

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
March 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 March, 2011 to order at 6:01 o'clock p.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Petzold
Pledge by Commissioner Bardwell

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

11-M-078

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

11-M-079

Motioned by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the minutes of the 3/10/11 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – EDC Director Jim McLoskey appeared to report that Don Beavers had been hired as interim EDC director. Gerry Gamm, chairman Tuscola County Council on Aging Advisory board, challenged the commissioners to identify potential board members.

Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey presented his 2010 Drain Commission Annual Report.

11-M-080

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson to receive and place on file the 2010 Tuscola County Drain Commissioner Annual Report. Motion carried.

Jail Administrator Penny Turner and Undersheriff Glen Skrent introduced Mike Krauser with Canteen Services who demonstrated a “reverse” ATM that could be used in the jail.

Sgt. Geoffrey Boyer with the Michigan State Police in Caro presented some information regarding the closure of 21 state police posts. The state is looking for additional ways to cut costs and Sgt. Boyer requested the commissioners

consider providing lawn maintenance and snow removal. Currently, \$8,000 - \$10,000 is being paid for these services.

The Controller/Administrator presented a position paper dealing with State Revenue Sharing/Personal Property Tax.

11-M-081

Motion by Peterson seconded by Allen that the Tuscola County document in opposition to the proposed \$350,000 state cuts to Tuscola County state revenue sharing (34%) be approved and be submitted to Governor Snyder, State Senator Michael Green, State Representative Kurt Damrow, Michigan Association of Counties and other appropriate parties including other county Controller/Administrators in Michigan. Motion carried.

TSSF Architect Keith Kosik appeared to discuss the bidding process associated with the Probate Court remodel project.

11-M-082

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the recommendation of the County Bond Attorney (John Axe) and per the concurrence of the Medical Care Facility Board, that the resolution to refund the 2003 Capital Improvement Bonds issued for the Medical Care Facility with a remaining principal amount not to exceed \$5,800,000 be approved to be refunded and all appropriate signatures are authorized (estimated savings of \$369,000 over the remaining life of the bonds). Motion carried.

Darrick Huff with Spicer Group presented the bids for the lighting portion of the Energy Grant.

11-M-083

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that per the recommendation of Spicer Engineering, the Energy Efficiency Retrofit project (funded through the Regional Energy Grant) be awarded to Helm Electric who was the low bidder in the amount of \$98,797. Also, all contract documents as prepared by Spicer engineering concerning this project are authorized for signature. Motion carried.

11-M-084

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the resolution of appreciation to Maintenance Department employees Roberta Brown and Jason Littleton for observing and correcting a construction related water leak in the County Courthouse by shutting off the main water supply to the building which minimized what could have resulted in major water damage and significant repair costs to this historical building. Motion carried.

11-M-085

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold that per the request of the Region VII Area Agency on Aging, the County Clerk be requested to advertise for applications to fill vacancies on the Region VII Area Agency Advisory Council. Motion carried.

7:50 p.m. – Recess

7:58 p.m. – Reconvene

11-M-086

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that per the March 7, 2011 letters of request from the Medical Care Facility, the transfers from the Voted Medical Care Facility Fund to the regular Medical Care Facility Fund in the amounts of \$43,355.00, \$278.65 and \$2,784.68 be approved for the items identified in the respective letters. Motion carried.

11-M-087

Motion by Petzold seconded by Allen to approve the resolution denoting April as Child Abuse Prevention month. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment – Donald Clinesmith provided a Tea Party update.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk