

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
May 10, 2018 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner Bierlein 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 10th day of May 2018, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioner Absent: District 2 - Thomas Bardwell

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray, Register John Bishop, Nancy Laskowski, Pam Shook, Angie Daniels, Sandy Nielsen, Mary Brissette

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
18-M-075

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
18-M-076

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the April 26, 2018 meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -*

-John Bishop - John asked the Board if the hiring freeze was still in place in reference to the positions included in the Consent Agenda.

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*  
18-M-077

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the May 7, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted.  
Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA****Agenda Reference:** A**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/7/18**Description of Matter:** Move that the following actions be taken regarding animal control:

- Approve the job description and wage/steps for the Animal Control Director as presented 5/7/18.
- Authorize advertising for an Animal Control Director, selection of candidates to be interviewed, conducting of interviews and recommending a candidate.

**Agenda Reference:** B**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/7/18**Description of Matter:** Move that the following actions be taken regarding staffing reorganization in the Treasurer's Office:

- Reduce one full-time Abstract Service Clerk position.
- Concur with the appointment of Ashley Bennett as the Deputy Treasurer/Abstract Service Clerk at step 1 effective 5/11/18.
- Authorize all Account Clerk II positions to be reclassified to Account Clerk III to perform expanded job functions explained in the 5/7/18 memo from the Controller/Administrator with said reclassifications to be effective 5/11/18.
- Make amendments to the 2018 Treasurer Budget to implement the above changes.

**Agenda Reference:** C**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/7/18**Description of Matter:** Move that the following actions be taken to establish a Geographic Information Systems Coordinator position:

- Approve the job description and wage/steps for the Geographic Information Systems Coordinator position.

- Authorize advertising for the Geographic Information Systems Coordinator position, selection of candidates to be interviewed, conducting of interviews and recommending a candidate.
- Establish a 2018 budget in the GIS Fund for the Geographic Information Systems Coordinator position and other line item costs using the savings from the Treasurer's reduction of one full-time Abstract Service Clerk position (transfer in from the general fund) with additional cost (if any) to be funded from the GIS Fund.

**Agenda Reference:** D (Item D rescinded August 30, 2018 Motion 18-M-140)

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/7/18

**Description of Matter:** Move to authorize paying up to \$5,500 for removal and disposal of stained soil at the new recycling center location with said costs to be paid from the County Recycling Fund.

*New Business -*

-Caro Regional Center Meeting Date Change May 23, 2018 11:00 a.m. Lansing - Commissioners discussed who will attend meeting.

-MSU-Extension Annual Cost Estimates - Board discussed size of the building. Matter to be continued to be monitored.

-Request to Use Courthouse Lawn -  
18-M-078

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the request of the Caro Chamber that authorization is given to use the Courthouse Lawn on June 1 and June 2, 2018 for the Cars and Crafts Weekend. Also, the Buildings and Grounds Director be requested to notify the Chamber of this approval. Motion Carried.

-Sheriff Staffing Request -  
18-M-079

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young to lift the temporary hiring freeze and give the Sheriff authorization per the May 3, 2018 letter from the Sheriff to refill two vacant corrections officer positions after current corrections officers complete the move to road patrol officers. Motion Carried.

-Letter from Senator Stabenow Regarding COPS Grant - Sheriff Skrent will be looking into the possibility of applying for the grant opportunity.

-Assessing Reform Proposal - Angie Daniels presented to the Board the proposed changes recommended by Department of Treasury. Matter discussed as to the effects that could be felt by the county.

-Budget/Accounting Changes -

18-M-080

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young to amend the Equipment/Technology Fund (244) budget through the use of fund balance of \$25,118.00 to complete the budgeted Courthouse Security Cameras from 2017. (Part of the cost for this project was not paid until 2018). Motion Carried.

18-M-081

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young to amend the Equipment/Technology Fund (244) budget through the use of fund balance of \$55,159.00 to restore plat maps in the Register of Deeds Office. Previous board action in 2017 authorized the agreement with Kofile Technologies for an amount of \$75,159.00 with \$20,000 being paid from the Automation Fund and \$55,159.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund. This needs to be changed so the \$55,159 is paid from the Equipment-Technology Fund (244) and not the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion Carried.

*Old Business-*

-Sunday Liquor Sales - Clerk Fetting updated the Board to the progress on the verifying of the petition signatures. There have been just over 1,300 signatures verified with over 100 petition sheets waiting verification. The attorney has reviewed the language and there is no further action required by the Board upon the completion of the signature verification.

-Vassar Foundry - Attorney John Axe has contacted the county in reference to the Vassar Foundry. Commissioner Bierlein met with Brian Chapman, Vassar City Manager and Steve Erickson from Economic Development Corporation. Board has concerns about foreclosing on the property. Board discussed at length.

-Animal Control - The deadline to receive applications for the Animal Control Director is today.

-Wexford County Case - Clerk Fetting has received a case that was filed in Wexford County, Williams vs Zahraie, where Tuscola County has been named as a Defendant. She has notified Mike Hoagland and Prosecutor Reene. The county attorney has also been sent the pleading. Clerk Fetting will follow-up with Prosecutor Reene.

-Recycling Center Update - Mike Miller is attending training today through DEQ to become certified as an Industrial Storm Water Operator.

-Recycling Committee Vacancy - Clerk Fetting did not receive any applications for the vacancy. Board authorized re-advertising for the recycling committee.

## Correspondence/Resolutions

- Commissioner Bierlein has received concerns regarding the Juniata Township road work. The road project is being completed by the Road Commission. The approved permit references that it is in preparation for the NextEra wind project in Juniata Township.
- Regional MAC Summit has been scheduled for July 2018 in Frankenmuth.
- A grant was received from USDA for a Sheriff's patrol car.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**BARDWELL - Absent

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
Caro DDA/TIFA  
MAC Finance  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
TRIAD  
Behavioral Health Systems Board  
MAC Workers Comp Board

KIRKPATRICK - No Update

Board of Health  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition  
MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair  
Cass River Greenways Pathway  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use  
Jail Planning Committee  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative  
Tuscola In-Sync  
Region VI Tourism Discussions

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 - Update Provided.  
Human Services Collaborative Council  
MAC Judiciary Committee  
Tuscola County College Access Network

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee  
MEMS All Hazards

VAUGHAN

Board of Health - Huron County did not join the opioid lawsuit.  
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

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board - Update provided.  
County Road Commission Liaison - Update provided.  
Board of Public Works  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee  
Strategic EDC Planning Committee  
Jail Planning Committee  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
Region VI Economic Development Planning  
Tuscola 2020

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment

- Pam Shook - Thanked the Commissioners for investing in Vanderbilt Park. Pam updated the Board on the increased reservations. She was appreciative of the jail crew that came to spruce the park up.
- Nancy Laskowski - Spoke of the road work in Juniata Township. The DEQ hearing notice has been sent out.
- Mary Brissette - Questioned acreage that is owned by the Road Commission and is leased by Juniata Township which was used as a dump from 1950s to 1970s. Her concern is there is contaminants that could be affecting groundwater.
- Clerk Fetting announced that 1,399 required signatures have been reached on the Sunday Liquor Sale issue.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk