

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
January 26, 2012 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 26th day of January, 2012 to order at 8:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Kern
Pledge by Commissioner Bardwell

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

12-M-008

Motion by Peterson seconded by Allen to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

12-M-009

Motion by Peterson seconded by Petzold to approve the minutes of the 1/10/2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – Brent Morgan appeared regarding the proposed action with the DDA. He requested a meeting be scheduled to discuss.

Jim Will appeared to ask the board to reconsider its proposed budget cuts to MSU-E.

Walt Schlichting inquired regarding the appropriate time to address an item contained in the Consent Agenda.

John Sommerville appeared regarding proposed cuts to MSU-E.

Robert Mantey, Tuscola County Drain Commissioner, asked the board to delay its decision regarding proposed budget cuts.

Mark Reene stated he wished to comment on the proposed Consent Agenda.

Pat Finn appeared with a question regarding proposed budget cuts should the ballot question fail.

Melissa Payk from MSU-E appeared regarding proposed cuts.

Judy Adams appeared to offer suggestions to address needed budget cuts.

Walt Schlichting appeared regarding the proposed budget cuts.

Margie White appeared regarding the proposed budget cuts.

Hal Hudson with MSU-E appeared regarding the proposed budget cuts.

10:20 a.m. – recess

10:36 a.m.– meeting resumed

12-M-010

Motion by Peterson seconded by Petzold to approve the following Consent Agenda Resolution:

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 1/12/12

Description of Matter: Move that the following actions be taken related to DDA/TIFA's in response to previous action on November 10, 2011:

Caro

- Honor and continue the 15 year resolution approved by the Board of Commissioners allowing the capture of 50% of the increase in tax in the expanded Caro DDA/TIFA area for which the County has discretion
- Request the City of Caro to correct the over billing in the original DDA/TIFA area because since the resolution was passed 100% was collected in the original area when in fact the resolution and agreement was to reduce this amount to 75%
- When the current resolution expires in 2015 discontinue allowing the capture (opt-out) in the area of the Caro DDA/TIFA for which the county has discretion

Mayville

- Honor and continue the 20 year resolution approved by the Board of Commissioners allowing the capture of 50% of the increase in tax in the Mayville DDA/TIFA area for which the County has discretion
- When the current resolution expires in 2017 discontinue allowing the capture (opt-out) in the area of the Mayville DDA/TIFA for which the county has discretion

Cass City

- Effective for 2012 discontinue allowing the capture (opt-out) in the area of the Cass City DDA/TIFA for which the county has discretion

Millington

- Effective for 2012 discontinue allowing the capture (opt-out) in the area of the Millington DDA/TIFA for which the county has discretion

Vassar

- The City of Vassar has not expanded the original DDA/TIFA therefore the county has no authority to change the capture in the current DDA/TIFA

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 1/12/12

Description of Matter: Move that the county continue with the current National Association of Counties prescription card program and opt-out of receiving county administrative revenue from the use of the card which will enable county residents to receive the maximum prescription discount.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 1/12/12

Description of Matter: Move that amendments to the Board Rules of Order be changed as presented and incorporated in the Finance Committee packet of information at the January 12, 2012 meeting.

Agenda Reference: E

Entity Proposing: FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 1/12/12

Description of Matter: Move that the following actions be taken to adjust to declining county financial capabilities:

A) Amend the 2012 budget and charge the recycling fund full indirect costs according to the most current Indirect Cost Study as prepared by MGT (change from \$25,000 to \$35,713)

B) Amend the 2012 budget to charge 40% (2 days per week) of the Buildings and Grounds Director/Recycling Coordinator wage and fringe benefit costs to the Recycling Fund #230 to accurately account for the amount of time spent as Recycling Coordinator

(currently \$13,490 is charged – the amount of wage/fringe costs for 40% at recycling is \$32,653)

C) Amend the 2012 budget to eliminate county payment for any state and local bar dues (estimated at \$4,300)

D) Work with county officials to develop a plan to adjust fees (charges for services) that are under county discretion to increase county revenues by a minimum of \$30,000

E) Amend all the 2012 general fund training budgets (except mandatory training in the Sheriff, Security, and Equalization Departments) by 50% of the original budgeted amount

F) Amend the 2012 budget by reducing general fund appropriations as follows:

- Reduce the Health Dept. from \$240,000 to \$215,000
- Reduce the Sick/Vacation Payout Fund from \$30,00 to \$19,868
- Reduce MSU-e from \$107,619 to \$87,750
- Reduce the Economic Development Corporation from \$34,727 to \$29,727

G) Amend the 2012 budget by changing full-time positions to part-time (4 days per week) in the following departments:

- Equalization (estimated budget reduction - \$12,025)
- County Clerk (estimated budget reduction - \$10,426)
- County Prosecutor (estimated budget reduction - \$21,891)

H) If the Road Patrol millage fails amend the 2012 budget by changing the Emergency Services position from full-time to part-time (estimated budget reduction -\$36,052)

I) Effective January 1, 2013 reduce county commissioner, county clerk, prosecutor, drain commissioner, treasurer, sheriff and register of deeds wages by 10%

J) Effective January 1, 2013 change full-time positions to part-time (4 days per week) in the following departments:

- Building and Grounds (estimated budget reduction – \$25,099)
- Circuit/Family Court (estimated budget reduction - \$15,795)
- Circuit/Family Court (estimated budget reduction - \$27,267)
- Sheriff (estimated budget reduction - \$16,354)

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

YEAS: Allen, Bardwell, Petzold, Peterson

NAYS: Kern

ABSTENTIONS: none

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

12-M-011

Motion by Peterson seconded by Allen that the 2012 county mileage reimbursement rate remain at the same rate as 2011 at \$.50 per mile. Motion carried.

12-M-012

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that the county hiring freeze be lifted and concur with the hiring of Mike Hodges as an assistant prosecutor effective 1/17/12 at the beginning step of the wage scale. Motion carried.

12-M-013

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the January 17, 2012 letter from Lone Vyse, reappoint Vyse Administrative Services as the Tuscola County Airport Zoning Administrator for three more years until the end of 2014 as an independent contractor according to the same terms as contained in the 2011 agreement with Vyse Administrative Services, LLC. Motion carried.

12-M-014

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that per the January 19, 2012 letter of recommendation from the County Planning Commission, appoint William E. Thayer to fill the vacant position (resignation of Deloris Damm) on the County Planning Commission. Motion carried.

12-M-015

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the January 16, 2012 letter of request from the undersheriff, authorization is given to pursue a grant to provide electronic traffic ticket writing capabilities to law enforcement agencies in the county with the understanding a 10% match is required that would be paid by proportioning cost to the law enforcement agencies that participate in the system. Motion carried.

12-M-016

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the January 19, 2012 email from Kristin Momyer, authorize the use of the Courthouse lawn April 20 and 21, 2012 to support people who are victims of abuse. Motion carried.

12-M-017

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the resolution and intergovernmental agreement to manage floodplain development for the National Flood Insurance program for Almer Charter Township with enforcement of the construction code act provided through the agreement the county has with South Central Michigan Construction Code Commission. Also, all appropriate signatures for the resolution and agreement are authorized. Motion carried.

12-M-018

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the resolution and intergovernmental agreement to manage floodplain development for the National Flood Insurance program for Indianfields Township with enforcement of the construction code act provided through the agreement the county has with South Central Michigan Construction Code Commission. Also, all appropriate signatures for the resolution and agreement are authorized. Motion carried.

12-M-019

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that in order to comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act and prevent the budgeted use of more fund balance than actually available for 2012, a supplemental General Fund appropriation to the 292 Child Care Juvenile Fund of \$200,000 be authorized with \$100,000 in 2011 and \$100,000 in 2012. Also, appropriate budget amendments for 2011 and 2012 are authorized. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment – Pat Finn made the board aware of a MDA program. Lone Vyse thanked the board for their recent appointment to the Planning Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk