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**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
December 22, 2009 Minutes
Courthouse Annex**

Chairman Gerald Peterson called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the, held at the County Annex Building in the Village of Caro, on the 22nd day of December, 2009 to order at 8:06 a.m. local time

Prayer by Commissioner Bardwell
Pledge by Commissioner Peterson

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Public Hearing - 2010 County Budget

Caro Fire Chief David Mattlin appeared to request the board reconsider eliminating the part time support staff person

09-M-266

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

Great Start Collaborative – presented by Kay Balcer, Susan Walker, Rachael Koepf

09-M-267

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Kern to approve the minutes of the 12/8/09 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment- Road Commission board member Jack Laurie appeared regarding the timeline associated with the discontinuance of the health insurance benefit

Cliff Parrish, former road commission employee, appeared regarding the road commission

09-M-268

It was moved by Kern and supported by Roggenbuck that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted:

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/10/09

- Description of Matter:** Move that the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2009 be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/10/09
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Rummel Agency, the County Self-Insured Workers Compensation program be renewed with the Option #1 Accident Fund (December 3, 2009 correspondence) for a two-year period and all documents related to this matter be authorized for signature.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/10/09
- Description of Matter:** Move that the following four law firms be scheduled for interviews at a date to be determined in January of 2010 to discuss the potential of providing legal services to Tuscola County:
- ❖ Braun, Kendrick, Finkbeiner P.L.C.
 - ❖ Gilbert, Smith & Borrello P.C.
 - ❖ Brian K. Elder P.L.C.
 - ❖ Smith Bovill
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/10/09
- Description of Matter:** Move that the County Planning Commission request for clerical support be denied for financial reasons and the Planning Commission 2010 budget be reduced by \$1,000.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/10/09
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the budget adjustments as presented by the Chief Accountant at the December 10, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/10/09
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the following resolution to begin the process to change from 3 appointed to 5 elected Road Commissioners in Tuscola County:

Resolution to Change Road Commissioners from Appointed to Elected and Increase the Number from 3 to 5

Whereas, the County Road Law, allows the County Board of Commissioners the option to appoint or enable the public to elect Road Commissioners and,

Whereas, recent amendments to the County Road Law specified in MCL 224.1 permit the County Board of Commissioners to increase the number of Road Commissioners from a minimum of 3 to a maximum of 5 and,

Whereas, Road Commissioners have significant administrative responsibility for the policymaking involved in maintaining and improving the road and street system in the county in addition to the management of the multi-million dollar Road Commission budget and,

Whereas, the County Board of Commissioners has communicated with townships, other local units of government and citizens throughout the county with a majority indicating the public should have the authority to elect Road Commissioners rather than be appointed by the County Board of Commissioners and,

Whereas, the County Board of Commissioners has communicated with townships, other local units of government and citizens throughout the county with a majority indicating stronger representation would occur if the number of Road Commissioners is increased from 3 to 5 and,

Whereas, providing the public the authority to elect Road Commissioners will empower the electorate with direct decision making authority to determine who will serve the public as a County Road Commissioner.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that Tuscola County begin the process to change from 3 appointed to 5 elected Road Commissioners and the County Clerk, County Controller-Administrator and Corporate Counsel develop a schedule of steps and timeline to implement these changes.

Agenda Reference:	G
Entity Proposing:	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/10/09
Description of Matter:	Move that Angie Daniels be appointed to the Part-Time Temporary Appraiser 1 position in the County Equalization Department effective January 4, 2010 at the Step 1 rate of pay.
Agenda Reference:	H
Entity Proposing:	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/10/09
Description of Matter:	Move to authorize for purchase the upgraded Harris Software for the Open Windows application for an estimated amount of \$1,050 and authorize appropriate signatures on all documents related to this change.

Agenda Reference: I

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/10/09

Description of Matter: Move to authorize for purchase the Harris Attendance Enterprise software for an estimated amount of \$18,000 and authorize appropriate signatures on all documents.

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-269

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Kern to authorize the transfer of \$47,784.51 from the Voted Medical Care Facility Millage funds to the Medical Care Facility fund per the item identified in the two December 16, 2009 letters from the facility director. Motion carried

09-M-270

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Kern to approve the 2009 line item budget amendments as identified in the December 15, 2009 memo from the District Court Administrator. Motion carried.

09-M-271

Motion by Roggenbuck seconded by Kern to designate April, 2010 National County Government Month. Motion carried.

09-M-272

Motion by Kern seconded by Bardwell to amend Agenda Item D from the November 11, 2009 minutes by striking the effective date (1/1/10) and inserting March 31, 2010 as the effective date. Roll call: Kern, yes; Petzold, yes; Bardwell, yes; Peterson, yes; Roggenbuck, yes. Motion carried.

09-M-273

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold to amend agenda item D from the November 24, 2009 minutes by striking the effective date (1/1/10) and inserting March 31, 2010 as the effective date. Roll call: Kern, yes; Petzold, yes; Bardwell, yes; Peterson, yes; Roggenbuck, yes. Motion carried.

09-M-274

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Kern to approve the 2010 General Appropriations Act adopting the 2010 county budget with final changes as discussed at the December 22, 2009 meeting including the following:

Remove the \$17,000 for purchase of the payroll time card system from the 2010 Equipment/Capital Improvement Budget – this system will be purchased and billed in 2009 rather than 2010

Incorporate the changes in the Circuit/Family Court Budget as identified in the most recent correspondence from the court

Incorporate the changes in the county clerk and elections budgets as outlined in the December 15, 2009 request from the County Clerk. Roll call: Bardwell, yes; Peterson, yes; Roggenbuck, yes; Kern, yes; Petzold, yes. Motion carried.

09-M-275

Motion by Petzold seconded by Kern to authorize the transfer of \$76,051.50 in Bridge Millage funds to the Road Commission Fund per voucher #08-09. Motion carried.

09-M-276

Motion by Petzold seconded by Kern to authorize the transfer of \$8,539.12 in Voted Primary Road Millage to the Road Commission fund per voucher #07-09. Motion carried.

09-M-277

Motion by Kern seconded by Bardwell that authorization is given to approve and submit updated information and proof of county insurance related to the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Margie White-Cormier
Tuscola County Clerk