Reference: H

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14

Description of Matter: Move that per the January 10, 2014 letter from the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council effective March 31, 2014, Henry Wymore be reappointed to this Board for a three year term ending March 31, 2017.

New Business

-Economic Development Corporation Activity Report and Update on Regional Planning Efforts - Steve Erickson explained the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Region 6 and Sub Region, My Green Thumb Region. Steve also reviewed the new DFA Project in Cass City.

14-M-012

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that the EDC 2013 Annual Report be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

-911 Dispatch Annual Report - Bob Klenk presented the Annual Report for 911 Dispatch for 2013.

14-M-013

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that the 2013 911 Dispatch Annual Report be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

Chairman Bardwell proceeded to Old Business - Parks and Recreation Committee Membership

14-M-014

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the County Parks and Recreation Commission be put in place following the membership requirements of Act 261 of 1965. Motion Carried.

14-M-015

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Jerry Peterson and Lisa Valentine be re-appointed to the County Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion Carried.

14-M-016

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Nick Buggia and Robert McKay be appointed to the County Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 8:58 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:12 a.m.

New Business Continued -

-Potential Procedure for Considering Employee Reclassification Requests - Labor Attorney Bob Kendrick's opinion reviewed. Once a Human Resources Director is hired, reclassification policy will be placed as a priority of the position.

-Continuation of Items Not Completed at Committee of the Whole Meeting - No further discussion needed.

Old Business

-Cost Sharing for Thumb Works - Agenda item removed by Commissioner Kirkpatrick for further research.

-Medical Examiner System Changes - Mike Hoagland is currently working on a procedure to continue forward. Matter discussed at length. Discussion to be continued at the Committee of the Whole on February 11, 2014. Mike Hoagland to gather further detailed information.

-Parks and Recreation Commission Membership - Matter Discussed during New Business.

-Service Consolidations - Mike Hoagland continuing to work on future possible consolidations.

-Inter-county Governmental Agreement for NG911 Phone System - Bob Klenk

provided information regarding the agreement.

14-M-017

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen to approve and authorize signature of the Inter-governmental Agreement with Bay and Midland Counties to share the costs of new telephone technologies and virtual backup capabilities for their 911 call answering and emergency service dispatch operations which will result in tremendous savings. Motion Carried.

-Hiring Freeze Criteria -

14-M-018

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that as part of the county hiring freeze process departments use the criteria below to determine alternative cost reduction methods. Also, communication be sent to all departments with a listing of prior and current cost reductions that have been implemented, expressing appreciation for reducing costs and asking for continued assistance to reduce costs to help resolve future anticipated financial issues using these methods.

- Changing full-time positions to part-time
- Reorganization and re-assignment of responsibility within the department
- Use of staff resources between different departments
- Fees and other revenue methods to defray costs
- Joint service deliver with other entities including county, city or townships
- Reduce personnel using online services to reduce demands on office staff
- Contracting for service with other public and private sector entities
- Reclassification to lower pay grade

The above listed items can result in tremendous savings. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

- Gretchen Tenbush is looking at new model for Dental Health Clinic.
- A \$90,000 check was presented to Tuscola County from Denmark Township. Chuck Heinlein asked if Hasting Bank would authorize an extension. Mike Hoagland advised that was not an option offered by the bank unfortunately.
- Huron County Resolution regarding Property Tax.
- Huron County Resolution to the State Tax Commission regarding the Equalization Director.
- Mosquito Abatement ballot language in process.
- IT Director, Eean Lee, is concerned about non-county computer use. The County policy has been distributed to Department Heads to be passed on to their employees.
- Water line to the Prosecutor's office has been fixed by the City of Caro.
- Court personnel policies will be brought to the Committee of the Whole.
- Baker College Business Mixer on February 11, 2014 starting at 4:00 p.m.
- Nancy Cory retirement luncheon is Friday January 31, 2014.

- Donation Center for Savannah Fielder at Signature Bank to help in medical needs from auto accident.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board - to be rescheduled to the beginning of February.

County Road Commission

Board of Public Works - Working on water projects.

Senior Services Advisory Council - Meet again in Spring 2014.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee - Annual meeting in February 2014.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Water levels are supposed to be up state wide.

Dental Clinic for Indigents

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Akron Township has put their water project out for bids.

TRISCH

Board of Health

Human Development Commission (HDC)

TRIAD - Commissioner Bierlein is attending.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Commissioner Trisch excused at 10:40 a.m.

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

Planning Commission - Commissioner Trisch is attending.

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Board just recently reviewed contracts.

Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee - Meets in February.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Training scheduled for January 30th.

Multi County Solid Waste

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync

MAC Board of Directors

Human Services Collaborative Council

BARDWELL

NACo
NACo Rural Action Caucus
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
MAC 6th District - Meeting to be scheduled.
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
MAC – Past President

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Groundbreaking
scheduled for April 2014.
MI Renewable Energy Coalition - Working on project.
MEMS All Hazards
Cass River Greenways Pathway - Looking to do a canoe launch on M-46.
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync - County Clerk, Jodi Fetting, applauded for efforts in updating
the website and looking for ways to automate services.

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

- Jodi Fetting thanked the Board for allowing herself, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Nicole Friday and Dara McGarry (LEAD) to attend the Leader Legacy training on January 16, 2014. The Leadership training was motivational and Justin Maust provided great information!

- Jodi Fetting updated the Board on the positive response from sending the CPL renewal letters. There was 213 letters sent for CPL license holders are expiring during the timeframe of December 2013 to May 2014. Of those letters, 59 applicants have responded and renewed their license. The applicants have all been very thankful of the letter that the County Clerk sent.

-All Hazards Training on January 30, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
County Clerk