

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 24, 2018 Minutes

H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner 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 24th day of May 2018, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

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 (excused at 10:04 a.m.)

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones, Melissa Mora, Nancy Laskowski, Register John Bishop, Steve Anderson, Kathy Mahoney, Shelly Lutz, Steve Erickson, Don Smith, Clayette Zechmeister, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray, John Axe, Caryn Michalak, Don Brown, Clayton Johnson (via phone call), Brian Chapman, Mike Miller

Adoption of Agenda -

18-M-084

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

18-M-085

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 10, 2018 and May 21, 2018 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None

Consent Agenda Resolution -

18-M-086

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the May 21, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted.
Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/21/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that a new special revenue fund be created for Animal Control and a revenue/expenditure budget be established as presented in the middle column of Attachment A of the May 21, 2018 Committee of the Whole packet. (An appropriation from the General Fund will be required to balance this budget, therefore the general fund budget will also be amended).
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/21/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that the county summer and winter millage rate levies for 2018 be set as shown on form L-4029 as presented at the May 21, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting and be approved.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/21/18
- Description of Matter:** Move to temporarily lift the county hiring freeze and authorize the hiring of Tiffany Stephens to fill a vacant Account Clerk III position in the County Treasurer's effective May 21, 2018 at the starting rate of pay.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/21/18
- Description of Matter:** Move to temporarily lift the county hiring freeze and authorize the hiring of Tanner A. Tysick to fill a vacant part-time Recycling Material Handler position effective May 29, 2018 at the starting rate of pay. (Contingent upon satisfactory physical and background check).
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/21/18
- Description of Matter:** Move to grant DTE a 12 foot easement along the west (M24) side of the new recycling property to enable DTE to install new electrical to the recycling building. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

New Business -

-United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Programs - Melissa Mora explained the Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant program offered by USDA. This program provides funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Board discussed possible areas that the program may benefit the county.

-Vassar Foundry Update –

Attorney John Axe addressed the Board regarding the Vassar Foundry property and the taxes that have been paid from the delinquent tax fund. Attorney Axe stated the Treasurer needs to foreclose on the property as required by law.

Attorney Clayton Johnson updated the Board regarding Dobson's interest in the property.

Steve Erickson explained the grant that has been received to assist in the clean-up process. He has not been allowed on the property to assess what needs to be cleaned up.

Attorney Axe will prepare an engagement letter in order to retain Clark Hill in this matter in order to hopefully resolve prior to the court foreclosure hearing. He will also plan to attend a meeting in July to provide an update to the Board

-Empower Retirement New Documents –

Kathy Mahoney explained the amendments proposed to Tuscola County's plan.

18-M-087

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of Empower Retirement that authorization is given to sign new plan documents that will enable service upgrades and lower fees:

- The first document is an Agreement for Recordkeeping and Communication Services 457(b). It makes a Roth 457(b) available giving pre and post-tax options. It provides for a new online enrollment option. It also clarifies the required minimal distribution age.
- The second agreement is the Advisory Services Agreement. This document lowers management of Account Fees.
- The third is a Roth Governmental 457(b) Contributions and In-Plan Roth Rollover/Transfer Election Form. Section A of this document goes over all the rules now connected to the pre-tax 457(b) and reiterates that these same rules apply to the post-tax 457(b). Section B and C of the document addresses the employee's ability to rollover/transfer money from their pre-tax to their post-tax 457b.

Motion Carried.

-Sheriff Staffing Update -

-Mike Hoagland explained the request from Sheriff Skrent.

18-M-088

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that per the letter of request from the Sheriff that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and authorization is given to fill a vacant sergeant position with the understanding filling this position does not increase authorized staffing levels for the Sheriff Department. Motion Carried.

18-M-089

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that per the May 3, 2018 letter from the Sheriff that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted to authorize filling of a full-time corrections vacancy created by Deputy Hemmerline who is replacing Deputy Bertsch upon his retirement from the PA511 work release program. Motion Carried.

-Security - Board would like to discuss matter further at a future meeting.

Old Business -

-Animal Control - Mike Hoagland is meeting with the new Director today to discuss direction of program.

-Caro Center Meeting - Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the meeting yesterday with Director Lyons and Representative Canfield for the Caro Center. Mike felt the meeting went well and was positive.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Antrim County Resolution regarding Indigent Defense

-Health Department Monthly Report

-Road Commission minutes

-State Tax Commission Certified County Assessed Valuations

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission Liaison - Update provided. Being able to obtain gravel is a concern for the Road Commission.

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Unionville Sebawaing School students went to Vanderbilt Park to plant flowers for Memorial Day weekend.

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Strategic EDC Planning Committee

Jail Planning Committee

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Region VI Economic Development Planning
Tuscola 2020

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
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison - Update provided.

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 - Will be presenting the Republican
Scholarship tomorrow at Reese High School.
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

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health - Has concerns regarding the change of the Medical Director and
the availability of a morgue.
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Update provided.
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 - Update provided by phragmities.
Tuscola In-Sync
Region VI Tourism Discussions

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Steve Erickson updated the Board regarding projects.

Caro DDA/TIFA - Update provided. Fly-In event is coming up.

MAC Finance

MAC 7th District - Tuscola County is to host the event next.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Update provided.

TRIAD

Behavioral Health Systems Board

MAC Workers Comp Board

Other Business as Necessary -

-Mike Hoagland reviewed the Inspection Report for the Jail.

-Mike Hoagland and Mike Miller will be meeting today on the new Recycling Center.

-MAC Regional Meeting is on July 23, 2018. Board would like to look at rescheduling or cancelling the Committee of the Whole meeting.

-Vicky Sherry has resigned from Economic Development Corporation and as the grant administrator.

Commissioner Bierlein excused at 10:04 a.m.

Extended Public Comment -

-Don Brown provided an update from Congressman Paul Mitchell's office.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk