

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 27, 2012 Minutes

H. H. Purdy Building

Vice-Chairman Gerald Peterson 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 27th day of September, 2012 to order at 8:32 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Allen

Pledge by Commissioner Peterson

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: District #2 Thomas Bardwell,

12-M-182

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

12-M-183

Motion by Kern seconded by Kern to approve the minutes of the 9/11/2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment - none

12-M-184

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12

Description of Matter: Move to approve the 2012/2013 Probate Childcare Fund budget and authorize all appropriate signatures for submittal to the state to leverage available state/federal revenue sources.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12

- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the 2012/2013 DHS Childcare Fund budget and authorize all appropriate signatures for submittal to the state to leverage available state/federal revenue sources.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12
- Description of Matter:** Move that the previous Board action of 1/26/12 (Consent Agenda Item E) referencing specific changes involving making full-time positions part-time positions for 2013 (building and grounds, circuit/family court and sheriff) be eliminated at this point in time with the understanding that as the 2013 budget process occurs these or other changes may still have to be implemented to balance the 2013 county budget.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12
- Description of Matter:** Move to extend for one year the Cost Allocation Plan with MGT of America as provided for in the original contract for an amount not to exceed \$7,000.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12
- Description of Matter:** Move that the county and township invoice for legal services involving tax appeals of wind generators in Wheeler and Bethany Townships be paid in the total amount of \$1,080.27. (The Tuscola County share is \$668.90 and the share for three townships in Tuscola County is \$411.37.) Also, county reimbursement is obtained by invoicing Akron, Columbia and Gilford townships for equal amounts of \$137.12.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12
- Description of Matter:** Move proposals be received to rent the county land along Deckerville and Luder roads for farming purposes.

- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the Prosecutor Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for the three-year (2013, 2014 and 2105) period and authorize all appropriate signatures.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the Release and Waiver Claims Agreement form as requested by Thumb Cellular to move the Amateur Radio Equipment to the new Thumb Cellular Tower and authorize all appropriate signatures.
- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12
- Description of Matter:** Move to appoint Dorothy Scollon to serve on the County Recycling committee.
- Agenda Reference:** J
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2012 line item transfer requests as specified in the September 20, 2012 memo from Circuit Court be approved as follows:
- \$1,000 from Steno Transcripts to Steno Appeal Transcripts
 - \$700 from Cellular Phones to Telephone
- Agenda Reference:** K
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2012 line item transfer requests as specified in the September 20, 2012 memo from Probate Court be approved as follows:

- \$100 from Books to Steno Transcripts

Agenda Reference: L

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12

Description of Matter: Move that per the August 23, 2012 memo from the Mosquito Abatement directors, to approve the purchase of four 2013 GMC Trucks from Bell-Wasik for a cost of \$55,208 (includes trade-in value of nine pre-owned mosquito abatement trucks). Also, 2012 budget amendments are authorized through the use of fund balance for the purchase of these vehicles.

Agenda Reference: M

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12

Description of Matter: Move that per the September 18, 2012 letter of request from the Prosecutor, the extradition expense of \$452.08 is authorized for payment and amend the Prosecutor's budget through the use of general fund contingency.

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.

Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey appeared regarding the Pigeon River Intercounty Drain Project.

12-M-185

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern that per the recommendation of the County Drain Commissioner, the resolution that provides for borrowing for the Pigeon River Intercounty Drain project is approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion carried.

12-M-186

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to authorize Debra Young to attend the 2012 Municipal Employees Retirement System Annual Conference as the employee delegate and the cost for said conference be paid from the special programs activity in the general fund. Motion carried.

12-M-187

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners go on record as opposed to the November ballot question requiring utility companies to generate 25% of electricity from renewable sources by the year 2025 by supporting the Huron County resolution and this action be forwarded to state officials and the Michigan Association of Counties. Motion carried.

12-M-188

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that the waiver form with Big Brothers and Big Sisters to discontinue the Big Brothers and Big Sisters lease with the county and to document that the former Big Brothers and Big Sisters building reverts to county ownership be authorized for signature. Motion carried.

12-M-189

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the recommendation of the Sheriff, to approve the contract for Mental Health Services with Tuscola County Behavioral Health Systems and authorize all appropriate signatures. Motion carried.

12-M-190

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the September 24, 2012 letter from the Sheriff, to lift the county hiring freeze and concur with the appointment of Steven Anderson as the Tuscola County Emergency Services Director at step 5 of the pay scale with a November 5, 2012 starting date. Motion carried.

12-M-191

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to lift the county hiring freeze and authorize the Sheriff to fill the vacant Road Patrol position by October 9, 2012 which was created by the appointment of Deputy Anderson to the Emergency Services Director position. Motion carried.

12-M-192

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to lift the county hiring freeze and hire Patrick Finn at his rate of pay as of retirement subject to the Municipal Employees Retirement System limitation on allowed hours of work to train the new Emergency Services Director. Also, appropriate budget amendments to the Emergency Services budget are authorized for this training cost by reducing general fund contingency. Motion carried.

12-M-193

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that the jail camera bid for the county jail to gain compliance with the Federal Prisoner Rape Elimination Act be awarded to Mid-State who was the low bidder in the amount of \$55,415. Also, amend the Capital Improvement Fund budget for this project (pending MMRMA RAP grant application approval, 50% of the project cost will be paid by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority). Motion carried.

12-M-194

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold to direct the County Equalization Director to submit the waiver information to the State Tax Commission so the County Equalization Director and staff can continue working for both Tuscola and Huron counties because of the proven cost savings and efficiency from this arrangement for the counties and taxpayers of Huron and Tuscola counties. Also, appropriate signatures are authorized for said waiver. Motion carried.

12-M-195

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to appoint James Soker to serve on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Board effective immediately. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment – none

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk