

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 11, 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 11th day of October 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, Mary Drier, Joe Greene, Michael Silverman, Ray Rendon, Steve Erickson, Mary Brissette, Register John Bishop, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Mike Henry, Representative Ned Canfield, John Axe, Nancy Laskowski, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray, Steve Anderson, Clayette Zechmeister, Shelly Lutz

Adoption of Agenda -
18-M-157

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
18-M-158

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 27, 2018 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings as corrected. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None

Consent Agenda Resolution -
18-M-153

Motion by Young, seconded by Bierlein that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the October 8, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/8/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that the letter of support and funding application be authorized to be sent to the state recommending continued funding of the I-69 Thumb Regional Prosperity Region. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/8/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Council on Aging that Charlotte Brown and Gail Nesberg be appointed to a term expiring December 31, 2018.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/8/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Economic Corporation Director that Cindy Kruse be appointed to the EDC Board.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/8/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Information Systems Director that his position title be changed to Chief Information Office effectively immediately.

- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/8/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Behavioral Systems Board and Director that Susan McNett be appointed to the Board to serve a partial term until March 19, 2019.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/8/2018
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Director that Brian Rickwalt who was the low bidder at \$26,800 be approved to do the ceiling tile replacement project at the Department of Health and Human Services Building.

New Business -

-Update Regarding Extending City of Caro Water to the Caro Regional Center - Michael Silverman, City of Caro Manager, provided an update that the City of Caro and Indianfields Township will enter into a Franchise Agreement and a 425 Agreement to provide water to the Caro Center. Representative Canfield expressed his concern to have a concrete plan and timeline put into place as soon as possible in order to verify it will coordinate with the timeline of the State of Michigan.

-Continued Discussion of Potential Formation of a County Land Bank - John Axe presented to the Board regarding forming a County Land Bank. Mr. Axe explained the steps required to establish the land bank. Mr. Axe feels the necessary documents could be prepared for consideration at the next Board meeting.

18-M-160

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that initial documents to begin the process to establish a Tuscola County Land Bank be authorized to be prepared by attorney John Axe for review and consideration at the October 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion Carried.

-Request for Appointment to Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Brownfield Board - Steve Erickson is recommending the appointment of Debbie Powell.

18-M-161

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that per the recommendation of the Economic Development Corporation Director the Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell be appointed to the Economic Development Corporation and the Brownfield Redevelopment Board of Directors. Motion Carried.

-Request to Restore Fiscal/Personnel Position - Clayette Zechmeister presented to the Board regarding the need for the requested position in support of Mike Hoagland's request made at the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 8, 2018. Drain Commissioner Mantey expressed concern for adding an additional staff member without looking at other potential solutions. Clerk Fetting reminded the Board that every Department is working short staffed accumulating comp time She also reminded the Board that when the staff cuts happened 10 years ago that the Clerk's Office and the Treasurer's Office took on additional duties from the Controller's Office that seem to have been forgotten about. Eean Lee expressed that every office is critical to having county government run efficiently. Matter discussed at length.

18-M-162

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that per the recommendation of the Controller that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and authorization is given to restore the former Fiscal/Personnel Analyst position in the Controller's office so adequate staff is available to complete major increases in workload and achieve cross-training of staff on critical county operational functions. The 2018 starting wage to be set at \$43,047 with a 5 year top step pay of \$48,140. Also, budget amendments are authorized. Voice Vote with Bierlein and Bardwell dissenting. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 10:06 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

-Mosquito Abatement Budget Amendment - Kim Green submitted a purchase request.

18-M-163

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Jensen that per the recommendation of the Mosquito Control Director that \$33,934 be transferred from the equipment/capital outlay line item and \$1,650 from the insurance and bonds line item to the abatement materials line item. The transfer of this funds in combination with the remaining unspent balance in the abatement materials line item will enable the purchase \$68,970 of abatement materials in 2018 at a discounted price saving approximately \$18,000. Said materials will be available for use in the 2019 season. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-Update on Caro Dam - Commissioner Vaughan stated it is in the hands of Indianfields Township at this point.

-Medical Care Community Land Sale -

18-M-164

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that the Medical Care Facility be allowed to proceed with the sale of the property on the east side of M-24. Motion Carried.

-Recycling Center Update (matter added) - Mike Miller provided an update to the Board regarding progress of getting the bids from the established contracts.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-4th Annual Made in the Thumb Showcase - October 20, 2018 at the Polish American Club.

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Community Corrections Advisory Board - Update provided.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Will be in South Dakota for a presentation on the fire truck that Millington and Arbela Townships are looking to purchase.

Jail Planning Committee - Touring the jail today.

Board of Health - Rabies cases are on the decline.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Update provided.

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Meets next week.

Caro DDA/TIFA - Update provided.

MAC Finance

MAC 7th District - November meeting

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Attended the Indianfields Township meeting regarding the water to the Caro Center.

TRIAD - Update provided.

Behavioral Health Systems Board

MAC Workers Comp Board

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission Liaison - Meets today.
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council
Local Unit of Government Activity Report - The open house for the new fire truck went well.
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee
Strategic EDC Planning Committee
Jail Planning Committee
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Region VI Economic Development Planning - Update provided.
Tuscola 2020
Cass River Greenways Pathway

Board discussed that the November 19, 2018 Board meeting is the same day as a MAC meeting. Board meeting to be rescheduled to November 20, 2018. Clerk Fetting will prepare a notice.

VAUGHAN

Board of Health
Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Update provided.
Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Update provided from Indianfields Township meeting.
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison - Working on the possibility of a summer concert series.
MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair
NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use

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 - Cooperative Purchasing is being discussed.
Human Services Collaborative Council - Update provided. Candidate Forum on October 16, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Tech Center.

MAC Judiciary Committee - Update provided.
Tuscola County College Access Network - Board has been dissolved.
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee - Meeting upcoming.
MEMS All Hazards - Update provided.

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

-Mary Drier - Mary expressed her concern that the water project for the Caro Center was forgotten about by the leaders that expressed initially they would make the project happen. She is disappointed in the lack of action that was taken.

-Groundbreaking ceremony at the Caro Center is scheduled for October 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk