

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
February 24, 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 24th day of February, 2011 to order at 6:00 o'clock p.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Kern
Pledge by Commissioner Allen

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

11-M-046

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

11-M-047

Motioned by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the minutes of the 2/10/11 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment –

Lisa Valentine from Wisner Township appeared regarding medical marijuana clinics

Don Clinesmith from Vassar Township wanted the Board to know his group had refiled wording to recall the Vassar Township Clerk

Russell Smith from Wells Township appeared regarding the animal shelter

11-M-048

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to go into closed session under section 8(c) to discuss labor negotiations. Roll call: Kern, yes; Petzold, yes; Peterson, yes; Bardwell, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

11-M-049

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to come out of closed session. Motion carried.

Labor Attorney Robert Kendrick appeared regarding non-union employee wages.

11-M-050

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the recommendation of the county's labor attorney a 1.5% wage increase for all non-union employees (including employees of the courts) be approved effective retroactive to January 1, 2011 to establish equity with wage changes previously granted to union county employees. Motion carried.

11-M-051

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the recommendation of the county's labor attorney to approve the revision of Motion 11-M-021 to exclude changes to the retirement plan for all new employees hired by the Tuscola County courts for the 2011 calendar year only. Motion carried.

Probate Judge Roggenbuck shared information regarding court services and new innovations planned for her court.

11-M-052

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the February 14, 2011 letter of request from the County Road Commission, approve the resolution in support of the Road Commission grant funding application to reconstruct the Thomas Road Bridge over Allen Extension Drain. Motion carried.

11-M-053

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern that per the February 14, 2011 letter of request from the County Road Commission, approve the resolution in support of the Road Commission grant funding application to reconstruct the VanBuren Road Bridge over the Sheboygan Drain. Motion carried.

11-M-054

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the February 14, 2011 letter of request from the County Road Commission, approve the resolution in support of the Road Commission grant funding application for rehabilitation of the Ormes Road bridge over the Perry Creek. Motion carried.

11-M-055

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern that per the February 16, 2011 letter of request from the County Road Commission, approve the resolution in support of the Road Commission grant funding application to reconstruct the Elmwood Road Bridge over the Wiscoggin Drain. Motion carried.

11-M-056

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson to receive and place on file the letter of retirement from the Circuit/Family Court Administrator with said retirement to be effective May 6, 2011. Motion carried.

11-M-057

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson to approve the rehiring of the following Mosquito Abatement seasonal employees: Patrick Webster (Foreman), Thomas Perkins (Assist Foreman), Ronald Botkins (Equip. Repair Tech), Randy Babcock (Assist. Equip. Repair Tech), Biology Technicians: James Benjamin, Leonard Terbush, Tyler Tomlinson, Renee Raney (General Office Position), Technicians: John Adamczyk, Thomas Asperger, Joshua Bailey, Paul Chronowski, William Clairmont, Dennis Coward, Matthew Downing, Michael Downing, Lee Garnsey, Andrew Harrington, Anthony Langlois, Raymond Letson, Robert Raney, Nicholas Sattleberg, Anthony Thomas, and Garry Zapfe and approve the hiring of technicians Charlotte Bradley, James Clark, Richard Exel, Mark Gohsman, Daniel Heckroth, Steven Irvine, William Owensby, and Michael Peet for the 2011 Mosquito Abatement season pending satisfactory drug screen and physical results. Motion carried.

11-M-058

Motion by Peterson seconded by Allen to authorize the Chairman to sign the revised Health Care Savings Program participation agreements for AFSCME courthouse employees (General Group) and AFSCME Deputies. Motion carried.

11-M-059

Motion by Petzold seconded by Peterson that the budgeted 2011 juvenile office pool car be purchased from Moore Motors for an amount of \$19,739 (2011 Ford Taurus SE) as established by the statewide vehicle bidding process. Motion carried.

11-M-060

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the 2010 general fund activity budget amendments as shown in the attached February 24, 2011 memo from the Controller to prevent actual year-end expenditures from exceeding budget and in order to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion carried.

11-M-061

Motion by Peterson seconded by Kern to approve the 2010 special revenue fund budgets as shown in the attached February 24, 2011 memo from the Controller to prevent actual year-end expenditures and revenues from exceeding budget and in order to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion carried.

11-M-062

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern that supplemental appropriations from the general fund as shown in the attached February 24, 2011 memo from the Controller be authorized to prevent the identified funds from finishing the 2010 fiscal year in a deficit situation and gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion carried.

11-M-063

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to transfer \$755,776 in net income for 2010 from the delinquent tax revolving fund to the General Fund. Motion carried.

11-M-064

Motion by Peterson seconded by Allen to authorize the Controller and Chief Accountant after consultation with the county auditors to conduct further year-end financial transactions and make other adjustments as necessary to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion carried.

11-M-065

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern that per the February 21, 2011 letter of request from Nancy Matuszak, authorization is given to use the courthouse lawn on May 5, 2011 to conduct the National Day of Prayer gathering. Motion carried.

11-M-066

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that in order to complete Phase 2 of the office space project, the remodeling bid for the County Clerk, FOC and Annex building be awarded to Nolan Construction for an amount of \$81,150 contingent upon final review and mutual understanding of the project with the County Building and Grounds Director. Also, all documents related to this remodeling project are authorized for signature. Motion carried.

11-M-067

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold that Adult Probation be relocated to the former Friend of the Court Building and specifications be developed and bids be taken to remodel this building to accommodate the office space needs of Adult Probation. Also, the assistance of SPACE, Inc. be authorized to continue for design layout. Motion carried.

11-M-068

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that the total office space project budget be amended as shown in the attached Alternative 2 dated 2/24/11 and authorize the Chief Accountant to modify the total project budget for presentation according to the 2011 calendar/fiscal year. Motion carried.

Circuit Court Judge appeared seeking assistance filling the soon-to-be vacant Court Administrator position.

Extended Public Comment – Judy Adams commented on two builders who submitted bids.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk