

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
November 24, 2009 Minutes
Wells Township Hall
2190 Frankford Rd., Caro, Michigan**

Chairman Gerald Peterson called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the Wells Township Hall, on the 24th of November, 2009 to order at 6:04 p.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Petzold
Pledge by Commissioner Roggenbuck

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

District #1 Amanda Roggenbuck, District #2 Thomas Bardwell, District #3 Tom Kern, District #4 Roy Petzold, District #5 Gerald Peterson

09-M-249

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Roggenbuck to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

09-M-250

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Roggenbuck to approve the minutes of the 11/10/09 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment- MSU-E Director Hal Hudson read a letter regarding his agency's budget. Harold Fry expressed his support of the MSU-E

Dutch Guthrie, Chair of the MSU Council, appeared to reiterate the core values of MSU-E. He also presented a letter on behalf of Greg Ackerman, President of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, requesting approval of MSU-E's request of \$135,000

Richard Tonkin, president of the Tuscola County Fair, appeared to request the commissioners restore the funding to MSU-E

Mike Tuckey, director of finance Tuscola County Road Commission, appeared to request the commissioners employ a phase-in approach to the health insurance cut

09-M-251

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/12/09

Description of Matter: Move that the Health Insurance HIPPA Business Associates Agreement with BC/BS incorporating revisions for the HITECH Act which expands

privacy and security requirements for protected health insurance be approved and all appropriate signatures be authorized.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/12/09

Description of Matter: Move that the county credit card policy be changed increasing the limit from \$1,500 to \$3,000 for specified card holders.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/12/09

Description of Matter: Move that effective January 1, 2010 health insurance for County Road Commissioners be discontinued because of overall county financial constraints and written notification of this change be submitted to the Road Commissioners.

Agenda Reference: E

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/12/09

Description of Matter: Move that effective January 1, 2010 County Road Commissioners qualify for a \$2,000 annual health insurance incentive payment consistent with the same incentive offered county employees.

Agenda Reference: F

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/12/09

Description of Matter: Move to receive and place on file the October 8, 2009 letter of retirement from Gary Miller with the Building and Grounds Department effective January 18, 2010.

Agenda Reference: G

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/12/09

Description of Matter: Move to receive and place on file the November 02, 2009 letter of resignation from Kristine Klinert with the Register of Deeds Department effective November 13, 2009.

Agenda Reference: H

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/12/09

Description of Matter: Move that the County Clerk be requested to advertise to fill vacancies on the Economic Development Commission Board.

Agenda Reference: I

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/12/09

Description of Matter: Move that per the November 2, 2009 letter of request from the Caro Interfaith Committee, authorization is given to use the courthouse lawn from November 29, 2009 thru January 10, 2010.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that any motion, resolution, or other act of Tuscola inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded, modified, replaced or superseded by this Resolution.

YEAS: all

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

09-M-252

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Roggenbuck that an addendum to the agreement between Tuscola County and SCMCCI revising an earlier September 30, 2002 addendum be approved to extend the office space rental rate of \$2,083 per month indefinitely or until the county indicates otherwise in a written communication (this change eliminates the need for an annual review of the rental rate). Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion carried

Equalization Director Walt Schlichting appeared regarding the proposed Caro assessor services agreement

09-M-253

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Kern to approve the Agreement for the County Equalization Department to provide Assessor Services to the City of Caro, as reviewed and approved by corporate counsel and the City of Caro, and authorize all appropriate signatures. Motion carried with Roggenbuck casting the only dissenting vote.

09-M-254

Motion by Kern seconded by Bardwell that the following additional actions be taken to enable the implementation of the new Assessors Services Agreement: Authorize the posting and hiring of a temporary part time Appraiser 1 position, 21 hours per week starting January 1, 2010 and continue for the agreement's period of time (this position will only be needed while the Assessor Services Agreement remains in force and the position will be vacated if and when the agreement is terminated).

Authorize the Equalization Director carry over 7 vacation days beyond his anniversary date because of the short term demands of implementing the Assessor's Services Agreement. (Anniversary date is January 1).

Authorize Nancy Corey to carry over 11 vacation days beyond her anniversary date because of the short term demands of implementing the Assessor's Services Agreement. (Anniversary date is February 5).

Note: There will be a net profit after all expenses, including the temporary part time position, of \$20,325 for FY2010. This exceeds the 10.14% cut amount of \$20,204. This net profit is enough new revenue to offset the 10.14% budget cut. Motion carried with Roggenbuck casting the only dissenting vote.

09-M-255

Motion by Kern seconded by Roggenbuck that the Tuscola County Planning Commission Annual Report for the period of September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009 along with the next year Work Program be received and placed on file. Also, a letter is sent to the Planning Commission members thanking them for a job well done. Motion carried

09-M-256

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Roggenbuck to authorize the letter titled "Circuit/Family Court 2010 Operating Budget" be sent to the Circuit Court Administrator and other identified parties requesting the court conform to a 2010 operating budget that reflects reduced appropriations and procedures that the County Board will follow if this request is not fulfilled (letter reviewed at the November 24, 2009 Board of Commissioners meeting). Motion carried.

09-M-257

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Kern to restore the MSU-E funding (\$135,000). Roll call: Bardwell, yes; Petzold, yes; Roggenbuck, yes; Kern, yes; Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey appeared to explain the National Food Insurance Program and to inform those in attendance of a flood risk information open house scheduled for December 16, 2009 at the Tuscola Technology Center: township, village and city officials from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and general public open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Dutch Guthrie thanked the board for restoring the funding to MSU-E

Judge Kent appeared to request the board give priority to funding the courts

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m., until 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Margie White-Cormier
Tuscola County Clerk