

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
February 10, 2011 Minutes  
HH Purdy Building**

Chairman Thomas 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011 to order at 8:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Peterson  
Pledge by Commissioner Kern

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

11-M-031

Motioned by Kern seconded by Peterson to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

11-M-032

Motioned by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the minutes of the 1/27/11 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – Laura Boike, Juniata Township, appeared regarding a Denmark Township meeting

Dispatch Director Bob Kienk appeared regarding a possible lease/purchase contract.

11-M-033

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson to approve the lease/purchase contract between Tuscola County Dispatch and Motorola for radio equipment contingent upon the changes being implemented as recommended by the county lawyer. Also, authorize all appropriate signatures. Motion carried.

11-M-034

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the February 3, 2011 letter of request from the Sheriff Department, that Patty Martin who is the part-time (8 hours per week) Data Entry Clerk for Tuscola County Community Corrections be authorized to perform her job functions from her home. Motion carried.

## 11-M-035

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to concur with the appointment of Brandon Sparks to fill the vacant Certified Road Patrol Officer position at the step 1 rate of pay with a start date of February 5, 2011. Motion carried.

## 11-M-036

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that the January 31, 2011 letter of resignation from Kate Neese (Recycling Coordinator) be received and placed on file with said resignation to be effective February 15, 2011. Motion carried.

## 11-M-037

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold to appoint the Tuscola County Building and Grounds Director (Mike Miller) interim Recycling Coordinator effective February 16, 2011. Also, the interim Recycling Coordinator be paid an additional eight hours per week at his current rate for the added recycling responsibilities. Motion carried.

## 11-M-038

Motion by Peterson seconded by Kern that effective February 16, 2011, increase from 30 hours to 35 hours per week the part-time Material Handlers at the Recycling Center. Motion carried.

## 11-M-039

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the January 26, 2011 letter from Region VII Area Agency on Aging to reappoint Donald McLane to another term on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisor Council. Motion carried.

## 11-M-040

Motion by Peterson seconded by Kern that per the January 27, 2011 letter of request from the Huron County Economic Development Corporation, Tuscola County pay up to \$1,667 to retain the legal services of Clark Hill to review and make recommendations regarding current state tax laws and other related issues concerning wind energy taxation. Motion carried.

## 11-M-041

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the hiring of Cindy McKinney-Volz for the full time Court Records Clerk II position in the County Clerk's office effective February 14, 2011 at the step 1 rate of pay pending satisfactory completion of drug screen and physical. Motion carried.

## 11-M-042

Motion by Peterson seconded by Petzold that per the request of the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), the document titled "Innovation in Tuscola County Government Reform" be forwarded to MAC to explain how Tuscola County has implemented reform, collaboration, service sharing and other best practices in county government. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m.  
Meeting reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

11-M-043

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold that overall changes to the office space budget as presented at the February 10, 2011 Board meeting be approved including mobile shelving for the County Clerk (amount \$24,000), furniture for the County Clerk and for the Friend of the Court totaling \$18,000 and furniture for the County Prosecutor (amount \$32,600). Departments are challenged to reduce costs wherever possible utilizing existing as well as used furniture (state purchasing) where possible. Motion carried.

11-M-044

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to amend the office space budget to coincide with Motion #11-M-043 in the amount of \$74,600. Motion carried

11-M-045

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson to set aside the purchasing policy for furniture purchases associated with Phase 2 in order to expedite the process thereby realizing a combination cost savings and increased revenue. Motion carried.

Extended public comment – Onna Clinesmith appeared regarding the Vassar Township board.

Don Clinesmith appeared to share information regarding an upcoming Tea Party event

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Margie A. White  
Tuscola County Clerk