

## **Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**

**April 13, 2010 Minutes**

**Courthouse Annex**

Chairman Thomas Bardwell called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the County Annex Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, on the 13th day of April, 2010 to order at 8:04 o'clock 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

10-M-080

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

10-M-081

Motion by Peterson seconded by Petzold to approve the minutes of the 03/23/10 . Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – Bill Campbell, Indianfields Township Clerk, appeared regarding concerned citizens who had appeared at the township's board meeting complaining about a home at 1311 Mertz Rd. He would like the BOC to direct Building Codes to investigate.

Tod Fackler, Tuscola Township Supervisor, expressed his township's desire to make the road commission board a five-member elected board.

Duane Lockwood, Ellington Township supervisor, also expressed his township's desire to make the road commission board elected.

10-M-082

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Kern that the following Consent Agenda resolution be adopted:

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/25/10

**Description of Matter:** Move that the 2009 Drain Commission Annual Report be received and placed on file.

**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/25/10

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the letter of request from the MSU-Extension that the authorization be given to allow the current Building Strong Families position to work an additional 5 hours per week with the understanding that these added hours will be fully funded by the grant funds.

**Agenda Reference:** C

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/25/10

**Description of Matter:** Move that the HIPPA Business Associate Agreement be authorized for signature to enable the County Recycling to do confidential shredding for the County Health Department.

**Agenda Reference:** D

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/25/10

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the March 17, 2010 letter of request from the Caro Tea Party that authorization be given to use the Courthouse lawn on April 15, 2010.

**Agenda Reference:** E

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/25/10

**Description of Matter:** Move that the following resolution be adopted to reduce the dependence on general fund reserves to balance the 2010 budget and said budget amendments be authorized for implementation.

**Resolution Regarding First Quarter 2010 Budget Amendments**

**Whereas,** the financial ability of the county to maintain the current service base continues to decline because of an unprecedented

decade-long state economic recession and the erosion of critical sources of revenue to county government necessary to operate services including property tax and state revenue sharing and,

**Whereas**, the current gap between general fund revenues and expenditures is budgeted to exceed \$530,000 because not all of the planned budget reductions for 2010 were able to be implemented during the budgeting process and,

**Whereas**, the actual use of \$530,000 in one-time reserves would exceed long standing county policy of maintaining 10% of annual general fund expenditures in fund balance per auditor recommendation and to maintain adequate cash flow and bond rating stability and,

**Whereas**, the use of \$530,000 would leave no reserves, without violating county policy, to include in the 2011 and future year budgets and,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the following budget amendment actions be authorized:

- General fund revenue changes as identified in Table 3 presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 6, 2010 be implemented.
- General fund expenditure changes as identified in Table 4 presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 6, 2010 be implemented.
- The net effect of these changes is that general fund use of reserves is decreased to approximately \$202,000.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that a significant portion of the above methods of reducing dependency on general fund reserves is accomplished by relying on reserves in certain non-general funds. Use of reserves to balance the 2010 budget may not be able to be accomplished if actual expenditures increase beyond budgeted levels. In all probability reliance on reserves after 2010 will not be possible.

**Agenda Reference:** F

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/25/10

**Description of Matter:** Move that the March 31, 2010 agreement with AKT Peerless to provide administrative services and preparation of Request for Qualifications specifications for the DELEG Multi-County Energy Grant be approved and all necessary signatures be authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** G

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/25/10

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Dispatch Director that the Agreement with Motorola to provide rebanding services be approved and authorized for signature.

**Agenda Reference:** H

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/25/10

**Description of Matter:** Move that the ballot languages for Sheriff Road Patrol and Senior Citizen Millage renewal be approved and the County Clerk use these languages for the August 2010 primary election ballots.

**Agenda Reference:** J

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/25/10

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the April letter from the Sheriff, to concur with the promotion of Corrections Officer Jason Fullerton to the rank of Sergeant in the corrections division effective Saturday, May 1, 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.

10-M-083

Motion by Kern seconded by Roggenbuck to create 2, six-year terms and 1, two-year term (to be converted to a six-year term after the expiration of the two-year term) for the Tuscola County Road Commission board. Roll call: Kern, yes; Petzold, yes; Peterson, yes; Bardwell, yes; Roggenbuck, yes. Motion carried.

Human Development Executive Director Lori Offenbecher appeared to introduce herself and Deputy Director, Brian Neuville.

Tuscola County Health Department Officer Gretchen Tenbusch introduced her board members Eileen Hiser, Tina Middaugh and Richard Horsch, medical examiner Dr. Russell Bush and Mark Miller with the Department of Community Health who presented the health department's report.

10-M-084

Motion by Roggenbuck seconded by Peterson to adopt the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children National Missing Children's Day resolution. Motion carried.

Fiscal Analyst Mari Young explained an employee buy-out arrangement. The matter is referred to Thursday's committee of the whole meeting.

10-M-085

Motion by Roggenbuck seconded by Kern that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners accepts financing for the Wisner Municipal Water Application as an Act 185 project and directs the County Board of Public Works to proceed with the next steps of the process. Motion carried.

10-M-086

Motion by Kern seconded by Roggenbuck to go into closed session under Section 8(d), of the Open Meetings Act to consider the purchase or lease of real property. Roll call: Kern, yes; Petzold, yes; Peterson, yes; Bardwell, yes; Roggenbuck, yes. Motion carried.

10-M-087

Motion by Peterson seconded by Petzold to come out of closed session. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. until 6 p.m., April 27, 2010.

Margie A. White  
Tuscola County Clerk