

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**October 13, 2011 Minutes**  
**H. H. 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011 to order at 8:33 o'clock a.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 #5 Gerald Peterson

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

District #4 Roy Petzold

11-M-219

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

11-M-220

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the  
9/29/2011 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment -

Health Department Gretchen Tenbusch appeared regarding the proposed budget cuts

Emergency Services Director Pat Finn appeared to introduce Lt Lisa Speary to speak in support of his department

11-M-221

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/29/11
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2012 County Senior Citizens Fund Budget incorporate new line items and necessary budget amounts (\$750) to pay members of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee per diems of \$20 per meeting.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/29/11
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2011 Road Patrol Fund Budget be amended by \$1,400 for Community Foundation funding received for police operations.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/29/11
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Tuscola County Courthouse current BCBSM Community Blue PPO4 Health Insurance plan meets and exceeds the requirements of Senate Bill 007 using the capped rates of \$5,500, \$11,000 and \$15,000 per contract, as per the financial analysis completed by Public Employee Benefit Services (PEBS), and that it will not be necessary for this Board to request an exemption for the county this fiscal year.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/4/11
- Description of Matter:** Move that the draft 2012 county budget be balanced using Alternative 2 expenditure reductions as presented at the October 4, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting which incorporates reductions to training, staffing, non-mandated services and general fund appropriation reductions to special revenue funds. Also, the Controller/Administrator is directed to prepare line-item detail budgets according to Alternative 2 and these budgets be submitted to departments for review and comment. In addition, any changes requested by departments from Alternative 2 have to specify a method of assuring that the same required expenditure

reduction amount is achieved within their respective department budget.

(As part of the standard budget development process, departments will be provided the opportunity to present budget comments and questions.)

**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.

Sheriff Lee Teschendorf appeared to introduce Reverend Bill Sanders, a volunteer chaplain with Michigan State Police, who is interested in starting a chaplain's corp in the Sheriff's Department.

11-M-222

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the September 29, 2011 letter from the Sheriff to concur with the establishment of a chaplain's corp. to serve and assist deputies and police officers in Tuscola County with the understanding there is no cost to the county to establish this program. Motion carried.

Ted Weisman with Nextera Energy Resources appeared to provide an update regarding the installation of wind turbines in Gilford Township.

Eean Lee, Sr. Network Engineer with Zimco, appeared regarding the online property tax query system.

11-M-223

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that per the recommendation of Zimco, to approve the proposal from BS&A Software to host the property query and other computer accessible information. And all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion carried.

11-M-224

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the October 6, 2011 request from the County Clerk, an electric embosser is authorized to be purchased from the County Clerk supply line item with the understanding that this purchase will

not result in year-end actual Clerk office expenditures exceeding budget for 2011. Motion carried.

#### 11-M-225

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to approve the resolution requesting the state to fully replace county revenue loss with a constitutionally guaranteed source if the personal property tax is eliminated by the state. Also, forward this resolution to the Governor, Senator Green, Representative Damrow and the Michigan Association of Counties. Motion carried.

#### 11-M-226

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to approve the Off-Road Vehicle Ordinance with changes as recommended by the county attorney and publication and other adoption procedures be initiated as directed by the county attorney. Motion carried.

The architect associated with the probate court remodeling appeared to respond to questions posed by the commissioners.

#### 11-M-227

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the last remaining change orders associated with the probate courtroom remodeling project for a cost of \$3,537 and all necessary budget amendments to the capital improvement account be made. Motion carried.

Circuit Court Administrator Greg McDonald appeared regarding budgetary changes.

#### 11-M-228

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the recommendation of the Circuit/Family Court Administrator, the budgetary/line item changes to the Circuit Family Court Budget (101-132) and the Juvenile Child Care Fund (292-662) where an employee's wage/fringe costs are split 50/50 between the two funds be approved and all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. (Partial state reimbursement received for 292 Fund portion of wage/fringe costs.) Motion carried.

Sheriff Teschendorf appeared regarding issues with his department.

#### 11-M-229

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to receive and place on file the letter of resignation from Pamela Greenwood from the full-time secretarial position with said full-time employment resignation date to be October 28, 2011. Motion carried.

#### 11-M-230

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that per the recommendation of the Sheriff to reduce costs, that effective 10/31/11 the current full-time Sheriff secretary position be changed to part-time without benefits (not to exceed 30 hours per week). Also all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion carried.

11-M-231

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson to approve the January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 agreement between the Sheriff Department and Arbel Township for the county to provide 1.75 police officers (70 hours of duty in the township per week for 52 weeks). Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments are authorized. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment – Keith Kosik, Gilford Township Zoning Administrator, reported on the status of the site plan review.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Margie A. White  
Tuscola County Clerk