

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
November 20, 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 20th day of November 2018, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Paul McNett, Caro Church of the Nazarene

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, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Register John Bishop, Nancy Laskowski, Mary Brissette, Paul McNett, Angie Daniels, Sharon Beals, Lieutenant Brian Harris, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Joe Greene, Dan Grimshaw, Leigh Nacy, Clayette Zechmeister, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray, Steve Anderson, Steve Erickson

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
18-M-189

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
18-M-190

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the November 8, 2018 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings as presented.  
Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -*

-Joe Green stated the City of Caro has scheduled a public hearing to discuss the revised Urban Cooperation Agreement on November 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. He also stated that the City of Caro is looking at alternative building sites to offer to the State located within the city limits.

*Consent Agenda Resolution - None*

*New Business -**-Alternatives to Providing Prisoner Psychiatric Services -*

Lieutenant Brian Harris explained that Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) is no longer going to be able to accept new referrals for psychiatric services to Tuscola County Sheriff's Office as TBHS does not have the staff available to provide the services. Lieutenant Harris has had limited time to research other alternatives. Sharon Beals explained why TBHS is limited in providing the services. Matter to be placed on a future Board Agenda when more information has been gathered.

*-Wage Change Request for Court Administrator - Matter tabled.*

*-County Apportionment Report - Angie Daniels explained the request.*

18-M-091

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the 2018 Apportionment Report as submitted by the Equalization Director be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

*-Animal Control Officer Part-Time Staffing Request and Proposed Fee Changes- Leigh Nancy explained the reason for the request of the part-time position in order to maintain hours at the Shelter. Clayette explained the proposed fee changes that she and Treasurer Donovan-Gray are proposing. Board discussed matter at length.*

18-M-092

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and the Animal Control Officer be authorized to hire a part-time (29 hours per week) Kennel Attendant with a tentative start date of December 3, 2018 at the beginning rate of pay and contingent upon satisfactory background check and physical. Also, all necessary budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

18-M-093

Motion to increase the Dog License and fees for Tuscola County as follows:

- 1 Year Male or Female from \$20.00 to \$25.00
- 1 Year Unsexed from \$15.00 to \$20.00
- 3 Year Male or Female from \$60.00 to \$70.00
- 3 Year Unsexed from \$45.00 to \$50.00
- Kennel License from \$45.00 to \$70.00
- Delinquent Fee increase from \$45.00 to \$70.00

Add a new discount for Senior Citizens (65 or older) and Veterans (with proof)

- 1 Year Male or Female is \$20.00
- 1 Year Unsexed is \$15.00
- 3 Year Male or Female is \$60.00
- 3 Year Unsexed is \$45.00

Motion Carried.

-County Audit Bids - Mike Hoagland explained the process that was taken in order to bid out for the county auditing process. Drain Commissioner Mantey was glad the bid process happened and provided history from the process in 2010. Dan Grimshaw has concern over signing a 3-year contract with a company Tuscola County does not have experience with. He also questioned if a cost-benefit study had been looked at to leaving a local company. Board would like Anderson Tackman and Company and Gabridge & Co. to attend an upcoming meeting to explain why they should be the selected company for Tuscola County. If the Medical Care Facility uses a different auditing firm, the Board would like to also bring that firm in.

Recessed at 9:23 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:41 a.m.

-Caro Regional Center Water Project Update - Commissioner Vaughan provided an update regarding the water project and the attempted agreement between the City of Caro and Indianfields Township. Board discussed matter at length. Board would like John Axe to do research of other alternatives for the water system. Joe Greene, City of Caro Mayor, explained altered agreement proposed by the City of Caro. Mayor Green provided a copy of the agreement with the City of Caro proposed changes.

-Michael Sage from DTE has reached out to Chairman Bardwell regarding setting up a meeting. Board would be willing to schedule a meeting during a Committee of the Whole meeting. Board discussed projects that are and have been proposed for Tuscola County where DTE has held the project up as power could not be provided in a timely manner if at all.

Recessed at 10:57 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

-Steve Erickson provided an update on the Vassar Foundry Property as there is still a purchase agreement pending but there is no closing date set. John Axe has recommended still proceeding with the foreclosure process.

-2019 Budget Development - Mike Hoagland reviewed the development of the 2019 budget.

## 18-M-094

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Bierlein that the 2019 Draft Budget with approved changes above Baseline Budget be forwarded to Department Heads for review and comment. Motion Carried.

-December Meeting Schedule Changes (matter added) - Commissioner Bierlein outlined the proposed meeting changes.

## 18-M-095

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan to reschedule the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for December 10, 2018 to December 3, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., to add a Committee of the Whole meeting on December 17, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., to retain the current Board of Commissioners meetings scheduled for December 13, 2018 and December 27, 2018. Motion Carried.

Clerk Fetting to prepare the meeting notices.

*Old Business -*

-Succession Planning for Controller/Administrator Position - Mike Hoagland stated he would like to work with the Board on a succession plan to insure a smooth transition. He has not set a date as of yet but is expecting his retirement to be in 2019.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-Letter received from Representative Howrylak which will be passed on to Mike Hoagland.

-Request from Barbara Thayer for a resolution to honor the Sheriff's Posse's years of service. Board would like to have a resolution prepared.

-Request from Board to have a resolution prepared to honor Mary Drier's years of service in journalism.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**JENSEN

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Jail Planning Committee - Waiting for first meeting to get scheduled.

Board of Health

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

BARDWELL - No report.

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 - No report.

Dispatch Authority Board  
County Road Commission Liaison  
Board of Public Works  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
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  
Cass River Greenways Pathway

VAUGHAN

Board of Health  
Planning Commission  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Provided an update on a restaurant in Vassar.  
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 - Friday, November 30, 2018 is Matt's last MAC Board meeting. Tuscola County has 18 years of continued service on the MAC Board. The only other counties that can boast this are Wayne County, Oakland County and Macomb County. He encouraged his fellow Commissioners to consider running.  
Human Services Collaborative Council

MAC Judiciary Committee  
Tuscola County College Access Network  
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee  
MEMS All Hazards

*Other Business as Necessary -*

- Commissioner Young stated the City of Midland has passed an ordinance regarding marijuana dispensaries.
- New Commissioner School is a 2-day program this year.
- Tuscola County 4-H Awards Banquet is on December 1, 2018 at the Caro Church of the Nazarene at 6:00 p.m.

*Extended Public Comment -*

- Eean Lee has been nominated and elected to the MMRMA Technology & Cyber Security Advisory Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk