

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
October 26, 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 26th day of October 2017, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Pastor Darwin Highlen, Holiness Missionary Church, Vassar

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

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, Tisha Jones, Mike Miller, Caryn Michalak, Darwin Highlen, Don Brown

*Adoption of Agenda -*

17-M-180

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*

17-M-181

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 12, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None*

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*

17-M-182

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the October 23, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/23/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 10 acres of property formerly owned by Grede Foundry Inc. in Vassar Township and now in county ownership and listed as property for sale on a website used by the County Treasurer be modified to provide required disclosure of contamination on the site to prospective buyers. Also, a phase 2 environmental assessment be conducted on the site using Environmental Protection Agency Grant funds awarded to the county.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/23/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that \$300,000 be transferred from the 483 Capital Improvement Fund to the new Jail Capital Fund.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/23/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that in order to streamline accounting for the Department of Health and Human Services and the Community Corrections Advisory Funds the accounting for these operations as separate funds be discontinued and instead they be accounted for in the General Fund.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/23/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that Tuscola County 4-H be allowed to purchase the County's GIS shape files and tax export under the Local Cooperative Government Pricing Model. This extension of pricing for County' services will provide 4-H with a better opportunity to maximize their fundraising goals. (Company producing Plat Books has agreed in writing not to resell shape files).

- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/23/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that as required by the federal and state governments the county adopt a procedures policy regarding providing personal interpreter service for citizens who do not speak English but need to conduct county business.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/23/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Consulting Services agreement with MGT of America to provide an EGRAMS report in 2018 at a cost of \$3,700 to the Friend of the Court and a County Cyber Security Risk Assessment in 2019 at a cost of \$42,180 be approved. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/23/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the agreement Tuscola County Family Court 54<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit and Tuscola Intermediate School District regarding the School Truancy and Delinquency Prevention Program be approved and all appropriate signatures be authorized including the Board Chairperson.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/23/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that effective immediately the wage for the Chief Accountant be changed to \$59,000 annually effective October 26, 2017. Also, the 2017 budget be amended to reflect this change and the 2018 draft budget incorporate the change. (This is an essential county employee for which an internal and external wage review was conducted to determine necessary wage adjustments for the county to remain competitive in the area market place and retain this particular essential employee).

*New Business -*

-Request to Refill Recycling/Buildings and Grounds Position - Mike Miller explained the open position and is requesting to advertise.

17-M-183

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and authorization is given to refill the vacant combined Recycling/Buildings and Grounds position. Motion Carried.

-Recycling Clean Sweep Program - Mike Miller requested authorization to participate in the upcoming year.

17-M-184

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to authorize the Recycling Coordinator to implement the Clean Sweep program through a grant with the understanding there will be no significant cost to Tuscola County to implement this program. Also, authorize all appropriate documents for signature in order to leverage these grant funds. Motion Carried.

-Family and District Court Attorney Contracts - Mike Hoagland and Caryn Michalak explained the Attorney Contracts and the cost increase associated with each contract.

17-M-185

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that per the recommendation of the Chief Judge that Circuit Court/Family Court Legal Services Contract to provide court appointed legal services to indigent respondents and/or parents in delinquency and neglect proceedings be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

17-M-186

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that per the recommendation of the Chief Judge that 71-B District Court legal services contract with Shoults, Picard & Brooks for representation of indigent misdemeanants be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 8:18 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:26 a.m.

New Business will be continued later in the agenda

*Old Business -*

-Steve Erickson, Mike Hoagland and Sue Jensen have worked together regarding the 10 acre parcel attached to Grede Foundry and cleaning up the posting is in process.

-Mike Hoagland reviewed the opinion from Clayton Johnson that is to be sent to MCDC.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-Mike Hoagland explained to the Board regarding the upcoming changes receiving payments from State of Michigan

-Mike Hoagland shared information from an article presented by Michigan Township Association regarding TIFs.

*New Business Continued:*

-Update from Don Brown, Congressman Mitchell's Office -  
Don Brown updated the Board as to items that the Congressman is working on including tax reform and various other committees that Congressman Mitchell serves on. The Board addressed healthcare, cyber security, funding for the Great Lakes, waters of the US and allowing larger semi-trucks on the highways.

*Old Business Continued:*

-Airport Authority Board was discussed and how possible decisions made by the Board could impact Tuscola County. Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding a conversation he had with the Chairman of the Airport Authority Board. Mike Hoagland will schedule a meeting with Joe Greene and the Airport Manager.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-Clerk Fetting was recognized for efforts in implementing new election equipment for Tuscola County.  
-Road Commission Meeting Notice was included in the Board packet.  
-Livingston County Resolution to Oppose the Reduction in Federal Funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.  
-Road Commission minutes included in the Board packet.  
-MAC 7th District Meeting Schedule included in Board packet.  
-Tuscola County Health Department Monthly Report.  
-Letter received from John Johnson and Commissioner Bardwell will forward to Sharon Beals at TBHS.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**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 - Meets today.  
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board - Meets in November.  
County Road Commission Liaison  
Board of Public Works  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

YOUNG continued:

Local Unit of Government Activity Report -

-Attended the Sobriety Court Graduation and was very impressed with the efforts the graduates put in to be successful.

-The Made in the Event was a great event and well attended.

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Strategic EDC Planning Committee

Jail Planning Committee

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Region VI Economic Development Planning

Tuscola 2020 - Relief effort for hurricane victims has been put together to have a semi-truck deliver needed goods.

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Meeting was recently held in Lansing and was discussed.

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Finance

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRIAD

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Meeting today.

MAC Workers Comp Board

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health - Update provided regarding the Medical Examiner.

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Has concern the costs will eventually fall on Tuscola County.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Concerned about future costs.

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MEMS All Hazards - Grant funds have decreased.

MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair

Cass River Greenways Pathway - Meets in November.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Local units are discussing medical marijuana.

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use - Update provided by Don Brown.

Jail Planning Committee - Update provided.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Tuscola In-Sync - Recognized Eean Lee for challenging the State regarding technology. Also, discussed Wi-Fi versus computer access for employees.

Region VI Tourism Discussions

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Human Development Commission (HDC) - Was unable to attend due to county budget preparation.

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Normal Schedule to continue at this point.

Great Start Collaborative Council - October meeting cancelled.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Board of Directors - Meets in November. Update provided on the relocation of MAC offices.

Human Services Collaborative Council

MAC Judiciary Committee - Update provided.

Tuscola County College Access Network

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee - Will meet as needed.

*Other Business as Necessary -*

-Draft budget is in process with hopes to present November 6th Committee of the Whole meeting.

*Extended Public Comment -*

-Mike Miller has received a letter from Jeff Brinkman has submitted a letter stating he is no longer interested in completing the project at Vanderbilt Park. Mr. McFarland is still willing and able to complete the project at the original quote with the additional cost of the 1 ½" pipe. Mr. McFarland is hoping to start on the project in the next few days.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk