

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 2, 2013 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 2nd day of January, 2013 to order at 9:35 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 – Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

13-M-008

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

Brief Public Comment – none

13-M-009

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch that per the December 28, 2012 memorandum from the County Prosecutor that the hiring freeze be lifted and the County Prosecutor be authorized to refill the General Secretary II and Family Support Division Secretary II positions and appropriate 2013 budget amendments are authorized related to these staffing changes. Motion carried.

13-M-010

Motion by Allen seconded by Bierlein that per the December 28, 2012 memorandum from the Court Administrator that the proposed court reorganization be authorized and the 2013 budget amendments corresponding with the reorganization is authorized with the understanding that the effects of the reorganization is a slight reduction in court costs for 2013. Motion carried.

13-M-011

Motion by Allen seconded by Kirkpatrick that authorization is given for appropriate county officials to sign a letter as requested by the Medical Care Facility stating that as part of the enrollment process the county understands and accepts its financial responsibility for monies that may be due to Medicare if a refund is determined to be due. This action is taken with the understanding that any monies that may be determined to be due to Medicare would come from the Medical Care Facility designated funds and not from the county general fund. Motion carried.

13-M-012

Motion by Bierlein seconded by Allen that per the letter of request from the Dispatch Director that the out-of-state travel request be approved with the understanding that county costs will be reimbursed by the Michigan National Emergency Number Association. Motion carried.

13-M-013

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch that the chairperson be authorized to sign the agreement for legal representation of indigents in District Court. Motion carried.

13-M-014

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch that per the December 13, 2012 letter of request from the Sheriff that the hiring freeze be lifted and the Sheriff be authorized to promote a current deputy to the rank of sergeant and hire a full-time replacement to fill the deputy's position within 90-days of Sergeant Pine's retirement. Motion carried.

13-M-015

Motion by Allen seconded by Bierlein that the initial 2013 county issues list, 2012 accomplishments and 2013 work program be forwarded to Elected and Appointed officials for review and comment. Motion carried.

Old Business – None

Correspondence/Resolutions – None

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk