

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 15, 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 15th day of June 2017, to order at 8:01 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Doctor Jason Garwood

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

Roll Call – Deputy Clerk Papp

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Deputy Clerk Rita Papp, Eean Lee, Register John Bishop, Tisha Jones, Dr. Jason Garwood, Doug Young, Deb Young, Kristin Nelson, Missy Jaster, Trace Lopez, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Undersheriff Bob Baxter, Steve Currey, Steve Erickson, Vicky Sherry, Jennifer Lietzel, Sandy Nielsen, Clayette Zechmeister, Erica Dibble, Shelly Lutz

Adoption of Agenda -

17-M-101

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

17-M-102

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 25, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None

Consent Agenda Resolution -

17-M-103

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the June 12, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted.
Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/12/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the In-Home Care Basic Grant be amended with the changes as identified by the Court Administrator. Also, the amended grant be authorized for signature and submitted to the state.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/12/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the group letter be sent to Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate expressing grave concern regarding the Ontario Power Generation Plan to construct a nuclear waste repository on the shore of Lake Huron in Kincardine, Ontario at the Bruce Nuclear site, be authorized for signature by the Chairperson of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/12/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the county attorney be authorized to accept the \$4,999.00 settlement offer with CenturyLink for issues and costs encountered with the implementation of the new VOIP telephone system.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/12/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the County Clerk be authorized to advertise to refill a vacancy on the County Planning Commission.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/12/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the June 8, 2017 letter presented by the County Treasurer regarding a solution to the County Treasurer not being a signatory on the Friend of the Court child support pass through funds, be approved. (All bank accounts now have the County Treasurer signature on them except the FOC pass through funds. The solution to this situation as contained in the June 8, 2017 letter is acceptable to the county auditors.)

New Business -

-Appointment of Members to Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors (matter added) -

17-M-104

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Vaughan that the following individuals be appointed to the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to fill two vacant seats: Joshua Rodammer (banking representative) and Gary Fritz (agricultural representative). Motion Carried

-Vicky Sherry, Tuscola EDC (matter added) - Presented to the Board regarding an EDC competition and discussed the details.

-Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Director Update of Activities - Steve Currey presented the MAC Report to the Board. Matter discussed.

-Dispatch Recognition -

17-M-105

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the resolution honoring former dispatchers Kristin Nelson and Trace Lopez for their professional emergency medical dispatching service be approved. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried,

-Road Patrol Millage Committee Formed -

Jennifer Lietzel, Citizens for Better Government Committee - Presented to the Board the committee support of Sheriff Road Patrol Millage and Senior Citizen Millage. Matter discussed.

Recessed at 8:59 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:07 a.m.

Deputy Clerk Papp excused at 8:59 a.m. with Clerk Fetting assuming duties.

17-M-106

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to go into closed session to consider a written legal opinion that is exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute pursuant to section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.268) with Erica Dibble, Shelly Lutz, Sandy Nielsen and Ellen Crane from Braun Kendrick to attend the closed session at 9:10 a.m. (2/3 roll call vote required to go into closed session for this purpose).

Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 10:28 a.m.

Recessed at 10:28 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

17-M-107

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Controller/Administrator be authorized to hire Robert Klenk (former Tuscola County Dispatch Director) for up to 1,000 hours at \$28 per hour in calendar year 2017 to assist with duties as assigned in the 911 Dispatch Department. Motion Carried.

-Policies and Procedures for Federal Grant Awards -

17-M-108

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the Tuscola County document regarding Policies and Procedures for Federal Awards be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. (This is a required document identifying procedures that will be followed if the county receives federal funds). Motion Carried

-Resolution Honoring Susan Walker -

17-M-109

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the resolution honoring Susan Walker for her many years of quality public service to the county and other entities be approved. Motion Carried.

-DNR Land Transfer Information -

17-M-110

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Vaughan that the Controller/Administrator be authorized to send an email to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources expressing neutrality from the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners for a land swap involving state owned property and property owned by Scott and Laura Dennis. (Ellington and Wells Townships) Motion Carried.

-Tuscola County Employees' Retirement System Summary Annual Report -
Clayette Zechmeister presented the steps taken to complete the annual report. Tuscola County is at 99% funded in the retirement system.

17-M-111

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that in order to be in compliance with Public Act 530 of 2016 the Tuscola County Employees Retirement System 2016 Annual Report be authorized for submittal to the Michigan Department of Treasury. Motion Carried.

-Dispatch Air Conditioning Coil (matter added) -

Two bids were received. Jack's Heating and Cooling was in the amount of \$5,270.00 and Newton Johnson was in the amount of \$4,042.00.

17-M-112

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that a new air conditioning coil at Dispatch be awarded to Newton Johnson Plumbing and Heating who was the low bidder for an amount of \$4,042.00 with said project to be paid from the Dispatch Fund. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-Road Commissioner Salary Adjustment Request from March 2017 - Commissioner Bardwell stated he has been told they have withdrawn that current request.

-June 26, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. meeting scheduled regarding the Indigent Defense Legislation changes to be discussed.

Correspondence/Resolutions - None

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Update provided.

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council - Suze Walker is retiring and the new Director has been appointed and is Rachael Koepf.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Board of Directors - Update provided regarding proposed change to make the legislators part-time.

Human Services Collaborative Council

MAC Judiciary Committee - Update provided.

Tuscola County College Access Network - Update provided.

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

VAUGHAN

Board of Health - Meets tomorrow.

Planning Commission - Update provided.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission - Matter discussed at the June 12, 2017 meeting.

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison - Update provided.

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board - Update provided.

County Road Commission Liaison - Meeting schedule will mirror Commissioner's meetings for the summer.

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Update provided.

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Strategic EDC Planning Committee

Jail Planning Committee

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Region VI Economic Development Planning

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BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA - Update provided.

MAC Finance

MAC 7th District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRIAD - Training upcoming in September regarding Seniors and how scams can affect them.

Behavioral Health Systems Board - No update.

MAC Workers Comp Board - No update.

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Update provided.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MEMS All Hazards

MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair

Cass River Greenways Pathway - Update provided.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Encouraged fellow Commissioners to attend local meetings to discuss upcoming millage requests.

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use

Jail Planning Committee - Meeting to be scheduled.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Tuscola In-Sync

Region VI Tourism Discussions

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

-Tisha Jones - She has not heard an update on prayer before the meeting but will update the Board when she has more information. Ellington Township Clerk has resigned.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Rita Papp
Deputy Clerk