

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
September 27, 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 27th day of September 2018, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Jensen

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

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

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones- Holubec, Mike Miller, Sandy Nielsen, Steve Erickson, Nancy Laskowski, Mary Brissette, Jay Tuckey, Mike Tuckey, Ken Hecht, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray, Register John Bishop, Leigh Nancy, Shelly Lutz

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
18-M-151

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
18-M-152

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 13, 2018 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings. Motion Carried.

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

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*  
18-M-153

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the September 24, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/24/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Enhanced Access Fees for tax data exports be increased from \$0.03/record to \$0.05/record. Because these funds are necessary to re-coup partial costs of hosting and maintaining the County's tax database to be deposited in the County General Fund.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/24/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that the service agreement with Infinisource be approved which will increase COBRA services to the county at no increase in cost. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/24/18
- Description of Matter:** Move 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.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/24/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that the one-year 2019 County Farmland Lease agreement be awarded to Brian Schriber who was the only bidder for an amount of \$160 per acre. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

### *New Business -*

-Kevin Daley - Kevin Daley introduced himself to the Board as he is running for 31st Senate seat.

-Potential Soil Clean up at Recycling with Grant Funds - Steve Erickson provided an update to the outstanding grant funds that were awarded as well as a new grant that has been applied for with the funds to be available in 2019. Board discussed moving forward with the remodeling project at the Recycling Center.

## 18-M-154

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that the Building and Grounds Director be allowed to start the remodeling project at the new Recycling Center after receiving updated pricing from the awarded contractors. Motion Carried.

-Continued Discussion of Land Bank - Treasurer Donovan-Gray provided information that she was able to collect from other County Treasurers that currently have a Land Bank. Board discussed what amount of money would need to be contributed for the start up. Treasurer Donovan-Gray will try to obtain articles of incorporation and/or bylaws from other counties. Steve Erickson will contact John Axe for any advice he can provide.

-Filling Road Commissioner Vacancy - Commissioner Bardwell reviewed the eleven candidates that applied for the vacant position. Commissioner Bardwell opened the floor for nominations. After the below five nominations, there were no further nominations and nominations were closed.

Henry Wymore nominated by Commissioner Young -

Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bierlein - no; Bardwell - no.  
Total Votes Received - 3.

David Kennard nominated by Commissioner Jensen -

Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bierlein - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - no.  
Total Votes Received - 4.

Dean Campbell nominated by Commissioner Bierlein -

Jensen - no; Bierlein - yes; Young - no; Vaughan - no; Bardwell - no.  
Total Votes Received - 1.

Keith Baur nominated by Commissioner Bardwell -

Bierlein - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - no; Jensen - no; Bardwell - yes.  
Total Votes Received - 3.

David Davison by Commissioner Vaughan -

Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bierlein - no; Bardwell - no.  
Total Votes Received - 3 yes.

-David Kennard elected by the Board to serve as the Tuscola County Road Commissioner that was currently vacant to serve until the next election in 2020. Clerk Fetting will contact Mr. Kennard to notify him and have him come in to the County Clerk's Office for his Oath of Office.

-Unified Court Administrative Staffing Reorganization - Commissioner Bierlein contacted Judge Amy Grace Gierhart and have agreed to table the change of the Court Administrator job description and annual rate of pay for further discussion.

## 18-M-155

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that per the September 20, 2018 memorandum of request from the Chief Judge to change Jadd Harajli's title from Law Clerk to Deputy Court Administrator and change annual pay from \$45,000 to \$53,000 retroactive to June 21, 2018 to compensate for additional job responsibilities. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 9:19 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:36 a.m.

-Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative - Mike Hoagland provided an update. Mike has reached out to Carl Osentoski and they decided that a meeting needs to be called for the members to discuss matter. Commissioner Bierlein provided an update on engaging a co-sponsor.

-Animal Control Update (matter added) - Leigh Nancy provided an update regarding the Animal Control Center.

-Contract for FSA with Varipro - Shelly Lutz explained the contract renewal.

## 18-M-156

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that the Varipro Flexible Spending Account Administration contract be renewed for 2019. Also, the amendment regarding the maximum employee contribution be changed to \$2,650 per federal rules. Also, all appropriate documents are authorized for signature. Motion Carried.

-Medical Care Community Intent to Sell Property - Mike Hoagland explained the request received from the Medical Care Facility.

-Dental Clinic Update (matter added) - Mike Hoagland provided an update.

-Fiber Optic to New Recycling Center (matter added) - Eean Lee has received the contract to install fiber optic line to the new Recycling Center.

## 18-M-157

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan to proceed with the installation of the fiber optic line to the new Recycling Center for a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 with all authorized signatures allowed. Motion Carried.

*Old Business -*

-Mike Hoagland provided an update regarding Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran providing assistance to the Controller's Office or if another employee position should be considered to be added.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*  
-Menominee County Resolution

## **COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### JENSEN

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Update provided. Contract has not been signed for the Indigent Defense Fund Contract.  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Update provided.  
Jail Planning Committee  
Board of Health - The new Medical Director was introduced.  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Update provided regarding moving the proposed location of the walking trail. The cost per day to stay at the Medical Care Facility was discussed.

### BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Update provided.  
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 - Update provided.

### YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board - Update provided.  
County Road Commission Liaison - Update provided.  
Board of Public Works  
Senior Services Advisory Council - At the senior dance, 263 people were in attendance.  
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  
Tuscola 2020  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition - To be removed from Commissioner Young's report listing.  
Cass River Greenways Pathway

VAUGHAN

Board of Health - Update provided.

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission - Mike Miller provided an update regarding quotes from the engineers.

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair

NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Human Development Commission (HDC) - Update provided regarding payment assistance with utility bills for heating.

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 - October 16, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. there will be candidate forum.

MAC Judiciary Committee

Tuscola County College Access Network

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

MEMS All Hazards

## Other Business as Necessary -

-Commissioners unfortunately will not be able to participate in the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival parade this year but appreciate the invitation.

-Mike Hoagland recognized Eean Lee for completion of the Certified Government Chief Information Officer Program through School of Government at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Extended Public Comment -

-Nancy Laskowski - Provided the Board a letter prepared by City of Alma as well as an Airport Handbook. Also, an update regarding the Fairgrove Township Project was provided. There are leases that have been signed in Vassar Township.

-Mary Brissette - The lay down yard on M-81 is not just for Juniata Township it is going to be used for other upcoming projects.

-Clerk Jodi Fetting - The Tuscola County Election Commission has adopted a resolution which Juniata Township Election Commission will also be adopting a similar resolution in regards to the Tuscola County Clerk's office handling many of the election functions of Juniata Township for the November 2018 General Election. This process will highly increase the workload for the Tuscola County Clerk's office over the next 8 weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk