

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 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 December, 2014 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Allen

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch (by phone and excused at 9:50 a.m.), District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Eean Lee, Lorraine Kurtansky, Hal Hudson, Register John Bishop, Sandy Nielsen, Jim Will, Linda Will, Clayette Zechmeister, Sean Smith, Sheriff Lee Teschendorf, Joe Bixler, Attorney John Axe, Heather Middleton, Jackie Gardner

Adoption of Agenda -
14-M-224

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
M-14-225

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Commissioner's meeting, Organizational Meeting, and Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing held on December 17, 2014. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

-Clerk Jodi Fetting presented a portion of a newsletter she receives titled "Battle of the Boards: Democrats, Republicans Fight to Virtual Draw in 2014 County Commission Races.

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business -

-Affordable Care Act – Commissioner Health Insurance -

14-M-226

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that for the term of office for the years 2015 and 2016, and thereafter until further official action otherwise, the members of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners shall each be required to provide no more than an average twenty-nine (29) hours of service in such capacity per calendar week, and in no case shall any member of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners engage in more than Five Hundred Nineteen (519) hours of service in any period of ninety (90) consecutive days, nor more than One Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Nine (1,559) hours of service in any one (1) year period. Also, it shall be the responsibility of each member of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to ensure their own compliance with the hourly service limitations set forth herein.

Recessed at 8:09 a.m. (to allow for communication to Commissioner Trisch to be re-established)

Reconvened at 8:19 a.m.

Roll Call Vote - Allen - yes; Bardwell - no; Trisch - no; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

-Commissioner Compensation - Commissioners discussed transferring the currently received stipend into the Commissioners base salary pay. This transfer will maintain the current amount of salary received and will not increase the amount the Commissioners receive.

14-M-227

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the current \$2,000 stipend paid to county commissioners be rolled into the base commissioner compensation and the stipend for Commissioners be eliminated. The health insurance incentive for other eligible County employees will remain in effect. Roll Call Vote - Bardwell - no; Trisch - no; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Allen - yes. Motion Carried.

-Resolution Regarding County Commissioner Compensation -

14-M-228

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to accept the following resolution regarding County Commissioner compensation:

Whereas, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (BOC) is the governing legislative body of county government and has demanding responsibilities of overseeing a budget of nearly \$50 million dollars and a workforce of approximately 350 employees and,

Whereas, beginning in 2003 the number of county commissioners was reduced from 7 to 5 placing greater demands on fewer commissioners and,

Whereas, Federal and State governments have added new mandates and responsibilities on counties increasing the requirements and responsibility of commissioner jobs and,

Whereas, the current Tuscola County BOC base compensation of \$6,950 is less than the compensation paid to many other county commissioners in the State of Michigan in similar size counties and,

Whereas, commissioner base pay is less than the pay provided to many local township and other local government elected officials within Tuscola County and,

Whereas, during recent times of tremendous financial difficulty, the Tuscola BOC sacrificed and eliminated health insurance for county commissioners which resulted in thousands of dollars in reduced costs and helped to balance the stressed county budget and,

Whereas, it has been approximately 33 years since Tuscola County Commissioners received an increase in base compensation resulting in significant inflationary compensation erosion from **\$6,950 in 1981 to a 2014 present value of only \$2,585** and,

Now Therefore be it Resolved, that effective January 1, 2015 base commissioner compensation be increased by \$2,000 for increased responsibilities, for comparability to compensation paid to commissioners in similar size counties, for comparability to wages paid to local officials in Tuscola County and for recovery of 33 years of inflation that has eroded actual compensation by approximately 63%. Also, appropriate 2015 budget amendments are authorized.

Roll Call Vote - Trisch - no; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Allen - yes; Bardwell - no. Motion Carried.

-Board Rules of Order - Board discussed amending the Board Rules of Order to have the Commissioners compensation be discussed prior to July of odd numbered years.

14-M-229

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick the Board Rules of Order be amended to include the following statement: Commissioner Compensation shall be reviewed at least once no later than July of election years to determine if compensation changes will be implemented for the Board of Commissioners taking office January 1st of odd numbered years. Roll Call Vote - Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Allen - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes. Motion Carried

-Closed Session - Opinion Letter from County Attorney -

14-M-230

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that the Board meet in closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider the opinion letter from the County Attorney. Roll Call Vote - Bierlein - yes; Allen - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes. Motion Carried at 8:54 a.m.

14-M-231

Motion by Allen, seconded by Allen to reconvene the regular Board of Commissioners meeting from closed session. Roll Call Vote - Allen - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried at 9:21 a.m.

Recessed at 9:21 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:28 a.m.

-Time Capsule – MSUE -

Joe Bixler and other members from MSUE revealed a few of the items from the time capsule. Some items included in the time capsule were a plat book, a 4-H wooden nickel, a butterfly handmade by a 4-H group and a 4-H club scrapbook. The time capsule will be presented to 4-H Leaders to complete the unpacking. They will look at placing the contents on display in their office and possibly at the fair. Also, they are looking at doing the time capsule project again to be opened in 2039.

-Sheriff's Forfeited Property -

Sheriff Teschendorf informed the Board that the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office has received \$40,000.00 in a property forfeiture settlement. The Sheriff explained how the forfeiture money will be dispersed to various departments.

14-M-232

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Sheriff be allowed to disperse the money received in the forfeiture property settlement as outlined in his December 23, 2014 letter. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Trisch excused at 9:50 a.m.

-Geographic Information System – Potential Fee Structure -
Eean Lee explained the fee structure model to the Board and the potential increase in revenue.

14-M-233

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that as provided by the Enhanced Access to Public Records Act and recommended by the County Information Systems and Equalization Directors, the following fee schedule for online access to the County Geographic Information System and current Property Tax Query system be adopted. This model is based on a bulk credit purchase that allows access to the system with costs as follows:

- 10 credits – for \$30 (\$3/credit)
- 50 credits – for \$125 (\$2.50/credit)
- 100 credits – for \$200 (\$2/credit)
- Credits are available for up to one year after date of purchase

Motion Carried.

-Year-End 2014 Finances -

Clayette Zechmeister explained to the Board the year-end 2014 finances.

14-M-234

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that the 2014 general fund activity budgets be amended as shown in the table to prevent actual year-end expenditures from exceeding budget and in order to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion Carried.

Expenditure Category/Department	2014 Amended Budget	2014 Projected Actual	Estimated Difference Under Budget (Over Budget)	2014 Year-End Amended Budget
Jury Commission	5,618	6,000	(382)	6,000
Clerk	408,380	430,780	(22,400)	430,780
Prosecutor	505,707	518,000	(12,293)	518,000
Register of Deeds	235,675	254,675	(19,000)	254,675
Treasurer	316,199	317,000	(801)	317,000
Building & Grounds	733,199	746,000	(12,801)	746,000
Human Svcs Bldg Maint	52,865	58,865	(6,000)	58,865
Drain Commission	191,374	197,874	(6,500)	197,874
Animal Control	150,500	155,310	(4,810)	155,310
Building Codes	376,000	380,000	(4,000)	380,000

Trans Out Capital	-0-	250,000	(250,000)	250,000
Trans Out Victim Svcs	-0-	6,000	(6,000)	6,000
Trans Out Equipt	209,000	213,000	(4,000)	213,000
Trans Out Remon	-0-	61	(61)	61
Trans Out Purdy Bldg	71,850	72,450	(600)	72,450

14-M-235

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that the 2014 special revenue fund budgets be amended as shown in the table to prevent actual year-end expenditures/revenues from exceeding budget and in order to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion Carried.

Special Revenue Funds	11/30/2014 2014 Amended Budget	2014 Projected Actual Exp/Rev	Estimated Difference Under Budget (Over Budget)	2014 Year-End Amended Amount	Comments
County Parks Revenue	3,500	4,000	(500)	4,000	Revenue Amend
Voted Road Revenue	1,443,865	1,453,035	(9,170)	1,453,035	Revenue Amend
Expense	1,401,922	1,456,094	(54,172)	1,456,094	Expense Amend
Victim Services Revenue	63,550	69,550	(6,000)	69,550	GF Appropriation
Expense	63,550	69,550	(6,000)	69,550	Expense Amend
Equipment Fund Revenue	209,600	213,600	(4,000)	213,600	GF Appropriation
Medical Care Facility Expense	18,948,561	20,100,633	(1,152,072)	20,100,633	Use of Fund Balance
Soldiers Relief Expense	23,000	30,000	(7,000)	30,000	Use of Fund Balance
Veterans Trust Revenue	9,500	25,000	(15,500)	25,000	Revenue Amend
Expense	10,500	25,000	(14,500)	25,000	Expense Amend
Purdy Building Revenue	71,850	72,436	(586)	72,436	GF Appropriation
Expense	71,850	72,450	(600)	72,450	Expense Amend
Millington Sewer Debt Revenue	16,800	16,875	(75)	16,875	Revenue Amend
Expense	16,800	16,875	(75)	16,875	Expense Amend
Wisner Twp Water Debt Revenue	143,688	217,932	(74,244)	217,932	Revenue Amend
Expense	143,688	217,932	(74,244)	217,932	Expense Amend
Medical Care Debt Revenue	1,500,042	1,528,625	(28,583)	1,528,625	Revenue Amend

Expense	1,112,588	1,114,013	(1,425)	1,114,013	Expense Amend
Capital Improvements Revenue	3,000	253,000	(250,000)	253,000	GF Appropriation
Tax Foreclosure Fund Revenue	396,700	667,700	(271,000)	667,700	Revenue Amend
Expense	458,493	493,493	(35,000)	493,493	Expense Amend
Remonumentation Revenue	80,827	80,889	(62)	80,889	GF Appropriation

14-M-236

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that supplemental appropriations from the general fund as shown in the table be authorized to prevent the identified funds from finishing the 2014 fiscal year in a deficit situation and gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion Carried.

General Fund Appropriations	
Victim Services (236 Fund)	\$6,000
Purdy Building	\$600
Remonumentation	\$61

14-M-237

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to transfer the actual delinquent tax income to the General Fund and Capitol Fund as budgeted. Motion Carried.

14-M-238

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to authorize staff after consultation with the county auditors to conduct further year-end financial transactions and make other adjustments as necessary to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion Carried.

-Byrne Justice Assistance Grant -

14-M-239

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant for the Thumb Narcotics Unit and sub-agreement with Lapeer County be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Labor Contracts Settled -

14-M-240

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the County Labor Attorney that all six collective bargaining agreements be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. (The County Labor Attorney has explained that all agreements are within the parameters previously established by the Board of Commissioners). Motion carried.

-Recycling Grant -

Mike Hoagland provided an update to the Board. Vicky Sherry will assist in the writing of the grant application if needed. Mike will contact Huron and Sanilac counties to determine their interest in a multi-county recycling program.

-Tri-County Meeting - Commissioner Bierlein would like to put a couple of potential dates together.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Health Department December 2014 Monthly Report.

-Road Commission December 4, 2014 minutes.

-Sheila Long has accepted the Court Administrator position.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BARDWELL

NACo

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA - End of the year matters have been taken care of.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 7th District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC – Past President

TRIAD

Human Services Collaborative Council

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health - promoting flu shots.
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
Land Acquisition
MI Renewable Energy Coalition
MEMS All Hazards
MAC-Environment Energy Land Use - Update Provided.
Oil/Shale Work Group
Cass River Greenways Pathway
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync - Meeting upcoming in January.
NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use - Commissioner Kirkpatrick brought in a informational packet to make available to the other Commissioners.

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Parks & Recreation - There was a fundraiser held a few years ago and Mike Hoagland will research what line item the profits from the fundraiser were placed into. The amount raised was \$700.00.
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRISCH - excused at 9:50 a.m.

Board of Health
Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Behavioral Health Systems Board
Animal Control
Solid Waste Management
Thumb Works

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In-Sync

MAC Board of Directors - Commissioner Bierlein asked Commissioner Bardwell for suggestions if not in full support of a proposed bill.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

-Lorraine Kurtansky asked for an update regarding the Denmark Township water project. Commissioner Allen stated that the Board of Public Works has not received a request.

Commissioner Bierlein also stated that this Board has not been asked to take action.

-Sandy Nielsen explained the need to renew the contract with Motorola.

14-M-241

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to accept the agreement by Motorola to provide service on the radios. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk