

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
May 1, 2014 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner Roger Allen 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 1st day of May, 2014 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bierlein

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Trisch

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

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

Commissioner Absent: District 2 – Thomas Bardwell

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Mike Miller, Register John Bishop, Walt Schlichting, Lorraine Kurtansky, Charles Kurtansky

14-M-057

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to adopt the agenda. Motion Carried.

14-M-058

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the April 17, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - Register John Bishop addressed the Board regarding the number of foreclosures in the past and current years in Tuscola County.

Consent Agenda Resolution -

14-M-059

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/28/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the proposal from the Equalization Director to restructure the Equalization Department to reduce overall department costs, compensate employees for new responsibilities and implement a digital parcel layer for development of a Geographic Information System be approved effective June 1, 2014. Also, 2014 budget amendments are authorized for the office restructuring, software and employee training needs.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/28/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that as part of the Equalization Department restructuring proposal authorization is given to temporarily lift the county hiring freeze and approve the hiring of a part-time General Office Clerk (not to exceed 28 hours per week).
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/28/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that based on the information from the County Bond Attorney and Medical Care Facility staff that the 1 mill debt retirement millage not be levied for 2014 because sufficient funds exist to make the remaining bond retirement payments.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/28/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the resolution honoring the Department of Human Services Board and Medical Care Facility staff for their achievement in the construction of a Small House building to serve the needs of residents of Tuscola County be approved and presented at the Medical Care Facility ground-breaking ceremony on May 12, 2014.

- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/28/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that Matthew Romann Branding be appointed effective immediately to the County Recycling Committee.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/28/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that Edna Jaynes be appointed effective immediately to the Tuscola County Council on Aging.

### **New Business -**

-County Pool Car -

14-M-060

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the 2014 County Budget be amended and Mike Miller is authorized to purchase a used pool car with low mileage in an amount of \$15,000 or less to replace the car that had to be removed from the pool because it cannot be repaired and is no longer safe to operate. Motion Carried.

-Recycling Annual Report - Mike Miller reviewed the 2013 Recycling Annual Report.

14-M-061

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

-Animal Control Parking Lot Sealing -

14-M-062

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the 2014 budgeted parking lot sealing work at Animal Control be awarded to Astec Asphalt for an amount of \$1,675.00. Motion Carried.

-Courthouse Security Wall Extension-

14-M-063

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that the 2014 budgeted Courthouse security wall extension be awarded to Gerald G. Bergman for an amount of \$2,630.00. Motion Carried.

-Hanging of Liberty Bell Award in Courthouse -

14-M-064

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that per the request of the local bar association that authorization is given to hang the Liberty Bell Award in the Courthouse. Motion Carried.

-Courthouse Lawn Sprinkler System - Matter requested to be added to agenda by Mike Miller.

14-M-065

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the Courthouse Lawn Sprinkler System installation be awarded to Marlo Company in the amount of \$2,238.00. Motion Carried.

-Region 6 Prosperity Program - This program involves the EDC and County Commissioners. As more information is received, it will be forwarded to the Commissioners. It has been recommended that a Commissioner be assigned to this program at a later date.

-Sheriff Request to Fill Vacant Position -

14-M-066

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that per the April 28, 2014 request by the Sheriff that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and the Sheriff be authorized to refill the vacant corrections officer position created by the resignation of Tyler Agnew. Motion Carried.

14-M-067

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that the letter of resignation from Tyler Agnew in the Sheriff's Department be received and placed on file with said resignation to be effective May 4, 2014. Motion Carried.

**Old Business** - None

**Correspondence/Resolutions** - Dr. Horsch would like to be re-appointed to the Board of Health. Clerk Fetting will determine when his term expires.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS****KIRKPATRICK**

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works  
Board of Health  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Groundbreaking ceremony will be held on May 12, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.  
Land Acquisition  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition  
MEMS All Hazards  
MAC-Environment Energy Land Use  
Oil/Shale Work Group  
Cass River Greenways Pathway  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Tuscola In Sync

**ALLEN**

Dispatch Authority Board  
County Road Commission  
Board of Public Works  
Senior Services Advisory Council - Continuing to provide great services to county residents.  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee - Treatment of standing water has begun.  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative  
Dental Clinic for Indigents  
Parks & Recreation  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Akron Water Project is underway and progressing positively forward.

**TRISCH**

Board of Health  
Planning Commission  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Indianfields Township building is nearing completion.

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - Marv Pickla has retired as the Director. A new Director has been put into place. Mr. Pickla has been hired as a consultant.

## TRIAD

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Multi County Solid Waste

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Vassar School Millage election on May 6, 2014.

Tuscola In Sync

MAC Board of Directors - MAC has been working with the safe road program.

Human Services Collaborative Council

BARDWELL

NACo

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 6<sup>th</sup> District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC – Past President

Closed Session -None

Other Business as Necessary - Tuscola Behavioral Health program that provided services to the jail inmates that needed assistance has been eliminated. Purchasing a separate health plan for the jail inmates was discussed.

Extended Public Comment - Register Bishop has received his new copier and the fax option was not included in the original bid request. Galaxy Office Supplies offered to include that option at no additional cost to the County.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk