

## **TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

March 29, 2012 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 29th day of March, 2012 to order at 8:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Peterson

Pledge by Commissioner Petzold

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: District #2 Thomas Bardwell, District #3 Tom Kern, District #4 Roy Petzold, District #5 Gerald Peterson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: District #1 Roger Allen

12-M-052

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

12-M-053

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the 3/13/2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – none

12-M-054

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that the 3/30/12 letter expressing major concerns with state proposed changes to state revenue sharing payments and personal property tax be authorized for signature and sent to Senator Green, Representative Damrow and the Michigan Association of Counties. Also, this letter be forwarded to county officials to encourage additional input to be forwarded to state officials. Motion carried

12-M-055

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/15/12

**Description of Matter:** Move that the following 2012 budget changes be implemented to update and accurately account for implemented and non-implemented 2012 expenditure reductions:

- MSU-e 2012 general fund appropriation be increased from \$87,750 to \$89,175 in order to honor the Memorandum of Agreement. Also, the revised Exhibit A Annual Work Program be approved per the March 2, 2012 correspondence from the MSU-e District 10 Coordinator and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Fee increases for 2012 of \$30,000 no longer be pursued based on department input showing it is unlikely this amount of revenue can be generated.
- Previous Board action on 1/26/12 to change full-time positions in the clerk, prosecutor and equalization offices to part-time be rescinded and 2012 budgets be re-established with these positions remaining as full-time.
- Per correspondence from the Sheriff, 2012 line-item reductions be made to the emergency services budget instead of changing the emergency services director position from full-time to part-time and the previous change of the full-time Sheriff secretary remain in place to also help off-set the costs of maintaining the emergency services director.
- General fund insurance budget for 2012 be reduced by \$48,158 because of the availability of the 2011 net asset distribution from MMRMA to replenish the county stop loss fund instead of having to use general fund monies.

**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/15/12

**Description of Matter:** Move that the 2012 budget amendments be authorized as specifically identified in the March 3, 2012 correspondence from the Chief Accountant.

**Agenda Reference:** C

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/15/12

**Description of Matter:** Move that the Sheriff be authorized to immediately implement the addition of 6 jail beds in the C Wing of the jail as approved by the

Department of Corrections with the understanding an increase in the number of corrections officers is not required. Also, the 2012 Jail budget be increased through the use of general fund contingency with amendments of (\$7,428) for health care costs for additional prisoners and (\$6,274) for additional prisoner meal costs. (The addition of these jail beds is anticipated to help contain costs of having to house prisoners in other counties).

**Agenda Reference:** D

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/15/12

**Description of Matter:** Move that the Sheriff be authorized to obtain assistance from Landmark Architects and \$5,000 be established in the capital improvement fund for architectural services to determine costs to make jail space changes including shower capabilities so that an additional 5 inmates can be housed in the C Wing of the county jail as approved by the Department of Corrections with the understanding an increase in the number of corrections officers is not required.

**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.

12-M-056

Motion by Kern, seconded by Peterson to approve the court restructuring plan and corresponding budget amendments as follows:

- Eliminate the Chief Juvenile Probation position - \$68,928 annualized wage-fringe cost reduction
- Eliminate the MGT of America contract - \$48,000 annualized cost reduction

- Move that the Court Administrator be placed at Step 5 of the wage/step schedule, Director of Probation Services be placed at Step 5; with these pay changes being retroactive to January 4, 2012. Also, create the new positions of Deputy Court Administrator/Law Clerk and Friend of the Court/FOC Attorney (with no changes in rate of pay) effective January 4, 2012.

This court restructuring plan is approved with the understanding that should the Chief Juvenile Probation position be re-established or a new contract with MGT for probate juvenile services be re-established, then the above wage/step changes will revert back to the wage/step schedule amounts prior to January 4, 2012. Motion carried.

Presentation of the Tuscola County Health Department audit by Heather Thomas with Gardner Provenzano Schauman & Thomas.

12-M-057

Motion by Peterson seconded by Kern to receive and place on file the 2010/2011 Tuscola County Health Department audit. Motion carried.

12-M-058

Motion by Peterson seconded by Kern that per the recommendation of the Board of Health that the personnel policy changes acted on at their meeting of March 16, 2012 be approved. Motion carried.

Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey presented his 2011 Annual Report.

12-M-059

Motion by Peterson seconded by Kern to receive and place on file the 2011 Drain Commissioner Annual report. Motion carried.

10:14 a.m. – Recess

10:22 a.m. - Meeting Resumed

Undersheriff Glen Skrent updated the board regarding the dysfunctional intercom system.

12-M-060

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that a new jail intercom system be authorized to be purchased to replace the current non-functioning system. Because this intercom system is critical to employee and inmate safety and must be purchased expeditiously the Sheriff and Controller-Administrator be authorized to receive and award the most acceptable bid. Also, all appropriate budget amendments be authorized related to accounting for this project in the Equipment/Capital improvement Fund. Motion carried.

## 12-M-061

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that the county accept the \$4,160 grant money from the ISD's Truancy Program to fund a teacher/mentor for the 54<sup>th</sup> Circuit/Family Court's Juvenile Computer and Cultural Center. No county funds will be used to fund this position. Motion carried.

## 12-M-062

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold to approve the resolution and intergovernmental agreement to manage floodplain development for the National Flood Insurance program for Tuscola Township with enforcement of the construction code act provided through the agreement the county has with SCMCCI (South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections). Also, all appropriate signatures for the resolution and agreement are authorized. Motion carried.

## 12-M-063

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson to approve the resolution and intergovernmental agreement to manage floodplain development for the National Flood Insurance program for Vassar Township with enforcement of the construction code act provided through the agreement the county has with SCMCCI (South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections). Also, all appropriate signatures for the resolution and agreement are authorized. Motion carried.

## 12-M-064

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold that per the recommendation of Municipal Financial Consultants Incorporated, that the Controller/Administrator be authorized to sign the Order Authorizing Award of the Tuscola County – Denmark Township Water Extension Bonds to Northstar Bank which produced the lowest true interest cost. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment – none

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Margie A. White  
Tuscola County Clerk