

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
October 27, 2009 Minutes
Courthouse Annex

Chairman Gerald Peterson called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the Gilford Township Hall, on the 27th day of October, 2009 to order at 6:00 p.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Peterson
Pledge by Commissioner Roggenbuck

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

District #2 Thomas Bardwell

2010 County Budget Development Update

09-M-233

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

09-M-234

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold to approve the minutes of the 10/13/09 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment:

Dutch Guthrie, Chair of the Tuscola County MSU Extension Council, appeared to provide the board with a packet of information and asked the non-mandated services motion be eliminated from the consent agenda

Lee Teschendorf requested the non-mandated services motion be stricken from the consent agenda

Kathy Meyer, Green Thumb Master Gardener, outlined her program's service area

Robin Williams appeared to request a list of mandated services. She also did not want her kids deprived of 4-H

Doug Link, EDC board president, offered to assist the county in solving its dilemma

Lisa Valentine on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission, stated while not mandated, the park is a quality of life issue

David Mattlin, on behalf of the county fire chiefs' association, expressed an interest in working together and asked the elimination of the emergency services office be removed from the consent agenda

Donald Clinesmith asked about the roll-forward property tax process

Patrick Finn, office of Emergency Management, provided an information folder and Lt Harry Partridge, 3rd District Coordinator MSP/EMHSD presented the commissioners with a copy of the Michigan Emergency Management Act. He asked the action be removed from the consent agenda

John West, staff person for the Region 3 Homeland Security board, shared funding amounts the county has received through the program

MSU-E staff member Bonnie Kropp read a letter from Tony Bradley, a MSU client, who enrolled in one of the many programs offered by MSU-Extension

Ron Amend, Veterans Affairs director, questioned when the law states "shall" and if the service is eliminated, how the service would be provided.

Jude McNaughton appeared regarding the proposed cuts

Jerry Noble suggested cutting health care

Onna Klinessmith suggested the county utilize college interns

Don Beavers, Caro Village Manager, asked when additional discussion would occur regarding the non-mandated services

Hal Hudson shared some of the tactics utilized in Clare County

Dan Grimshaw, Register of Deeds, presented a county map illustrating the foreclosures. He stressed this is not a one-year problem.

Robert Mantey, Drain Commissioner, asked those in attendance to submit suggestions, ideas, etc.

09-M-235

It was moved by Kern and supported by Roggenbuck that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted:

- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/15/09
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Mosquito Abatement millage levy for winter 2009 be reduced by .07 mills from the original .6316 mills to .5616 mills and all appropriate parties be notified of this change. (This would result in approximately \$104,662 less property tax revenue and an increased use

of fund balance.) For property with a taxable value of \$50,000 {average for Tuscola County} the levy reduction would be approximately \$3.50.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/15/09

Description of Matter: Move that per the October 7, 2009 letter of request from the District Court Administrator, transfer \$1,552.08 from line item 136-974-002 (jury room chairs) to line item 136-727-010 Storage Supplies.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/15/09

Description of Matter: Move that per the September 4, 2009 letter of request from the Circuit/Family Court Administrator, budget \$93,700 for projected costs exceeding budget in the following accounts:

- Court Appointed Attorneys – current budget \$265,000, amended budget \$350,109
- Steno Transcripts – current budget \$12,630, amended budget \$19,787
- Lease Payments - \$1,420, amended budget \$2,087

Also, authorize general fund budget amendments through the use of fund balance for this budget increase.

Agenda Reference: E

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/15/09

Description of Matter: Move that per the October 2, 2009 letter of request from the Mosquito Abatement Director, authorize the purchase of a replacement plotter from the 2009 Mosquito Abatement Budget.

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: Roggenbuck, Kern, Peterson

NAYS: Petzold

ABSTENTIONS: none

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

09-M-236

Motion by Petzold seconded by Kern to authorize the transfer of \$30,431.70 in Bridge Millage funds from the Voted Bridge fund to the Road Commission fund per voucher #07-09 (October 21, 2009). Motion carried.

09-M-237

Motion by Petzold seconded by Kern to authorize the transfer of \$2,164.00 in Primary Road Millage funds from the Voted Primary Millage fund to the Road Commission fund per voucher #06-09 (October 21, 2009). Motion carried.

County Apportionment Report – presented by Equalization Director Walt Schlichting

09-M-238

Motion by Kern seconded by Roggenbuck to adopt the County Apportionment Report with the change for Mosquito Abatement reducing this millage by .07 mills from .6316 mills to .5616 mills. Motion carried.

Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey discussed the FEMA floodplain maps that were recently mailed out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m., until 6:00 p.m., November 10, 2009

Margie White-Cormier
Tuscola County Clerk