

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 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 November, 2012 to order at 8:34 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Kern
Pledge by Commissioner Bardwell

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

12-M-246

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

12-M-247

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the 11/14/2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – new Emergency Services Manager Steve Anderson introduced himself.

Public Hearing – 2013 Draft County Budget

12-M-248

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the 2013 General Appropriations Act adopting the 2013 county budget with changes, if any, as decided at the November 29, 2012 Board of Commissioners' meeting. Roll call: Kern, yes; Petzold, yes; Peterson, yes; Bardwell, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

12-M-249

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that the early retirement incentive payment proposal from the Maintenance Leader not be approved because of an earlier Board decision to not implement staffing reductions for 2013 based on an anticipated moderate improvement in financial ability (the county has never implemented an early retirement incentive plan but if done it should be based on financial necessity and a comprehensive (not isolated) staffing reduction plan). Motion carried with Kern casting the only dissenting vote.

12-M-250

Motion by Allen seconded by Petzold to submit to the Michigan Department of Treasury the county incentive program compliance in order to qualify for full state revenue sharing payment. Motion carried.

12-M-251

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that communication be sent to Senator Green expressing concerns that passage of Senate Bills 1299 and 1300 would financially benefit Ottawa County remonumentation program at the expense of Tuscola and other Michigan counties. Motion carried.

Mosquito Abatement co-director Rich Colopy introduced Tony Thomas.

12-M-252

Motion by Peterson seconded by Petzold that per the November 21, 2012 letter of recommendation from the Mosquito Abatement Directors that Tony Thomas be hired effective January 22, 2013 at the starting step of the biologist position (contingent upon satisfactory physical and background check) to provide comprehensive training from the current Director/Biologist who will retire at the end of 2013. Motion carried.

12-M-253

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that per the November 16, 2012 letter of request from Future Youth Involvement, authorize the use of the courthouse lawn for Cardboard City Sleep-Out event on May 16, 2013. Motion carried.

12-M-254

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to approve the 2013 police services contract between the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and Vassar Township and authorize all appropriate signatures. Motion carried.

12-M-255

Motion by Peterson seconded by Allen to approve the 2013 police services contract between the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and Arbela Township and authorize all appropriate signatures. Motion carried.

12-M-256

Motion by Allen seconded by Petzold to approve the 2013 police services contract between the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and Millington Township and authorize all appropriate signatures. Motion carried.

12-M-257

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to approve the 2013 weigh master contract between the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and the County Road Commission and authorize all appropriate signatures. Motion carried.

10:10 a.m. – Commissioner Petzold exited the meeting.

12-M-258

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that per the recommendation of the Information Technology Director, to approve the agreement with Air Advantage to provide internet service to the county and authorize all appropriate signatures.

Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment – none

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk