

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
May 12, 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 12th day of May, 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-113

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

11-M-114

Motioned by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the minutes of the 4/28/11 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – none

11-M-115

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Petzold that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted:

CONSENT AGENDA

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| Agenda Reference: | A |
| Entity Proposing: | COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/28/11 |
| Description of Matter: | Move that the Controller-Administrator be authorized to work with Leonard & Company and Municipal Financial Consultants Inc. to bond to borrow the funds needed to purchase the HH Purdy Building because of the significant savings provided through purchasing rather than continuing the installment purchase agreement (as documented in the April 14, 2011 letter from |

Leonard & Company and other correspondence). Final purchase not to be completed until after September 31, 2011 per the request of the current owners.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/28/11

Description of Matter: Move that the out-of-state travel request from Commissioner Allen be approved to attend the summer 2011 National Association of Counties Conference.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that any motion, resolution, or other act of Tuscola County inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded, modified, replaced or superseded by this Resolution.

YEAS: all

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Sanilac County Animal Control Director Jim Matson presented an update regarding Tuscola County's animal shelter.

Probate Judge Roggenbuck appeared to update the board regarding grant activity. She reported her court is the recipient of a grant-funded position through Michigan Works. Development of the website is progressing with an anticipated launch in the next 4-6 weeks. She distributed information regarding an internship program.

The Tuscola Behavioral Health director presented the financial audit report.

11-M-116

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to receive and place on file the Behavioral Health System 2010 Audit as presented by the Director. Motion carried.

Mary Wells and Trey Hanner with NextEra Energy Resources presented the proposed Tuscola-Bay Wind Energy Project.

MSU-E Director Joe Bixler appeared to request a copy machine. He presented 3 bids. He also stated his office is prepared to discuss the 2012 budget and the Memorandum of Agreement.

11-M-117

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to amend the 2011 Equipment Fund budget by \$4895 to provide for the purchase of a copy machine from Galaxy Office Machines for Tuscola County MSU-Extension. Motion carried.

11-M-118

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the request by Renee J. Wood to use the Courthouse Lawn on May 28, 2011 for veteran services and the Building and Grounds Director to notify the requesting party of this approval. Motion carried.

11-M-119

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to approve the resolution for the Medical Care Facility bond refinancing regarding verification that the county will provide continuing financial disclosure and forward to the appropriate parties. Motion carried.

11-M-120

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to allow the renewal of the indigent counsel contract with Biddinger & Bitzer, PLLC for one year. Also, authorize all necessary signatures. Motion carried.

11-M-121

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that per the April 29, 2011 communication from the Sheriff to concur with the appointment of Tyler Erla to fill the vacant corrections officer position effective May 16, 2011 pending satisfactory physical and drug screening. Motion carried.

11-M-122

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that the bid for lawn care services (per MSP specifications) at the state police post in Caro be awarded to Thumb Lawn & Snow for the 2011 season. Motion carried.

11-M-123

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the May 11, 2011 communication from the Sheriff that authorization be given to enter into a contract with AARMS to provide a Jail Audit Management System through an arrangement with the National Sheriff's Association and their jail training initiative program. Also, the county share of cost of \$1,112.50 be paid from the Jail Booking Fund. Motion carried.

11-M-124

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that per the May 4, 2011 letter from the Undersheriff, authorize the Sheriff's Department to purchase a marine boat using the \$2,000 from the sale of a marine motor (no new county money will be

spent on this project and if the \$2,000 is not spent then it has to be sent back to the State). Motion carried.

Copies of the Controller/Administrator's employment agreement was distributed for perusal by board members and will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

Extended Public Comment - none

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk