

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
March 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 10th day of March, 2011 to order at 8:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Allen
Pledge by Commissioner Petzold

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

District #5 Gerald Peterson

11-M-069

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

11-M-070

Motioned by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the minutes of the
2/24/11 regular meeting. Motion carried.

11-M-071

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to amend previous Motion 11-M-050 so
that the 1.5% wage increase for non-union employees be clarified to include
employees of the court but to exclude the six elected officials of the county:
County Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Drain Commissioner, Register of Deeds and
Prosecutor. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – Katherine Mitchell, a mobile home park manager,
appeared regarding two individuals, Jim Amstel and Mike Trombey, who are
promoting Green Club (medical marijuana) moving into small towns.
A Denmark Township Trustee stated his board adopted a six-month moratorium
against any new marijuana businesses locating in his township.
Ione Vyse noted that the County Planning Commission notified the local units
regarding medical marijuana.

Judy Adams shared some research she encountered concerning medical marijuana.

Health Officer Gretchen Tenbusch offered some assistance with residents' questions concerning medical marijuana.

Heather Thomas with Gardner, Provenzano, Schauman & Thomas P.C. presented an overview of the Health Department's audit.

Wind Energy presentation – Mike Krause, chairman of the Huron County EDC and Carl Osentoski, Executive Director of the Huron County EDC.

10:27 a.m. recess

10:37 a.m. meeting resumed

MSU Extension Memorandum of Agreement presented by Joe Bixler

11-M-072

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to receive and place on file the 2010 Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement Annual Report. Motion carried.

11-M-073

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the contract between Tuscola County Sheriff and Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board to provide inpatient hospital services to inmates incarcerated in the county jail. Also, authorize all necessary signatures. Motion carried.

Controller/Administrator Mike Hoagland presented year-end 2010 financial information

Equalization Director Walt Schlichting presented property value trends

11-M-074

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern that per the February 17, 2011 letter of recommendation from the Tuscola County Behavioral Health Systems Board, reappoint the following individuals to the Tuscola County Behavioral Health System Board for three-year terms: Paula Cavanaugh, Daniel Grimshaw, Joann Helmbold and Mark Putman. Motion carried.

11-M-075

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the February 24, 2011 letter of request from the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival Committee, authorize the use of the courthouse lawn October 5-9, 2011. Motion carried.

11-M-076

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to suspend the purchasing policy in the interest of time to complete the project and that a cost proposal be obtained from

the current contractor (Jim Nolan) to complete the required remodeling in the former Clerk's office area for the Friend of the Court office space in the courthouse. Also, authorization is given to proceed with the proposal if it is reasonable as determined by the Building and Grounds Committee. Motion carried.

11-M-077

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the out-of-state travel request for Commissioner Bardwell to attend the NACo Rural Action Development Caucus in Washington DC. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment - none

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk