

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 14, 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 14th day of August, 2012 to order at 8:33 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge by Commissioner Allen

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

12-M-149

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

12-M-150

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to approve the minutes of the 7/26/2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – EDC Director Steve Erickson made the board aware of the Thumb EDC Summit scheduled for October 17. Details to follow.

Overview of 2011 County Audit presented by Val Hartel and Gary Anderson with Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C.

12-M-151

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to authorize the sheriff to fill the Emergency Services position (full-time). Motion carried.

12-M-152

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to authorize the sheriff to hire Pat Finn (at his current rate of pay) after the MERS waiting period to train the new Emergency Services Director. Also, authorize all necessary budget adjustments. Motion carried.

9:49 a.m. – Recess

10:04 a.m. – Reconvene

12-M-153

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that the 2011 Tuscola County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

12-M-154

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to direct the controller to send a bill to Enterprise Facilitation for \$33,115. Motion carried.

EDC Director Steve Erickson appeared to suggest the county update the county's Solid Waste Plan.

Jail Construction Bid Opening:

1. Serenus Johnson Construction, Bay City; \$72,500;
2. Gerald G. Bergman, Saginaw; \$57,600;

12-M-155

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that the county hiring freeze be lifted and John Nitz be hired to the position of part-time custodian effective August 14, 2012 at the first step of the pay scale (satisfactory physical and background check has been completed). Motion carried.

12-M-156

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to appoint Dawn Bowden (Human Resource Director) as the officer delegate and attend the Municipal Employees Retirement System annual meeting on October 3, 2012. Motion carried.

12-M-157

Motion by Allen seconded by Petzold to approve the Primary Road Millage transfer request of \$164,553.68 as identified by Voucher #03-12 dated August 1, 2012, from the Primary Road Millage Fund to the Road Commission General Fund. Motion carried.

12-M-158

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to approve the Local Bridge Millage transfer request of \$28,069.19 as identified by Voucher #03-12 dated August 1, 2012, from the Bridge Millage Fund to the Road Commission General Fund. Motion carried.

12-M-159

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that in order to comply with audit recommendations regarding fixed assets that approval is provided to purchase equipment for an amount of \$3,334 which is necessary to automate the fixed asset inventory function. Also, appropriate budget amendments to the equipment fund are authorized. Motion carried.

12-M-160

Motion by Peterson seconded by Petzold that per the July 24, 2012 letter from Margaret Phillips to allow the courthouse lawn be used on October 27, 2012 to conduct a rally from noon to 4:00 P.M. Motion carried.

12-M-161

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to authorize signing the County-Wide Cost Allocation Plan – Certification of the Responsible County Official document. Motion carried.

11:35 a.m. - recess

11:46 a.m. - reconvened

12-M-162

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson to go into closed session under section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss labor negotiations. Roll call: Allen, yes; Kern, yes; Petzold, yes; Peterson, yes; Bardwell, yes. Motion carried.

12-M-163

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold to come out of closed session. Motion carried.

12-M-164

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to rescind the motion cutting the elected officials' salaries by 10% beginning January 1, 2013. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment – none

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk