

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
December 8, 2009 Minutes
Courthouse Annex**

Chairman Gerald Peterson called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the, held at the County Annex Building in the Village of Caro, on the 8th day of December, 2009 to order at 8:03 a.m. local time

Prayer by Commissioner Roggenbuck
Pledge by Commissioner Bardwell

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

District #1 Amanda Roggenbuck, District #2 Thomas Bardwell, District #3 Tom Kern, District #4 Roy Petzold, District #5 Gerald Peterson

09-M-258

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Roggenbuck to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

09-M-259

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Roggenbuck to approve the minutes of the 11/24/09 regular meeting as amended to include additional information regarding the flood insurance open house. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment-Jack Laurie appeared with questions regarding consent agenda item "B" (begin process to change from 3 appointed road commission board positions to 5 elected positions)

Jim Miklovic appeared regarding consent agenda item "B". He feels it would be a mistake to move to an elected road commission board.

Mike Tuckey appeared to echo Mr. Laurie and Mr. Mikovic's comments.

Duane Lockwood, Ellington Township Supervisor, appeared regarding the foregoing. He recommends that there be 3 elected board members.

Hal Hudson, MSU-E Director, appeared regarding same

09-M-260

It was moved by Bardwell and supported by Kern that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted (as amended):

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/24/09

Description of Matter: Move that the 2009 General Fund and Child Care Fund (Fund 292) Budgets be increased with an additional appropriation from the General Fund to the Child Care Fund of \$35,000 to help off-set the higher than

originally anticipated child care costs and maintain a reasonable year-end balance in the Child Care Fund. Also, the 2009 budgets in both of these funds be amended to properly reflect this change.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/24/09

Description of Matter: Move to authorize the submission of a letter to all unions to request a reopener of the collective bargaining agreements to discuss union employee wages.

Agenda Reference: E

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/8/09

Description of Matter: Move that per the November 25, 2009 memorandum from the District Court Administrator, to concur with the internal transfer of \$800 from account 136-804-000 to account 136-728-010.

Agenda Reference: G

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/8/09

Description of Matter: Move to concur with the letter of request from the Register of Deeds for the hiring of a part-time temporary General Office Position at \$10.00 per hour until the end of the 2009 calendar year.

Agenda Reference: H

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/8/09

Description of Matter: Move to approve the letter of request from the Mosquito Abatement Director to hire a Full-Time Office Position.

Agenda Reference: I

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/8/09

Description of Matter: Move to approve the Deferred Compensation Amended Adoption Agreement with Great-West Retirement Services and authorize appropriate signatures.

Agenda Reference: K

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/8/09

Description of Matter: Move that per the November 25, 2009 email from Sandy Gaudreau that authorization be given to place the Gingerbook display on the front lawn

of the Courthouse for the 2009 event and the Building and Grounds Director notify the appropriate parties of this approval.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that any motion, resolution, or other act of Tuscola inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded, modified, replaced or superseded by this Resolution.

YEAS: all

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

09-M-261

Motion by Kern seconded by Kern that the county exercise its right to reject the buy/sell agreement and decline the purchase of the Almer Street building because of concerns with the preliminary Phase II environmental assessment findings. Also, the current building owner be notified this decision in writing. Motion carried.

Friend of the Court Mary Lou Burns and District Court Judge Glaspie appeared regarding last minute 2010 budget requests/adjustments

09-M-262

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Kern that the draft 2010 county budget incorporate Circuit/Family Court, Friend of the Court and District Court revenue and expenditure changes as outlined at the December 8, 2009 Board of Commissioners meeting by the Commissioners who met with the Courts on December 4, 2009 and December 7, 2009. Also, this budget is authorized for newspaper publication explaining that the document is available for public review and that a public hearing will be held on December 22, 2009 at 8:00 A.M. to receive public comment regarding said budget. Motion carried.

EDC Director Jim McLoskey appeared seeking the reappointment of Bill Bushaw and Rose Laskowski to the EDC and Brownfield boards

09-M-263

Motion by Kern seconded by Bardwell to appoint Bill Bushaw, Rose Laskowski, Tom Striffler and Christine Trisch to both the EDC and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors. Motion carried.

09-M-264

Motion by Kern seconded by Bardwell to change the standard mileage rate to the IRS amount of \$.50 effective January 2010. Motion carried with Petzold casting the only dissenting vote.

09-M-265

Motion by Kern seconded by Roggenbuck to draft a resolution for consideration by the COW on Thursday that would allow a decision to increase the number of road commisioners and to consider making the positions elected. Motion carried with Petzold casting the only dissenting vote.

Dutch Guthrie, Extension Council Chairman, appeared to reiterate the board's recent action (restoration of MSU-E funding) hasn't gone unnoticed.

Hal Hudson appeared to thank the board for restoring the MSU-E budget

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m., until 8 a.m., December 22, 2009.

Margie White-Cormier
Tuscola County Clerk