

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
February 23, 2017 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 23rd day of February 2017, to order at 8:09 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Reverend William Sanders

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein (via Google hangouts) (excused at 9:55 a.m.)

Commissioner Absent: District 3 - Kim Vaughan

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Tisha Jones, Kevin Daley, Pamela Shook, Steve Anderson, Mark Putnam, Jim Mantey, Norm Stephens, Robert DeCoe

*Adoption of Agenda*

17-M-031

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*

17-M-032

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the February 9, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period - None*

*Consent Agenda Resolution - None*

*New Business -*

-City of Caro Web Page Agreement - Mike Hoagland and Eean Lee updated the Board regarding the proposed agreement. The IT Department has been instrumental in assisting the City of Caro update their webpage.

## 17-M-033

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the Website and Maintenance Agreements between Tuscola County Information Systems and the City of Caro be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. (City of Caro has taken action approving the agreement). Motion Carried.

-Autopsy Transport Agreement - Mike Hoagland updated the Board of Dr. Busch's recommendation to the proposed agreement.

## 17-M-034

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of the Tuscola County Medical Examiner the Body Transport Agreement between the County of Tuscola and Ware-Smith-Woolever & Co. be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Medical Examiner Software Agreement - Mike Hoagland updated the Board with the reasons Dr. Busch is requesting to upgrade to the Milo Software.

## 17-M-035

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that per the recommendation of the Tuscola County Medical Examiner that the agreement with MDiLog to provide Medical Examiner computer software be approved and all necessary signatures are authorized. (Advantages of MDiLog software over current software has been provided in a side by side comparison). Motion Carried.

-Veterans Affairs Grant Application Support Letter - Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the need for the Support Letter to apply for the potential grant opportunity.

## 17-M-036

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the request of the Veterans Affairs Director the letter accepting \$15,000 in funding from the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency for partial costs of a new full-time accredited veterans officer be approved for signature. Also, this letter be submitted to the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. Motion Carried.

-Request to Extend Recycling Land Lease with the City of Caro - Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the need to extend the lease for the current Recycling Center.

-Update Regarding New Recycling Location - Mike Miller updated the Board regarding the progress of the land acquisition. Indianfields Township is requesting additional documentation that Mike Miller explained to the Board. Mike Hoagland will contact the attorney for further guidance in the steps needed to be taken to move the project forward.

-Bids for Jail Remodeling Project - Mike Hoagland and Mike Miller updated the Board regarding the recommendation from the architects to accept the bid from Ripman.

17-M-037

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the base bid for all water supply systems at the County Jail be awarded to Ripman for an amount of \$197,189.90 and agreements are authorized to be signed. (Other alternatives that were bid may be reevaluated and considered at a later time). Motion Carried.

-Bids for Jail Air Conditioning Project (matter added) - Mike Miller opened the bids received for the air conditioning project for the B-wing multi-purpose room in the jail.

\*Newton-Johnson, Vassar MI - \$4,732.00

\*Wise Heating and Cooling, West Branch - \$5,000.00

Mike Miller will review the bids to verify they meet the requirements of the bid request and will bring the matter back to the Board.

-Vanderbilt Park Grant Agreement - Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the grant agreement.

17-M-038

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the resolution accepting the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Program be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Pamela Shook, Vanderbilt Park Manager, provided an update on Vanderbilt Park. Board would like the Parks and Recreation Chairperson to attend an upcoming meeting. Board would like to discuss matter further at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

-Parks and Recreation Commission Vacancy - Matter tabled.

-Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Vacancy - Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the application received.

17-M-039

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Ralph Rasch be immediately nominated to fill a vacancy on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. Motion Carried.

-Request to Use Courthouse Lawn - Mike Hoagland explained the request.

17-M-040

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that per the National Day of Prayer request that authorization is given to use the Courthouse Lawn on Thursday, May 4, 2017 from approximately Noon to 1:00 p.m. Also, the Buildings and Grounds Director notify the party making the request that it was granted. Motion Carried.

-Payment of Millenia Invoice - Mike Hoagland and Eean Lee updated the Board regarding the invoice received from Millenia.

17-M-041

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that authorization be given for the county attorney to send a letter to Century Link requesting they pay an \$8,187.50 invoice from Millenia. (The county bought a new telephone system from Millenia that was unable to be used because Century Link could not fulfill their obligation to make their switching infrastructure work with the new telephone system. The county was then forced to hire Millenia to fix the problem which they successfully accomplish). Motion Carried.

*Old Business - None*

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

- Health Department February Monthly report included in Board Packet.
- Communication regarding Dental Clinic included in Board Packet. Meeting to be held on March 8th.
- Allegan County Resolution regarding Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003. Discussion of the resolution to be added to an upcoming Committee of the Whole.
- Celebrating Tuscola Star's Committee is looking for nominations.
- Road Commission minutes from their January 26, 2017 meeting included in Board Packet.
- Commissioner Bardwell received a letter regarding the Drain Commissioner FOIA to be separate from the County centralized FOIA system.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission Liaison - Will attend the April meeting as their schedule will be different than the Board of Commissioner's meetings in April.

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Update provided from last meeting. Matter discussed.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Economic Development & Taxation Committee - Meets February 24, 2017.

Strategic EDC Planning Committee - Planning Committee is making progress.

Grede Foundry discussed.

Jail Planning Committee

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Focusing on under-employed population and ways to assist them.

Region VI Economic Development Planning - Update provided.

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Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Update provided.

Caro DDA/TIFA - No update.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation - Meets February 24, 2017

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District - No update.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

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Behavioral Health Systems Board - Meeting is this evening.

MAC Workers Comp Board - Meets March 10, 2017.

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health - Update provided.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

MI Renewable Energy Coalition - Update provided.

MEMS All Hazards

MAC-Environment Energy Land Use

Cass River Greenways Pathway

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Update provided.

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use

Jail Planning Committee - Update provided.

Land Acquisition

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Tuscola In-Sync

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
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  
Tuscola County College Access Network  
MAC Agricultural Committee - Changes are forthcoming regarding the EPA.  
Update provided.

VAUGHAN - absent.

Board of Health  
Planning Commission  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

*Other Business as Necessary -*

- Caryn Painter, Circuit Court Administrator, has leveraged \$96,000 from the State for the Child Care Fund.
- Health Department Bond Sale will be on March 16, 2017.
- House of Representatives has voted down the proposed changes to the Income Tax Guidelines.

*Extended Public Comment* - Board set a time limit of 6 minutes.

- Kevin Daley introduced himself as he has announced that he will be running in 2018 for the Senate Seat currently held by Senator Mike Green.
- Bob DeCoe expressed concerned regarding the Board Agenda packet.
- Norm Stephens presented a handout to the Board regarding wind energy.
- Jim Mantey informed the Board that a federal lawsuit has been filed against Almer Township regarding the wind issue.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk