

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

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

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

Commissioner Absent: District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Register John Bishop, Nancy Laskowski, Mary Brissette, Barbara Klimaszewski, Rahm Mormando, Shelly Lutz, Clayette Zechmeister, John Schneider, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Katie Cooper, Kris Swartzendruber, Jerry Johnson, Eric Wanink, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Undersheriff Bob Baxter, Ted Hull, Brian Harris, Steve Anderson, Sandy Nielsen, Jim McLoskey, William Lawhorn, Fred Wilson

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
18-M-176

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
18-M-177

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 25, 2018 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings as presented.  
Motion Carried.

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

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*  
18-M-178

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the November 5, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/5/18

**Description of Matter:** Move that the lumber bid for the recycling building remodeling be awarded to the Carter Lumber who was the low bidder for an amount of \$7,231.80.

### New Business

-Court Appointed Attorney Contracts -

-Family Court - Contract auto-renews for this upcoming year so no action is required at this time.

-Probate Court - Judge Gierhart explained the renewal and selection of the Attorney to be awarded the contract.

### 18-M-179

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the Contract for Representation for Alleged Developmentally Disabled Individuals in the Tuscola County Probate Court for calendar year 2019 be approved for an amount of \$481.25 per month. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Felony and Misdemeanor - Judge Gierhart discussed the potential need to have an attorney contract established to become effective January 1, 2019 to allow for planning. Due to MIDC being established, there would not be a need to have a long-term contract. Judge Gierhart has negotiated an agreement with the current attorneys under contract to put in place a month to month contract as Judge Gierhart was not aware the MIDC program was moving forward as it is. Matter discussed as to if the temporary contracts should be adopted. No action to be taken at this time.

-Court Administrator Compensation - Matter tabled until next Board meeting to allow Commissioner Bierlein to be in attendance.

-MSU-e Annual Report, Jerry Johnson - A review of the annual report was presented to the Board.

### 18-M-180

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the 2017/2018 Michigan State University Annual Report be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

-Approval of Contract with Michigan Indigent Defense Commission - Mike Hoagland explained the need to approve the contract as discussed at previous meetings.

## 18-M-181

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 Contract with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission with a state share of \$745,017 and a county share of \$248,490 be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. If state funding for this program is discontinued the county will discontinue the program because of lack of state funding. Motion Carried.

-Approval of Fund and Budget for Michigan Indigent Defense Program - Mike Hoagland requested the mentioned approval.

## 18-M-182

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to authorize the establishment of a new Indigent Defense Fund per state guidelines and approve the October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 detailed budget. Motion Carried.

-Approval of Recommended Person for Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator Position - Mike Hoagland explained request for approval.

## 18-M-183

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that effective November 26, 2018 Rahm Mormando be hired as the Tuscola County Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator for the new indigent defense program with salary of \$73,956 plus the full county benefit package contingent upon satisfactory physical. Motion Carried.

-Service Contract Renewal for Dispatch - Mike Hoagland explained request.

## 18-M-184

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the recommendation of the Dispatch Authority and Dispatch Director that a five year maintenance contract with Rave Mobile to support the Smart911 and Emergency Alert Systems be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Gov/Pay Use of Credit Card in Register Office - Register Bishop explained the request to add credit card payments as an option in the Register of Deeds office.

## 18-M-185

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the request of the Register of Deeds, that the Merchant Agreement between the Register of Deeds, Worldpay LLC and Government Payment Services Inc. to provide for credit card payments in the Register of Deeds Office be approved and all necessary signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Request to Use Courthouse Lawn - Mike Hoagland explained the request received.

## 18-M-186

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the request from the Caro Interfaith Committee that authorization is given to the Caro Women's Interfaith Committee to use the Courthouse Lawn from November 24, 2018 to January 5, 2019 for the annual Christmas display. Motion Carried.

-Health Department Fee Changes - Commissioner Vaughan explained the request for fee change.

## 18-M-187

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the recommendation of the Board of Health and Health Officer, that fee changes be approved as detailed in the October 26, 2018 memorandum from the County Health Department. Motion Carried.

-Presentation of County Jail Study, William Lawhorn - Mr. Lawhorn presented to the Board regarding inefficiencies and concerns of the Tuscola County Jail. Report of findings discussed at length with the possibility of building a new jail. Sheriff Skrent is requesting to put a 5-year plan in place rather than delay the discussion. Judge Gierhart encouraged the Board to move forward with putting a plan of action in place. Commissioner Young would like to have a presentation prepared by June 1, 2019.

## 18-M-188

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen that the 2018 County Jail Study by the National Sheriff's Association be referred to the Jail Planning Committee for further review and consideration. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Medical Care Facility new trail design.

-Commissioner Young thanked Steve Anderson for providing information of a grant available that his jurisdiction received.

**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

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

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  
Human Services Collaborative Council  
MAC Judiciary Committee  
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee  
MEMS All Hazards

JENSEN

Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Jail Planning Committee  
Board of Health  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

BARDWELL

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

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board  
County Road Commission Liaison  
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  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition  
Cass River Greenways Pathway

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

-Nancy Laskowski appreciated Judge Gierhart sharing information on how lack of programming effects repeat offenders.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk