

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
April 14, 2011 Minutes
HH 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 14th day of April, 2011 to order at 8:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Bardwell
Pledge by Commissioner Peterson

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

11-M-088

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

11-M-089

Motioned by Peterson seconded by Kern to approve the minutes of the 3/24/11 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – Ione Vyse appeared to make the board aware of recent action by the Airport Authority to construct a cross-wind runway.

Judy Adams appeared regarding selected contractors not being from the county. Also, the lack of expertise the contractors possess.

Tom Greyerbiehl with AFCSME appeared regarding the recently negotiated contract as it relates to the recently approved wage increase.

Doug DuRussel commented on the poor timing associated with the raises that were recently approved.

Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey appeared to request an office reorganization and reclassification request.

11-M-090

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the office restructuring request by the Drain Commissioner where a new Account Assessment Specialist position is posted at the starting wage of \$15.84 per hour and the Account Clerk

III becomes a full-time or part time position and remains unfilled (as long as a qualified Account Assessment Specialist is hired) and a Drain Inspector (part-time) position is created but unfilled. Also, distribute the additional cost to the drainage districts. Motion carried.

11-M-091

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the renewal of various county insurance and liability insurances with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for 2011/2012 year and authorize all necessary signatures. Also, per the April 11, 2011 letter from MMRMA, the county net asset distribution of \$48,158 be deposited into the county loss fund to maintain an appropriate reserve to meet potential future county loss payment obligation. Motion carried.

11-M-092

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that in order to provide for necessary computer wiring in the Annex per the recommendation of Zimco that the computer budget for this building be increased from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Motion carried.

11-M-093

Motion by Peterson seconded by Kern that per the recommendation of the county Dispatch Director, to continue the equipment maintenance agreement with Anderson Radio for 2011/2012 for an amount of \$1,696. Motion carried.

11-M-094

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold that per the request of the state police, lawn maintenance and snow plowing for the state police facility in Caro be bid by the county and the county fund the annual costs for these services from reserves in the State Police Capital Expenditure Fund (Number 479). Also, when the current lease with the state expires these costs be re-negotiated with the state. Motion carried.

11-M-095

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that all future board meetings be held at the Purdy building and maintain the current schedule of one meeting held in the morning and one meeting held in the evening. Motion carried.

11-M-095

Motion by Peterson seconded by Petzold that per the request of Denmark Township, approve the resolution directing the County Board of Public Works to issue bonds to undertake a water extension project for the Township according to Public Act 185. Motion carried.

11-M-096

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the April 1, 2011 letter from the Sheriff Department, authorize the purchase of an in-car video camera using grant funds available from MMRMA (\$1,500) with the balance paid from Road Patrol Fund balance. Motion carried.

2011 County Equalization Report presented by Equalization Director Walt Schlichting.

11-M-097

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to approve the 2011 County Equalization Report as presented by the County Equalization Director and authorize all appropriate signatures. Motion carried.

Judge Roggenbuck appeared regarding Adoption Day, scheduled for November 22, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. She also presented the board with an update, including a request to add technology.

11-M-098

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to move ahead with remodeling of probate court. Roll call: Kern, yes; Petzold, yes; Peterson, no; Bardwell, yes, Allen, yes. Motion carried.

11-M-099

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson to award the bid for reconstruction of the probate courtroom to D.A. Johnston Construction from Vassar in the amount of \$127,922.00. Motion carried.

11-M-100

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to amend the office space budget to include \$127,922.00 to cover the cost of the probate court remodeling. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:33 p.m.

Extended public comment - none

Meeting adjourned 12:46 p.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk