

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 28, 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 28th day of September 2017, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Pastor Jon Terry, Living Waters Chapel

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

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, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones, Mike Miller, Pastor Jon Terry, Register John Bishop, Steve Anderson, Shelly Lutz, Joe Greene, Christopher Olson, Sandy Nielsen, David Stevens

Adoption of Agenda -

17-M-161

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

17-M-162

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 14, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business -

-Closed Session to Consider a Written Opinion from the County Attorney -

17-M-163

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick, at 8:08 a.m., that the Board meet in Closed Session under Section 8(6) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a written legal opinion exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute. The following people are authorized to attend the Closed Session: Corporate

Counsel Ellen Crane, Human Resource Coordinator Shelly Lutz and Controller-Administrator Michael Hoagland. Roll Call Vote - Young - yes; Vaughan - yes, Kirkpatrick - yes, Bierlein - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 8:58 a.m.

Recess at 8:58 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:09 a.m.

-Chris Olson, Caro City Manager -

Mr. Olson introduced himself to the Board. Caro Dam was discussed.

-Community Corrections Advisory Board-State Grant -

David Stevens presented to the Board regarding changes that have happened to the grant program. There have been additional programs that are available to be offered.

17-M-164

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the agreement between the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections Services and Tuscola County for Gatekeeper Services be approved for the period of 10/1/17 to 9/30/18 for an amount of \$1,884. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Resolution Celebrating 125th Anniversary of the Richville Fire Department -

17-M-165

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the resolution celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Richville Fire Department be approved and forwarded to the Richville Fire Chief for public display. Roll Call Vote - Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Update Regarding Potential Dental Clinic -

Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the Dental Clinic. No action to be taken at this time.

-Vassar EDC/TIFA -

Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the expansion of the Vassar TIFA. Board discussed matter.

17-M-166

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that based on the September 22, 2017 communication from county corporate council that in order to include new property (such as the Vassar Foundry) within the Vassar Finance Authority a completely new financing authority under a separate statute would have to be created at which time the county would have discretion regarding allowed county property tax captures. If the City of Vassar creates a new financing authority then the Board of Commissioners would opt out of allowing any capture of any special purpose millage but allow a 50% capture of the general fund allocated millage. Motion Carried.

-Vanderbilt Park Update -

Mike Hoagland updated the Board that himself, Commissioner Kirkpatrick and Commissioner Vaughan met with officials from Nextera regarding monetary assistance to improve Vanderbilt Park. An update on the grant funds was provided by Mike Miller. Board discussed matter.

17-M-167

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that in order to complete the budgeted Vanderbilt Park improvements for the start of the 2018 season this project move forward using budgeted county funds. The decision to use county funds is being done because of the extremely overly demanding and time consuming passport grant procedures which would prevent this project from being completed by the start of the 2018 season. Also, notification be sent to the state that the county is discontinuing the passport grant. Motion Carried.

-Cyber Security Update and Cyber Incident Response Plan -

Eean Lee updated the Board regarding procedures that have been put in place and areas that have been targeted for improvement. Eean also reviewed the proposed Cyber Incident Response Plan.

17-M-168

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the Information Technology Director that the Tuscola County Cyber Incident Response Plan be adopted and used as the method of responding to an adverse event related to the safety and security of Tuscola County Information System Resources. Also, the plan should be removed from the public domain and placed in a confidential folder. Motion Carried.

-IT Director Scholarship - Eean Lee has been awarded the GMIS CGCIO scholarship to be certified as a Government IT Official at the University of North Carolina. Board expressed their congratulations to Eean.

-Legal Matters Regarding Prayer at Commissioner Meetings -

Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the opinion from the attorney. Board expressed their gratitude of the local pastors coming to the meeting to offer prayer and they would like to continue that practice.

-Escrowed Wind Revenue Funds -

NextEra has dismissed the case in front of the Tax Tribunal. Board discussed matter and options for the escrowed funds.

17-M-169

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick that a new jail capital improvement fund be established and \$667,774 in previously escrowed wind turbine revenue that is now available because of the lawsuit settlement with NextEra be transferred from the general fund to the jail capital improvement fund for county jail expansion and improvement needs. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Bierlein requested the remaining accounts on the Wind Reserves through 2017 be added to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

-Comments Sent to MAC Regarding County Finances -
Mike Hoagland reviewed the communication that he forwarded to Deena Bosworth. Board discussed matters included in communication. Board asked Mike to send the communication again.

-911 Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Bids -
Sandy Nielsen opened the bids received from the RFP that was issued.
Ken Martin Electric, Cass City MI - \$45,400.00
Harbron Electric, Midland MI - \$54,407.50

Commissioner Kirkpatrick questioned if the brand of the UPS was included in the bids. Ken Martin did not list the brand. Harbron listed the product as Schneider Model MGE UPS Galaxy 3500.

Sandy will contact Ken Martin for clarification on product. Matter to be placed on the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

-911 Recording System Upgrade -
Sandy Nielsen explained the need for the system upgrade and the costs involved. There are funds available in the capital outlay budget.

17-M-170

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that per the recommendation of the Dispatch Director, the Dispatch/911 recording system be upgraded with the purchase of \$5,869 in equipment from Anderson Radio. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 11:15 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

-Recycling Assistant Director Appointment -
Mike Hoagland stated only one internal employee was interested and applied.

17-M-171

Motion by Young, seconded by Bierlein that per the recommendation of the Recycling Director that Beth Hoppe be appointed to fill the Assistant Director of Recycling position at the starting pay of \$17.33 per hour per union contract. Motion Carried.

-City of Caro Request for Water Test Wells at State Police Post Location -
Mike Miller explained the request received from the City of Caro for test wells as they would like to explore adding a well.

17-M-172

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Vaughan that per the request of City of Caro Officials that authorization is granted to install test wells on county property near the State police facility to determine if groundwater is adequate for another well to serve portions of the city. Motion Carried.

-Road Commission Millage Transfer Requests -

Mike Hoagland explained the requests received from the Road Commission

17-M-173

Motion by Young, seconded by Bierlein to approve the Primary Road Millage transfer request of \$816,024.83 as identified by Voucher #01-17 dated September 26, 2017 for transfer from the Primary Road Millage to the Road Commission General Fund. Motion Carried.

17-M-174

Motion by Young, seconded by Bierlein to approve the Local Bridge Millage transfer request of \$232,616.03 as identified by Voucher #01-17 dated September 26, 2017, for transfer from the Local Bridge Millage Fund to the Road Commission General Fund. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-Update Regarding Caro Regional Center -

Representative Canfield contacted Mike Hoagland to provide an update of the Caro Regional Center. The preliminary drawings are being modeled after the Center located in Northville.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Representative Canfield responded to the resolutions adopted by the Board.

-Sheriff Skrent has contacted Mike Hoagland regarding the duties that the Sheriff's Posse performs.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTSBARDWELL

Economic Development Corp (EDC)/Brownfield Redevelopment - The MEDC did not show up for the meeting scheduled last week as was planned.

Caro DDA/TIFA - Meeting was cancelled.

MAC Finance - Meeting October 6th.

MAC 7th District - Meeting November 20th in Huron County.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - No report.

TRIAD - Meets November 14th.

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Meets tonight.

MAC Workers Comp Board -

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health - Dental program covered during meeting.
Community Corrections Advisory Board - Covered during meeting.
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Board should expect costs to increase in the upcoming year.
MI Renewable Energy Coalition
MEMS All Hazards - Medical Care Facility tornado drill has been completed.
MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair
Cass River Greenways Pathway - Meets in November.
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use - No update.
Jail Planning Committee - Meets in October with a list of priorities of jail improvements to be presented.
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Tuscola In-Sync
Region VI Tourism Discussions

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Satellite office is open in Fenton and an open house will be held.
Human Development Commission (HDC) - The Montague Place owners are planning to gift the building to HDC.
Recycling Advisory Committee - Meets next week.
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Great Start Collaborative Council
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
MAC Board of Directors - MAC Conference went well and Matt was sworn in as MAC President.
Human Services Collaborative Council
MAC Judiciary Committee
Tuscola County College Access Network
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

VAUGHAN

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 - Commissioner Vaughan would like to visit the park and have a plan in place for potential improvements to put a RFP out.
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board - Sandy is working on taking bids for a new CAD system.

County Road Commission Liaison - They have contracted with Kappen Tree Service to begin working on cleaning trees out from underneath bridges.

Board of Public Works - Meets next week.

Senior Services Advisory Council - Update provided from meeting yesterday.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Consumers Energy Park Tour on October 12th.

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Strategic EDC Planning Committee

Jail Planning Committee

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Region VI Economic Development Planning - Update provided.

Tuscola 2020 - Meets in October

Other Business as Necessary -

-November 20th MAC Meeting.

-Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival Parade will be on October 8th.

Extended Public Comment -

-Joe Greene - There will be a meet and greet on October 19th to meet the new City Manager. He invited the Commissioners to attend.

-Joe Greene - Provided an update of the Caro Airport and that capital improvements have been made. There is future plans to do an expansion although that is a long ways away.

Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk