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Agenda
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Thursday, August 27, 2009 – 8:00 A.M.
Annex Board Room (207 E. Grant Caro, Mi.)

Non-Committee

Finance

Committee Leaders-Commissioner Bardwell and Peterson

Primary Finance Items

1. **Child Care Foster Care Cost Changes – Judge Kent (See A)**
2. **Potential Changes in Dog License Issue Periods (See B)**
3. **TNU Grant Funded Position Request (See C)**
4. **Draft Monthly Financial Review Format (See D)**
5. **ATM for Courthouse – Circuit/Court Administrator**
6. **Circuit/Family Court Collections Officer (See E)**
7. **Begin Evaluation of Tether Program Potentials (See F)**
8. **BCBSM Administrative Contract Claim *****
9. **Safe Communities Grant from the Office of Highway Safety Planning (See G)**
10. **Ellington Township Notification to Print Own Tax Bills (See H)**
11. **Register of Deeds Requested Budget Amendments**
12. **SBCI – Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Funds - Set Meeting Date with Bay County Executive *****
13. **Dispatch Pager Update *****
14. **2010 County Budget Development - County Financial Planning Task Force – Next Step *****
 - **Target Expenditure Reduction for 2010**
 - **Setting Objectives for Reopened Union Contracts**
 - **10-Year Staffing Change Trends**
 - **Early Retirement Options**
 - **Paying Off Certain Drains in 2009 to Lower 2010 Costs**

Secondary/On-Going Finance Items

1. **Treasurer Bank Statement Reconciliation (Balanced through July)**
2. **ACS Contract Potential Changes – Corporate Council Language Needed**
3. **Audio/Recording of Meetings**
4. **Policy Regarding Recording and Publishing of Meetings**
5. **Review of the Policy Regarding Seeking Legal Opinions and Assistance**
6. **Update Regarding Broadband Application**
7. **Revolving Loan Fund – Federal Financial Assistance Request**
8. **Enterprise Facilitation – Federal Financial Assistance Request**

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioners Roggenbuck and Bardwell

Primary Personnel Items

1. **County-Wide Health Care Savings Plan (See I)**
2. **Sheriff Employee Letter of Retirement (See J)**
3. **Sheriff Request to Post and Refill Records Clerk Position (See K)**
4. **Change in Police Officer Training Provided (See L)**
5. **Backup Computer Support for Sheriff Department *****
6. **Circuit/Family Court Personnel Policies (See M)**
7. **Veterans' Affairs Committee Vacancy (See N)**
8. **RFP for Labor/Personnel Legal Services *****
9. **Electronic Time Recording System *****

Secondary/On-Going Personnel Items

1. Board of County Canvassers **(See O)**
2. Next Department Head Meeting – August 27, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.
3. Employee Recognition
4. Open Meetings Act Discussion for Boards and Commissions – Corporate Council and County Prosecutor
5. Mosquito Abatement Committee – Policy Review
6. Farmland Preservation Committee **(See P)**
7. Expanded Local Official Email List
8. Potential of Town Hall Meetings
9. Speakers Bureau
10. Potential to use Visual Explorer
11. County Organizational Chart Update
12. Staff Evaluation, Discipline, Performance Evaluations, Job Descriptions
13. Incorporate County Personnel Policies and Other key Personnel Information on the County Web Site

Building and Grounds

Committee Leader-Commissioners Petzold and Kern

Primary Building and Grounds Items

1. **Recycling Storage Building Alternatives – Agreement with Village of Caro *****
2. **Energy Efficiency Grants Timeline and Application Procedures (See Q) *****
3. **FOC Potential Relocation to the Courthouse *****
4. **Adult Probation Update Regarding Purchase Completion Steps *****
5. **Human Services Building Remodeling Update *****
6. **Security Equipment Maintenance**

Secondary/On-Going Building and Grounds Items

1. Vanderbilt Park Operational Cost Sharing Request with Wisner Township
2. Vanderbilt Park Proposed Upgrades
3. Sheriff Auction – September 26, 2009

4. Follow-Up Work for NACO Energy Star Program
5. Airport Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing Held 8-26-09 ***
6. Octagon Barn Festival Parking Needs ***
7. Update Emergency Services Plan for County Operations **(See R)**

Correspondence/Other Business as Necessary

1. 2009 Work Program Update
2. MAC Super Committee Meeting September 2, 2009
3. Set First Meeting Location in Commissioner Districts
4. 2009/1010 MAC Platform – Copies Available
5. Human Services Board Meeting Minutes **(See S)**
6. National Flood Insurance Program
7. Economic Development
 - County EDC Strategic Planning and CAT Integration
 - Enterprise Facilitation
 - Revolving Loan Fund
 - Economic Gardening
 - RBEG 3rd Year Application
 - ECMPDR Coastal Zone Management Grant
 - Wind Energy Planning – County Planning Commission, Need for Proactive Planning? ***
 - Regional Tourism
 - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - Federal Stimulus Funds

Public Comment Period

Closed Session – If Necessary

Other Business as Necessary

Notes:

***** Short Term Priority**

Except for the Statutory Finance Committee, committee meetings of the whole are advisory only. Any decision made at an advisory committee is only a recommendation and must be approved by a formal meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

If you need accommodations to attend this meeting please notify the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator's Office (989-672-3700) two days in advance of the meeting.

This is a draft agenda and subject to change. Items may be added the day of the meeting or covered under other business at the meeting.

Statutory Finance Committee

1. Claims Review and Approval

MAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

August 14, 2009

In this week's update:

- **REVENUE SHARING DISCUSSED IN TARGETS**
- **HEARING ON TIFA LEGISLATION – OPT OUT PROVISION AT HEART OF DEBATE**
- **DHS LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT TALKING POINTS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS**

REVENUE SHARING DISCUSSED IN TARGETS

It has come to MAC's attention that the target-setting budget talks for fiscal year 2010 have recently focused on the issue of revenue sharing and promise grants. Target meetings, involve the Governor and Legislative leadership, happen annually and determine the amount of funding for each budget bill.

With a budget deficit of \$2.8 billion, and the availability of stimulus funds to plug all but \$1.2 billion, discussions have centered on what levels to fund revenue sharing and the promise grants to children attending college. The House passed a budget that funds county revenue sharing at \$64 million, and the Senate adopted a budget with county revenue sharing at \$54 million. There has been discussion about a potential "backslide" by the Governor on removing the inflationary increase to counties, one of the major items promised to counties in 2004 for its help to the state.

Revenue sharing is a large component of the state's General Fund, and because it helps out communities in every legislator's district, legislators do not want to cut it. **Now is the time to contact your legislator to remind them of their promise to return counties to the revenue sharing formula.**

Interestingly, this week, MAC attended a meeting with the State Treasurer aimed at finding ways to help local units of government in fiscal distress due to lowering property values and reductions in revenue sharing. According to the Treasurer at least 70 cities

and several counties and townships are on the brink of financial trouble. This is very telling and can be very useful in your conversations with legislators to let them know revenue sharing cuts are unacceptable.

HEARING ON TIFA LEGISLATION – OPT OUT PROVISION AT HEART OF DEBATE

Next week the House Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs Committee will be taking testimony on HB 5173, sponsored by Representative Marie Donigan (D-Oakland County) that would allow municipalities the ability to create transit development zones to promote economic development centered around transit hubs. Through HB 5173, cities, townships, and villages will have the option of using Tax Increment Financing (i.e. revenue capture) to finance development within these newly developed zones. This bill is very similar to another piece of legislation introduced last session that was opposed by MAC (as well as the community colleges and libraries) because the standard opt-out provision normally provided for all affected taxing jurisdictions was stripped out in a substitute version of the bill. HB 5173 has been introduced without that standard language.

This debate over the opt-out provision has been ongoing, with MAC advocating that counties have the responsibility to operate on balanced budgets while providing both mandated and essential services to its citizens. This basic premise relating to the function of Michigan's counties seems to go contrary to the belief of some local government organizations that insist that economic development is best done at the local level with statutorily forced participation. It is MAC's intention to continue working with the legislature on this issue in the hopes of finding a solution that will allow County Boards the ability to participate in economic development while at the same time retaining the autonomy needed to manage the counties resources in the manner in which they were expected to by those that voted them into office.

Those interested are encouraged to contact their legislators directly in an effort to reiterate the importance of having the ability to decide whether participation in a tax capture zone is beneficial, but also the right to negotiate the terms of a tax capture at the local level. The committee hearing is schedule for Tuesday, August 18th at noon.

DHS LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT TALKING POINTS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

- 1) The Department of Human Services (DHS) entered into a lawsuit settlement with a group called Children's Rights regarding foster care last October. The settlement was entered into without input by counties, even though counties are responsible for half of the cost of foster care.

- 2) The state should not be allowed to charge counties an additional amount for foster care as a result of the lawsuit since counties had no say in the settlement agreement.
- 3) The settlement agreement could cost counties in excess of \$30 million, but actual cost can not be determined and may be higher.
- 4) DHS is attempting to increase the daily payment to private agencies that administrate foster care by \$10.00 per day, from \$27.00 per day up to \$37.00 per day. This would be an increase of more than 37%, and none of this money would go toward the care of the child in foster care. The foster parents receive just under \$15 or \$17 per day for the care of the child. The administration of the program is nearly twice the cost of the actual care of the child.
 - a. DHS has been paying an increased daily rate of \$37 retroactive to June 1, 2009, against the legislature's express wishes, and has no authority to do so, nor can it collect the additional payment from counties. MAC recommends counties put the extra payment in escrow and not pay it until and unless the legislature passes a bill requiring the additional payment.
 - b. DHS is trying to increase the daily payment to private agencies for both the current fiscal year retroactive to June 1(fiscal year 2009), and in the next fiscal year, beginning October 1 (fiscal year 2010) through legislation (which they would need to do to legally increase the rate and charge counties).
 - i. *A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, at 11:00 am, to attempt to increase the private agency daily payment for the current fiscal year. Please urge your legislators to hold counties harmless from this increase.*
 - ii. Neither the state nor counties can afford to increase costs at this time.
 1. Counties would have to cut programs for family reunification, prevention programs, wrap-around programs, and community-based juvenile programs to pay the extra costs. Additionally, revenue sharing hangs in the balance, property tax revenues are down substantially, and the state is pushing more and more down to counties without commensurate payment (local public health, mental health, road patrol, etc.).

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PROPOSED DOG LICENSE FEES

	1 YEAR	3 YEAR
MALE & FEMALE	\$15.00	\$40.00
SPAYED & NEUTURED	\$10.00	\$27.00
PUPPY (ONLY 1 YEAR)	\$10.00	
DELINQUENT MALE & FEMALE	\$40.00	\$70.00
DELINQUENT SPAYED & NEUTURED	\$40.00	\$70.00
REPLACEMENT TAG	\$5.00	\$5.00



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PROPOSAL FOR TUSCOLA COUNTY

PROPERTY-BASED SYSTEMS .NET NETWORK VERSION

.Net Upgrade: (No charge if upgraded within 2 years)
 Prices based on approx. 2 Billion SEV.

*Please Note: To efficiently run these applications the Hardware requirements have increased.
 Please review our required specifications prior to ordering these applications.*

Equalizer Animal License	\$1,500
Expected Release Date: 1 st Quarter 2010	
<u>Data Conversion</u>	TBD
Convert data to Equalizer format. Data must be received in formatted ASCII.	
On-site Training & Installation	
Est. 1 day @ \$900 /day	\$900
Total	\$2,400

Please mark box if you wish to take advantage of deferred billing. 2 – year

ANNUAL SERVICE AND SUPPORT

The first year is free, which includes new features and unlimited telephone support for the Equalizer Systems. Service and support for years 2 and 3 will be as follows, billed annually:

Animal License System	\$300
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Total:	\$300



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BS&A Software, Inc. guarantees that the annual fee will not change for 3 years from the date of the executed Service Agreement issued upon purchase of the system(s). After 3 years from the purchase date, BS&A Software reserves the right to increase the fee by no more than the cumulative yearly CPI.

IMPORTANT PROPOSAL NOTES:

BS&A Software promises that if you are not satisfied with our products or services after the first year, you may return the program and we will fully refund the purchase price of your software.

* Note: this proposal does not include costs for Training, or the APEX sketching software (800-858-9958). The Assessing .NET System is compatible with Apex Version 3 Pro & Medina.

*Client has option to pay for programs over multiple budget years if desired.

SQL Server - Based on user count, the version of SQL that BS&A Software recommends is as follows. Please see the attached Microsoft SQL pricing list which includes Governmental Reseller contact information.

Recommendation:

- Workgroup Edition
- Standard Edition

Internet & Server Considerations:

*We strongly recommend you have Internet Access. This allows you to:

- A) Download Equalizer.NET Program Updates as soon as they become available. This can save you several days of transit time when you are waiting for a new feature you may have requested.
- B) Send email to our web site when you have questions or comments about our software and service.

*We strongly recommend you have a network with a dedicated file Server...not a Peer to Peer Network. Peer to Peer Networks are typically less stable and more prone to problems as compared to networks with dedicated file servers. Our software runs much more efficiently on networks with a dedicated file server. See our Hardware Specifications for more details.



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Signature below constitutes:

- 1) An order for products & services as quoted in this proposal
2) That you have read and concur with the hardware specifications required to efficiently operate the .Net applications.

Quoted by: Ted Droste, August 11, 2009
Accepted by: Date:

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City, State Zip
Phone Number
Fax Number
Email

Contact Person for PROGRAM UPDATES:

Contact Name Title
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IT Contact Person:

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Phone Number
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- B) An Animal Control Officer may decline to release an animal for adoption under any of the following circumstances:
- 1) The prospective adoptive owner has been convicted of the crime of cruelty to animals within the previous five (5) years or other period set by the Court.
 - 2) The prospective adoptive owner has, in the opinion of an Animal Control Officer, inadequate or inappropriate facilities for keeping or providing proper care to the animal.
 - 3) Other circumstances exist that, in the opinion of an Animal Control Officer, would endanger the welfare of the animal or the health, safety or welfare of people.
 - 4) The animal does not meet the evaluation set forth by an Animal Control Officer. This determination may be appealed as set forth in the adoption policy.
 - 5) The prospective owner indicates that he or she will not comply with the provisions of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE VII
DOG LICENSES, RABIES VACCINATION, AND LICENSE TAGS

- A) Beginning at the age of four (4) months and continuing thereafter for the life of the animal, all dogs that reside in Lapeer County must be licensed by Animal Control in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. License fees for various licenses shall be as established by the Board of Commissioners and published in the Lapeer County Fee Schedule. License fees shall be waived for animals that are certified and actively working, such as graduate leader dogs, police dogs, or hearing impaired companion dogs.
- B) Any person requesting a license must provide written proof (certification) that the dog has been vaccinated for rabies. The certification must be signed by a licensed veterinarian and shall be considered valid for the period of time stated therein, not to exceed three (3) years from the date the rabies vaccination was performed. No dog shall be exempt from the rabies vaccine requirements for licensing unless a licensed veterinarian certifies in writing that such rabies vaccine would be detrimental to the health of said dog. And Animal Control Officer shall approve the same in writing, shall issue a certificate authorizing the owner of said dog to obtain the license without rabies vaccination, and such dog shall be licensed by the Animal Control accordingly.
- B) All dogs that have been licensed in Lapeer County shall display on or about their collar a license tag as provided by Animal Control.
- C) Any person requesting a license for a sexually altered animal must present a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian that the animal has been surgically altered.

- D) Any person requesting a license who, due to the number of dogs owned or kept, is requires a kennel license pursuant to the Township or other local ordinance of the Township or other jurisdiction in which the dogs are kept must obtain a valid hobby or commercial kennel license as prescribed by Article VIII.
- E) Each dog licensed in Lapeer County shall display on or about its collar a license tag as provided by Animal Control. If a license tag is lost, it shall be replaced for a fee as set forth by the Board of Commissioners and published in the Lapeer County Fee Schedule. The owner shall provide proof that the dog is licensed and shall sign a statement that the tag has been lost.
- F) A license shall be considered valid for a period of one (1) year or (3) years. The anniversary date of the license shall coincide with the date upon which the dog first received a rabies vaccination. An owner shall be required to renew a license within thirty (30) days of the anniversary date. A failure to renew the license within thirty (30) days of the anniversary date shall subject the owner to a license delinquency fee as established by the Board of Commissioners and published in the Lapeer County Fee Schedule.
- G) A 3 year dog license may be purchased at the owner's request if the rabies vaccination is valid for the entire 3 years; if the rabies vaccine expires within the 3 year period the owner may only purchase a one year license. The additional amount for the purchase of a 3 year license is non-refundable.
- H) Licenses and license tags are assigned to individual dogs and are not transferable to other animals. They shall remain with the dog upon its transfer to another owner for the life of the license, except that upon transfer to another owner within Lapeer County the last registered owner shall notify Animal Control so that it may note such transfer upon its records. This Ordinance does not require the procurement of a new license, or the transfer of a license already secured, where the possession of a dog is temporarily transferred for the purpose of boarding, hunting game, breeding, trial or show.
- I) Transient dogs in Lapeer County must be licensed in the county in which the owner resides. Foster dogs must be licensed in Lapeer County. Residents who are new to Lapeer County and who possess a dog or dogs that have been licensed outside Lapeer County will be given ninety (90) days from the time they move into the County to obtain a Lapeer County Animal License. The anniversary date for the license of a dog that has moved to Lapeer County shall be consistent with the date of the dog's rabies vaccine regardless of the date the license was issued.
- J) If a person obtains a dog that is not licensed within Lapeer County, the dog must be licensed within thirty (30) days of its acquisition. Failure to obtain a dog license within thirty (30) days shall subject the owner to penalties as stated in Article X and a license delinquency fee as established by the Board of Commissioners and published in the Lapeer County Fee Schedule. Proof of new ownership must be shown at the time of application by way of a commercial receipt or a written statement signed by the previous owner(s).

- K) Nothing in this Ordinance prevents any Township, Village, City, or other unit of government in Lapeer County from adopting an ordinance regarding the control and licensing of cats within its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE VIII
DOG KENNEL LICENSES

- A) Any person who, due to the number of dogs owned or kept, requires a kennel license pursuant to the Township or other local ordinance of the Township or other jurisdiction in which the dogs are kept, shall apply to Animal Control for a commercial kennel or hobby kennel license.
- B) A commercial kennel license shall entitle a person or persons to own, keep or operate a commercial kennel for the boarding, breeding, or selling of dogs in accordance with the applicable laws of the State as follows.
- 1) Any person who owns, keeps or operates a kennel at any single location within the boundaries of Lapeer County shall, within thirty (30) calendar days prior to the start of such operation, obtain a kennel license from Animal Control.
 - 2) The application must be accompanied by the applicable fee for same, but proof of vaccination against rabies shall not be required when applying for a commercial kennel license.
 - 3) An Animal Control Officer shall issue such license upon proper application if the kennel is in compliance with Sections 10 and 11 of Act 339 of the Public Acts of 1919, as amended, being MCL 287.270, and 287.271, and in compliance with any applicable ordinance of the city, village or township in which it is located.
 - 4) Commercial kennel licenses shall be renewed prior to June 1st of each year.
 - 5) Failure to apply for a commercial kennel license within the prescribed time limit will result in a delinquent fee being charged as established by the Board of Commissioners and published in the Lapeer County Fee Schedule.
- C) A hobby kennel license shall entitle a person or persons to own or keep multiple dogs per zoned property for non-commercial purposes as follows.
- 1) The application must be accompanied by the applicable fee for same.
 - 2) An Animal Control Officer shall then issue a hobby kennel license and allow the person to purchase applicable individual dog licenses pursuant to Article VII. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the number of individual dogs licensed under the hobby kennel license does not exceed that which is permitted by his or her Township or other local ordinance. However,

Animal Control may refuse to license dogs in excess of the number permitted on any zoned property pursuant to Township or other local ordinance or in excess of any maximum number determined by Animal Control policy. Animal Control may also, without notice to the applicant, provide information to a Township or other local unit of government regarding the number of dog licenses requested or issued under a hobby kennel license.

- 3) Hobby kennel licenses shall be renewed annually or as otherwise in accordance with the rabies vaccinations given to the dogs licensed thereunder.
- D) An Animal Control Officer shall have the right to inspect any commercial or hobby kennel in the County of Lapeer in order to determine whether said kennel is in compliance with the Ordinance and the laws of the State. Kennel licenses may be suspended if, in an Animal Control Officer's opinion, conditions exist that are unhealthy or inhumane to the animals kept therein pending correction of such conditions, and may be revoked if such conditions are not corrected within a designated reasonable time.

ARTICLE IX REPORTS OF ANIMAL BITES

- A) The owner of an animal that has attacked, bitten, or scratched a person or another animal shall report that attack to an Animal Control Officer.
- B) Every animal that has attacked, bitten, or scratched a person shall be impounded and quarantined for a period of ten (10) days, or as directed by a Health Officer or Animal Control Officer. Such quarantine shall be at the owner's residence, the Animal Shelter, a veterinarian clinic, or such other place as designated by an Animal Control Officer. The owner shall surrender the animal to the Animal Control Officer upon request.

ARTICLE X ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES

- A) Unless otherwise stated herein, the penalty for violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be as follows.
 - 1) As to the first or second offense, the violation shall be a civil infraction, and upon a finding of responsibility the violator shall be fined as set forth below.
 - 2) As to the third or subsequent offense, the violation shall be a misdemeanor, and upon conviction the violator shall be imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, fined in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, and/or required to perform not more than 240 hours of community service.
 - 3) In addition, court costs may be levied against any person determined to be guilty of or responsible for a violation.

- B) Tickets, citations or summonses for violation of this Ordinance may be issued by any Animal Control Officer or other peace officer upon reasonable cause to believe that a violation has occurred. It is not necessary that the violation be witnessed by an Animal Control Officer or other peace officer. This provision does not affect in any way the right of an Animal Control Officer, other peace officer, or prosecutor to take action under applicable State law for a violation thereof.
- C) If the recipient fails to appear before the Court to answer the ticket, citation or summons, an Animal Control Officer or other peace officer may proceed to obtain a default judgment against the recipient or the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of the recipient to bring said person before the Court to answer the charges.
- D) Fines levied against violators found responsible or guilty by the court shall be placed into the fund of Animal Control. Such funds shall be used and authorized by the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of animal control enforcement.
- E) For the purposes of this Article, the term Permit shall include human conduct that is intentional, deliberate, careless, or negligent in relation to an owned animal.
- F) It shall be unlawful for any person or owner to:

1) Permit any animal to be at large or to stray beyond the property of such person unless such animal is restrained by a leash or unless such animal is engaged in lawful hunting or hunting practice and is accompanied by a responsible person.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$ 50.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$100.00

2) Permit any animal to trespass upon property or to cause damage to property, real, or personal, of another person.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$ 50.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$100.00

3) Keep an exotic, wild or otherwise dangerous animal unless specifically approved by the governing body of the village, city or township in which kept, or to violate any restrictions on such animal=s custody as may be prescribed by that governing body.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$ 50.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$100.00

4) Engage in any of the activities prohibited by Act 381 of the Public Acts of 1988 relating to animals owned, possessed, trained or used for fighting, baiting or target shooting.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$ 500.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$1000.00

5) Permit a dog in heat (estrus) to be accessible to a male dog not in the person=s ownership except for intentional breeding purposes.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$ 50.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$100.00

6) Permit any animal unreasonably to cause annoyance, alarm or noise disturbance at any time of the day or night by repeated barking, whining, screeching, howling, braying, or other like sounds that may be heard beyond the boundaries of the owner=s property.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$ 50.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$100.00

7) Permit an animal to be confined within or on a motor vehicle at any location under such conditions as may endanger the health or well being of the animal, including but not limited to dangerous temperature, or lack of food, water or attention.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$200.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$500.00

8) Abandon any animal in or upon any sidewalk, street, alley, road, public right of way, park or other public property, or in or upon the property of another person.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$ 50.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$100.00

9) Knowingly place food of any description containing poisonous or other injurious ingredients in any area reasonably likely to be accessible to any animal except rodents.

FINES (PER OCCURRENCE):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$ 50.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$100.00

10) Physically mistreat any animal either by deliberate abuse or by neglecting to furnish adequate care and shelter including veterinary attention, or to leave the animal unattended for more than twenty-four (24) hours without adequate care.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$200.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$500.00

11) Permit any animal to leave the confines of any officially prescribed quarantine area.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$100.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$200.00

12) Seize, molest or tease any animal while on the property of its owner or while held on leash by its owner, or to decoy or entice any animal out of an enclosure or off the property of its owner.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$ 50.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$100.00

13) Fail to spay and/or neuter a dog and/or a cat that has been adopted pursuant to the provisions of Article VI of this Ordinance.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$100.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$200.00

14) Intentionally, or by failure to exercise due control, permit any animal to bite a person or another animal except in defense of the owner during the commission of a crime by another.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$100.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$200.00

15) Allow livestock to run at large, not under reasonable control.

FINES (PER OCCURRENCE):	FIRST OFFENSE	\$100.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$200.00

16) Fail to maintain fencing for livestock in good and reasonable repair, such that livestock would be allowed to run at large.

FINES:	FIRST OFFENSE	\$ 50.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$100.00

17) Fail to license an animal as required by this Ordinance.

FINES (PER ANIMAL):	FIRST OFFENSE	
	WITH PROOF OF LICENSE	\$ 25.00
	WITHOUT PROOF OF LICENSE	\$100.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$200.00

18) Fail to provide adequate food, care, water, shelter, and medical attention for an animal.

FINES:	FIRST OFFENSE	\$200.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$500.00

19) Abandon an animal at a shelter, veterinary clinic, pet shop, groomer, or other place of business.

FINES:	FIRST OFFENSE	\$ 50.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$100.00

20) Being an owner of the animal, fail to report to an Animal Control Officer an attack by that animal upon a person or another animal.

FINES:	FIRST OFFENSE	\$100.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$200.00

21) Allow a dog to attack livestock or any other animal.

FINES	FIRST OFFENSE	\$100.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$200.00

22) Refuse to surrender a found animal to an Animal Control Officer upon request.

FINES	FIRST OFFENSE	\$50.00
	SECOND OFFENSE	\$100.00

ARTICLE XI REPORTING OF FOUND ANIMALS

- A) Any person who finds and harbors an animal shall notify Animal Control within twenty-four (24) hours. It shall be the duty of an Animal Control Officer to take into custody any animal reported found.
- B) The finder shall surrender the animal to the Animal Control Facility in the county where found. If the owner of the animal has not claimed the animal within the legal holding time, the animal may be released for adoption as provided for in Article VI. If the finder wants to adopt the animal, he or she must do so according to the policy.

ARTICLE XII LIVESTOCK DAMAGE CLAIMS

- A) All claims for livestock damage in Lapeer County caused by dogs shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Act number 339 of the Public Acts of 1919, as amended, being MCL 287.280 to 287.285.
- B) In addition to the provisions described in part A of this Article, all persons making a claim for livestock damage in Lapeer County shall follow the following procedure. Failure to follow this procedure may cause a livestock damage claim to be denied.



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08/26/2009

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Michael Hoagland, County Controller

I am providing some additional cost factors for the potential of assigning a deputy sheriff the Thumb Narcotics Unit for three years.

A senior deputy who takes the insurance incentive will cost apprx. \$ 57,895.00 annually. The three year expense will be apprx. \$ 173,685.00.

If there should be a rotation after 18 months with a low cost and high cost deputy the three year expense would be apprx. \$ 191,835.00.

A senior deputy without the insurance incentive will cost apprx. \$ 69,995.00 annually. The three year expense will be apprx. \$ 209,985.00.

The grant allowance for the sheriff's office is set at \$ 174,000.00 for the three years.

The best case scenario for costs would be \$ 315.00 under the grant allowance.
The middle case scenario for costs would be \$ 17,835.00 over the grant allowance.
The worst case scenario for costs would be \$ 35,985.00 over the grant allowance.

In addition the transfer of a current deputy will allow for a new hire that will begin at the starting wage and benefit package costing \$ 61,638.00 saving the county an additional \$ 8,300.00 annually.

I have made some initial inquiries regarding the staff that would be interested in accepting the position and have at least one that falls into the minimum expense category.

Sincerely,

Leland Teschendorf, Sheriff

To be distributed at the meeting.

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Received
8/14

STATE OF MICHIGAN

54TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FAMILY COURT

COURT ADMINISTRATOR
440 NORTH STATE STREET
CARO, MICHIGAN 48723-1594

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KYLE A. JASKULKA, MA
Court Administrator

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NICOLE M. FRIDAY
Collections Officer

(989) 672-0278

MEMORANDUM

August 12, 2009

TO: Tuscola County Board of Commissioner's

FROM: Kyle Jaskulka
Court Administrator

RE: Circuit/Family Court Collections Officer

As directed by the Chief Judge, effective September 1, 2009 the employee currently acting as the collections officer for the circuit/family court will be relocated to the Friend of the Court Office and resume the previous duties of Referee hearing recorder and assignment clerk. Base salary/wages and benefits for the affected employee will remain the same but will, as of 9/1/09, need to be applied to the Friend of the Court budget.

The Board may recall that this employee was originally moved to the courthouse in February 2007 as an effort to increase the collection results and receivables owed through court order. Since that time (2007 through July 2009) there has been a total of \$767,331.73 collected through the activity of the collections officer.

As the Board has refused to adequately fund the necessary support and infrastructure needs of the court and now intimates that a further budget reduction of 10% is looming, the court cannot maintain the collection activity at its current levels.

The court has offered several different options to the Board for generating revenue and/or reducing costs however, the Board has rejected all of the proposals made.

Thank you.

Cc: HON. Patrick R. Joslyn



SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Order to Serve House Arrest

Fax to: (800) 546-8600

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INCARCERATED !

Contact Name & Phone #:

Michigan Installation Locations:
 Bay City • Cheboygan • Eastpointe • Grand Rapids
 Kalamazoo • Lansing • Muskegon • Port Huron
 Roscommon • Shelby Township • Waterford

Reporting Probation

Non-Reporting Probation

Condition of Bond

Defendant: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Case Number: _____ Court Name: _____

Probation Officer: _____ PO Phone: () _____ PO Fax: () _____

YOU ARE ORDERED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOUSE ARREST SERVICES, INC. PROGRAM STIPULATED BELOW. YOU MUST CONTACT THE AGENCY AT (586) 773-0700 WITHIN 48 HOURS TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT. OUR CORPORATE ADDRESS IS 16039 E. NINE MILE RD, EASTPOINTE, MI 48021.

You are responsible for payment of service fees associated with this procedure. Fees are to be paid in advance as a condition of this program. Upon enrollment you must pay 31 days in advance plus the enrollment fee. You are also responsible to return equipment in good condition and will be liable for any damage thereto while it was in your possession.

IT IS ORDERED that you serve _____ days / _____ months under the:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tether/House Arrest (\$8.00/day + \$50 enrollment) | <input type="checkbox"/> Voice Verification (\$6.50/day + \$25 enrollment) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Visual" Alcohol Monitoring (\$10.00/day + \$50 enrollment) | <input type="checkbox"/> In Home Once a Day PBT (\$7.00/day + \$25 enrollment) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GPS "Passive" Tether (\$10.00/day + \$100 enrollment) | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Immobilization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GPS "Active" Tether (\$16.00/day + \$100 enrollment) with Victim Pager (\$17.00/day + \$100 enrollment) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SCRAM/"24 Hour" Alcohol Monitoring (\$12.00/day + \$100 enrollment) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Combination of Tether & Visual Alcohol Monitoring (\$16.00/day + \$75 enrollment) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Combination of Tether & SCRAM/"24 Hour" Alcohol Monitoring (\$18.00/day + \$150 enrollment) | |

**Jail Hook-Ups for an additional fee

Weekends Only (on above specified equipment) (\$50/weekend + \$50 enrollment)EXCLUDING GPS

YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING:

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work | <input type="checkbox"/> AA Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> NA Meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment/Counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Appointment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (_____) | |

Violation of any of the conditions of Probation/Bond, the rules set forth by House Arrest Services, Inc., or this Supplemental Order can cause you to be removed from the leniency of House Arrest and subject you to a term of incarceration with no refund of money or credit for the time served.

Dated: _____ Signed: _____
 Judge

I have read or heard the above Order of the Court and have received a copy. I understand and agree to comply with the Order and pay all costs of same.

Dated: _____ Signed: _____
 Defendant

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(Global Positioning Satellite)

House Arrest Services offers two levels of GPS tracking (active & passive) utilizing the US Department of Defense's Global Positioning Satellites. We offer both active & passive monitoring using cellular communications.

Never before has the tracking of offenders been as advanced and effective as with the GPS Tracking. This system offers a real-time map that reports the offender's every movement. For increased security, it also allows for the ability to establish "hot zones" which are areas the offender is not allowed to enter. Victims and Officers can participate by being immediately notified of offender violations via pager, text message, e-mail and/or fax. This is an excellent system for domestic violence, stalking, CSC and drug cases along with being used as a condition of bond.



House Arrest Services, Inc. is a veteran in the Electronic Monitoring Industry and is very proud to be the only company that has been solely dedicated to this industry since our inception in 1986. We are equally proud to have our original management, our original owner, and our original philosophy – Service our Customer, Secure their client, and Make a Difference!

House Arrest Services, Inc. has a wide range of customer courts/agencies throughout many states that include re-entry, juvenile, misdemeanor, community corrections, drug/sobriety, felony, pretrial, federal pretrial and probation programs. Our core management team has a combined 50 years experience in this industry setting up programs, writing procedures and providing the court/agency with the necessary tools to maintain successful programs. We have an experienced training team that is constantly assisting customers with day-to-day questions as well as performing the initial and continued training programs.

We can hold offenders accountable, assure a maximum level of community protections and save considerable taxpayer dollars from the high cost of incarceration. Our programs allow defendants to enhance their lives by working, going to school and attending counseling instead of being incarcerated.

Please contact House Arrest Services for further information and/or a demonstration of our equipment and services.

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S.C.R.A.M. Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring The 24 hour alcohol monitoring ankle bracelet

SCRAM utilizes the science of transdermal alcohol testing to measure the amount of alcohol that migrates through the skin in order to determine a person's blood alcohol content. Offenders have no ability to ignore or miss a scheduled test. Continuous alcohol testing means continuous accountability, around the clock detectives and the most effective level of deterrents available. Offenders are able to maintain a normal daily routine and House Arrest Services can ensure that they are being tested regularly.



The ankle bracelet is both tamper proof and water resistant. Offenders have the ability to travel and still be monitored 24 hours a day.

SCRAM enables courts and agencies to focus their time, energy, and budget on offenders that need more comprehensive treatment and abstinence monitoring. SCRAM can assist you in identifying in advance your repeat DUI offenders.



Tether Radio Frequency Electronic Monitoring (RF)

The RF system consists of a transmitter (worn on the ankle of the offender), which communicates with a receiver that is placed in the offender's home. The receiver has an adjustable range in which the transmitter must stay within, during the times that the defendant is scheduled to be at home. All transmitters are water resistant and have a "triple" tamper detection; strap, body and motion. The receiver communicates with the server through landlines, *digital* or *analog*, or through optional cellular technology.

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Our visual alcohol equipment is a highly efficient monitoring system, integrating remote breath alcohol testing, video identity verification and (optional) radio frequency monitoring into a single home unit. The visual alcohol equipment caseload can test for alcohol on random, automatic, and/or manual schedules, with visual confirmation. The visual alcohol equipment has been designed to be extremely flexible with respect to the level of supervision the system can provide, as well as, the subject information that is collected and maintained for management reporting purposes. The level of electronic surveillance imposed on an individual can be easily adjusted by simply adding an RF module, and by increasing or decreasing the number of breath alcohol tests required for each day.



Voice Verification

Our Voice Verification system utilizes state of the art software. This system is multi-lingual and fraud proof that operates both outgoing random and on demand calls to multiple locations, in addition to incoming calls with Caller ID matching abilities. This is a great tool for non-reporting probation because it captures the phone number that they're calling from. This electronic monitoring tool is inexpensive, simple to use, fraud proof and flexible.

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To: Gerald Peterson
Chairman of the Board of Tuscola County
From: Lieutenant Giroux
Date: August 26th 2009
Re: Safe Communities Grant from the Office of Highway Safety Planning

Sir:

Tuscola County has again been awarded a Traffic Safety Grant entitled "Safe Communities". The total amount of the grant is \$14,000 and was awarded based on crash data analysis for Tuscola County done by the Office of Highway Safety Planning.

The target areas of this grant are Seat Belt and Impaired Driving Enforcement. Of the total amount, \$4000 is set aside to purchase Child Passenger Safety and Booster seats.

I have presented all the required documentation and the initial strategic plans of enforcement patrols to the Office of Highway Safety Planning. These items have been approved by their staff so the final step is for you as the "Authorizing Official" to submit the grant for final approval.

I have attached documentation relating to the breakdown of the distribution of funds that will be received (based upon reimbursement) and spoken with Ms. Zechmeister relating to the budget detail.

This grant is for overtime wages for our Certified Road Patrol officers, all scheduling, additional strategic plans of enforcement and any other grant related details will be taken care of by me as the Project Director.

The initial patrols are set for the end of October 2009, so it is necessary that the details of this grant be reviewed and approved by of the Board of Commissioners of Tuscola County in order to be received by the Office of Highway Safety Planning in a timely manner.

I am available for any questions you or the members of the board may have regarding this issue.

Respectfully,

James F. Giroux
LT TCSD

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ELLINGTON TOWNSHIP

DIANE K. WILDER, 3337 CEDAR RUN RD, CASS CITY, MI. 48726-9455
(989) 872-5193

August 25, 2009

Tuscola County Treasurer
440 North State Street
Caro, MI. 48723

Dear Pat Gray:

This letter is to inform you that the Ellington Township Board is requesting that we print our tax bills starting with the W09 tax season. We do understand that we must still pay the \$.75 per parcel upgrade fee. We have discussed doing this over the last 3 years. Now with the decreasing revenues and increasing expenditures, we are looking to use our money more efficiently.

Any questions please contact me.

Diane K Wilder Treas.
Diane K Wilder, Treas.
3337 Cedar Run Rd.
Cass City, MI. 48726
(989) 872-5193

**Mike Hoagland**

From: Carrie Krampits [CKrampits@TuscolaCounty.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2009 2:55 PM
To: MHoagland@TuscolaCounty.org
Subject: FW: Health Care Savings Program

From: Carrie Krampits [mailto:CKrampits@TuscolaCounty.org]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2009 1:51 PM
To: 'depthheads@tuscolacounty.org'
Subject: Health Care Savings Program

Good Afternoon,

The Board of Commissioners has requested that I email all Department Heads and Elected Officials to learn if they and/or their staff is interested in participating with the Health Care Savings Program (HCSP).

A Health Care Savings Program will allow employees access to a tax-free program to save for health care needs when they are no longer employed by the County. The HCSP is controlled by MERS.

This money can be used for such items as long-term care, medicine, deductibles, etc. when no longer employed with the County.

Under the HCSP, employees make mandatory pre-tax employee contributions (between \$2.50 and \$1000 per pay) and there is a mandatory pre-tax conversion of accrued but unused paid sick leave at the end of each year or upon retirement, resignation, or death. The agreement can be drafted so that you have the choice upon payout of sick leave to either receive the money, have it deposited into the HCSP or a combination of both.

Employees may also make post-tax voluntary contributions in an amount determined by each employee, with changes in that amount made no more often than on a monthly basis.

In order for employee(s) to participate, an agreement between the Board and Commissioners and the employee(s) would need to be drafted (MERS already has an agreement template for us to use and I would handle this section).

Employees are responsible for the payment of the annual investment fee and for the payment of all the fees applicable to their individual investment accounts (at this point it is \$25.00 per year and 50 basis points (50 hundredths of 1 percent) for any earnings on your money).

Please call or email with any questions/concerns that you or your staff may have.

Thank you,

Carrie Krampits
HR Director - Tuscola County
(989) 672-3705


TO: Sheriff Teschendorf
FROM: Records Clerk Cheryl Mattlin
RE: Retirement
DATE: August 14, 2009

Dear Sheriff Teschendorf:

I would like to inform you of my upcoming retirement plans from service with the Sheriff's Department. I am expecting my last day on the payroll to be Friday, January 22, 2010, with the last day at the office to be Monday, January 4, 2010. Some of my earned vacation time will be used prior to my leaving with the balance as a cash pay out.

I will have 26 years of service as of November 15, 2009. Thanking you in advance for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Tuscola County during those years and for your support.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Mattlin



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08/24/2009

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Michael Hoagland, County Controller

Attached is a copy of a letter of retirement submitted by Deputy Cheryl Mattlin. Her last scheduled work day will be January 4, 2010. Normally I would use part-time help for a period of time before filling the position but due to the critical nature of the lobby clerk's position I would like to post the opening as soon as possible and hire a replacement on or about December 7, 2009. This will allow Cheryl several weeks to train a new person in the various tasks that are required.

These include sex offender registrations, handgun purchase and registration forms, logging, tracking and billing mortgage sales and adjournments, forwarding and tracking civil and criminal subpoenas, criminal record checks, inspection of vehicles that have received repair citations, manual fingerprinting, explosive permit clearances, review monthly gun board agenda and clear NTN numbers for each CPL applicant, rectifying accounts payable and receivable, notary public services, issuing firearm dealers purchase permits and sorting out walk in requests for assistance.

Her desk is also the default station for telephone calls when all the jail circuits are busy and requires knowledge on forwarding these calls.

The position will also require training in the LEIN, verification of criminal histories and current laws affecting the issuance of permits to purchase handguns.

On a better note Cheryl has volunteered to stay on as a part-time employee to fill in for lobby vacancies once the mandatory 30 days of retirement have passed.

Sincerely,

Leland Teschendorf, Sheriff

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To: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
From: Undersheriff Glen Skrent
Ref: Officer training
Date: 08/18/2009

Our Office had been in a contract with Delta College to provide some of our officer training. There had been some negative feedback from the officers which Delta had addressed and tried to improve upon. However, in looking at the overall cost to belong to their consortium we have not been getting an efficient return for our money.

We have met with Mark Heidel, who is the Director from the Law Enforcement Offices Regional Training Council (LEORTC). Their consortium is out of the Flint area . We have gone to their training sessions in the past with good results.

The LEORTC allocates the 302 funds we receive from the state as their dues. These dues covers 100% of the cost of the class plus they allow corrections officers to attend at ½ the regular cost. They are also providing free ammunition to officers on a monthly basis as they practice (50 rounds at this time). The LEORTC has both Road Deputy and Corrections training available. We would like to try them for a time period and see how it goes, If we do not like it we can get out at any time. There are 54 law enforcement agencies that belong to their Consortium at the present time.

This form is required by the Consortium to be filled when the board approves the application to join.

Thank you for your time,


Undersheriff Glen Skrent



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Excerpt from the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Proceedings
of _____.
(date)

LEORTC MEMBERSHIP:

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to
grant approval for the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office to become a
participating member of the Law Enforcement Officers Regional Training
Commission (LEORTC).

Motion Carried.

Certification

I, _____ of the County of Tuscola, Hereby certify this is a true and
complete copy of the action taken by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at
a regulary meeting held on _____.

Dated: _____

Recording clerk

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8/14

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

54TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FAMILY COURT

COURT ADMINISTRATOR
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Collections Officer

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MEMORANDUM

August 12, 2009

TO: Committee of the Whole
Tuscola County Board of Commissioner's

FROM: Kyle Jaskulka
Court Administrator

RE: Personnel Policies

This is to serve as notification that the 54th Judicial Circuit/Family Court will not be modifying its properly adopted and enacted personnel policies. The Board of Commissioner's was provided with a copy of the (then proposed) policies of the Court on 4/27/06 for their review and invited to provide any written comments or in the alternative appear and present their comments during a general staff meeting of the court's employees on 5/12/06. The Board failed to respond in any manner and consequently the Court adopted the Personnel Policies for the employees of the Court and they remain in effect to this date.

Based on the lack of any formal, written response from the Board of Commissioner's when the policies were being proposed in 2006; the actions taken recently by the Board of Commissioners on June 9, 2009 and August 11, 2009 with respect to this issue are of no consequence and will not be binding on the court. Again as described above, the court's personnel policies were properly enacted and adopted pursuant to the requirements of MSCAO 1998-05.

Thank you.

Cc: HON. Patrick R. Joslyn

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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August 24, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Joslyn
54'th Circuit Court Chief Judge
Tuscola County
440 North State Street
Caro, MI 48723

Re: Circuit Court Personnel Policies

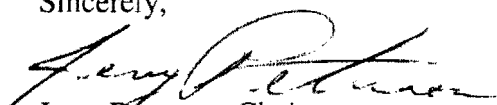
Dear Judge Joslyn,

At the request of the Circuit Court Administrator, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners would like to affirm the following in regards to the Circuit Court Personnel Policies:

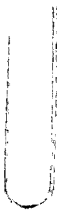
At a Full Board Meeting of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners on August 11, 2009, it was decided by Motion #09-M-183, that all requests listed in Item #4 of the Court Proposals Regarding Budgets, were denied at this point due to financial constraints and it was also reaffirmed that the only concessions granted to the Circuit/Family Court during a previous meeting on June 9, 2009, by Motion #09-M-119 on the Consent Agenda were the carryover of 10 vacation days, the change of sick and personal time to PTO time and the 2.5% rate increase for January 1, 2009.

Please be assured of our continued cooperation.

Sincerely,



Jerry Peterson, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners



the option exercised to not release member names, addresses or positions held.

Agenda Reference: G

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/28/09

Description of Matter: Move that per the May 19, 2009 letter from the Sheriff, to concur with hiring of Justin Matinkhah as a full-time Deputy Sheriff at the Step 1 wage rate effective June 27, 2009.

Agenda Reference: I

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/28/09

Description of Matter: Move to authorize posting to fill the vacant Utility position at Mosquito Abatement.

Agenda Reference: J

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/28/09

Description of Matter: Move that Circuit Court Policies as reviewed by the Board of Commissioners on May 28, 2009 be approved and the January 1, 2009 Circuit Court wage increase be 2.5% concurrent with other non-union positions.

Agenda Reference: K

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/28/09

Description of Matter: Move that the previous March 10, 2009 resolution regarding use of Jail Work Crews in County facilities be rescinded.

Agenda Reference: L

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/28/09

Description of Matter: Move that a letter from the Board of Commissioners be sent to Wisner Township requesting that the Township pay 50% of the cost for operating

Friend of the Court Mary Lou Burns appeared regarding moving the FOC to the courthouse, hiring an FOC/Court IT staffperson, data workflow and imaging for circuit and family court and various personnel related items.

09-M-183

Motion by Roggenbuck seconded by Kern with regard to item 4 contained in the Court Proposals Regarding Budgets, deny at this point due to financial straits. Confirm 10 carry over days, change sick and personal to PTO time and 2.5% increase for 2009 for circuit/family court. Motion carried.

09-M-184

Motion by Roggenbuck seconded by Bardwell to accept the \$88,545 Byrne JAG video arraignment grant without condition other than those in the grant itself and suggest to the court they likewise accept the grant. Motion carried.

09-M-185

Motion by Kern seconded by Bardwell to approve the three-year Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement with DHS and the Circuit Court and authorize the chairman to sign. Motion carried.

09-M-186

Motion by Roggenbuck seconded by Kern to go into closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call: Roggenbuck, yes; Kern, yes; Petzold, yes; Bardwell, yes; Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

09-M-187

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Kern to come out of closed session.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. until 8 a.m., August 25, 2009.

Margie White-Cormier
Tuscola County Clerk

***Tuscola County Office of Veteran Affairs
1309 Cleaver Road, Suite B
Caro, Michigan 48723-9135
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August 14, 2009

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Subject: Notice of Vacancy

I am reporting to the County Board of Commissioners a vacancy has occurred in the County Department of Veterans' Affairs Committee. James Montgomery (VFW representative) has resigned with an effective date of July 27, 2009, stating medical reasons. Mr. Montgomery also resigned from the County Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Committee.

The committee currently has two members and they are Richard McCollum (American legion) and Don Lotter (AMVETS). I have contacted all VFW posts within the county and asked them to submit names for consideration for filling this position. As of this date, I have not had any response from the VFW posts within the County.

Act 192 of 1953 County Department of Veterans' Affairs, states under Sec 1. "...that the department shall be under the administration of a committee of 3 to 5 veterans, appointed by the county board of commissioners....."

Serving our Veterans

Ron Amend

Ron Amend
Director



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STATE OF MICHIGAN
TERRI LYNN LAND, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

July 27, 2009

Mike/Maryje -
We need to take action on
this information. Can you
help with forming a
Democratic candidate?

Tom

Mr. Ron Weiser, Chairperson
Michigan Republican Party
520 Seymour Street
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Mr. Weiser:

The terms of two members of the Board of County Canvassers established in each county expire on November 1 this year (one Republican member and one Democratic member). Michigan election law provides that the expired terms must be filled as follows:

- The county political party committees are required to provide the local county clerk with the names of three nominees for the party's expiring seat on the Board *no later than September 1, 2009*. (MCL 168.24c)
- The County Board of Commissioners is required to fill the two vacancies on the Board by electing a Republican member and a Democratic member from the submitted names.
- The county clerk is required to notify the appointees within five days. (MCL 168.24a(3))

Your assistance in advising your county political party committees of the September 1, 2009 nominee submission deadline would be appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Thomas
Director of Elections

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August 12, 2009

Mr. Gerald Peterson, Chairman
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
207 East Grant Street
Caro, Michigan 48723

Dear Mr. Peterson,

The Tuscola County Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 moved to recommend an amendment to the existing Farmland and Open Space Preservation Ordinance. The proposed amendment states: *"the number of members on the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board be reduced from nine positions to three"*.

Elizabeth Judas of the Michigan Department of Agriculture stated it is not necessary to have a nine member Farmland Preservation Board. The number of positions and how the county defines those positions would be a decision made by the commissioners and could be amended at any time.

In an effort to help the commissioners recruit candidates knowledgeable in agriculture, especially farmland and open space preservation, the Planning Commission is recommending the number of positions be changed to three. It is our belief that filling these positions with qualified candidates is extremely important to the success of a farmland preservation program.

Thank you for your continued support of Agriculture and Farmland and Open Space Preservation.

Sincerely,

Delores Damm, Secretary
Tuscola County Planning Commission

*Keith Kosik, Chairman ~ Ione Vyse, Vice-Chairman ~ Delores Damm, Secretary
Amanda Roggenbuck, Board Representative ~ Joe Robbins ~ Don Richards
Zygmunt Dworzecki ~ Debra Lung-Lipan ~ Angie Daniels, Office Secretary*



Mike Hoagland

From: Mike Hoagland [MHoagland@TuscolaCounty.org]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 10:42 AM
To: Kate Neese (recycle@tuscolacounty.org); Mike Miller (Mike Miller); Hal Hudson (Hal Hudson); Amanda Roggenbuck (aroggenbuck@tuscolacounty.org); 'Jerry Peterson'; 'Tom Bardwell (tbardwell@hillsanddales.com'; Tom Kern (commishkern@gmail.com)
Subject: FW: Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program

From: ktenwolde@juno.com [mailto:ktenwolde@juno.com]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 8:12 AM
To: MHoagland@TuscolaCounty.org
Subject: Re: Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program

Terrific idea!

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mike Hoagland" <MHoagland@TuscolaCounty.org>
To: "John Biscoe" <jbiscoe@lapeercounty.org>, "John Males \ (John Males\)" <jmales@sanilaccounty.net>, "JODI ESSENMACHER" <ESSENMACHERJ@co.huron.mi.us>
Cc: "Mike Miller \ (Mike Miller\)" <mmiller@tuscolacounty.org>, "Kathleen TenWolde" <ktenwolde@juno.com>, "Kate Neese" <recycle@tuscolacounty.org>, "Hal Hudson \ (Hal Hudson\)" <hudsonh@msu.edu>, "Amanda Roggenbuck" <aroggenbuck@tuscolacounty.org>, "Jerry Peterson" <jerry58c@yahoo.com>, <tbardwell@hillsanddales.com>, "Tom Kern" <commishkern@gmail.com>
Subject: Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program
Date: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 15:44:59 -0400

John, John and Jody

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8/26/2009

Mike Hoagland

From: ktenwolde@juno.com
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 9:11 AM
To: roggen11@hotmail.com
Cc: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org; jbiscoe@lapeercounty.org; jmales@sanilaccounty.net; essenmacherj@co.huron.mi.us; mmiller@tuscolacounty.org; recycle@tuscolacounty.org; hudsonh@msu.edu; aroggenbuck@tuscolacounty.org; jerry58c@yahoo.com; tbardwell@hillsanddales.com; commishkern@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Block Grant Program question

The actual application must have the dollar quotes/real estimates on how much the project will cost - that includes all its parts....each part (partner) has to have a cost estimate to itthat will determine who gets how much.....hope this helps....Kathy

----- Original Message -----

From: Amanda Roggenbuck <roggen11@hotmail.com>
To: Mike Hoagland <mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org>, <jbiscoe@lapeercounty.org>, <jmales@sanilaccounty.net>, <essenmacherj@co.huron.mi.us>
Cc: Mike Miller <mmiller@tuscolacounty.org>, <ktenwolde@juno.com>, Kate Neese <recycle@tuscolacounty.org>, Hal Hudson <hudsonh@msu.edu>, Amanda Roggenbuck <aroggenbuck@tuscolacounty.org>, Jerry Peterson <jerry58c@yahoo.com>, Thom Bardwell <tbardwell@hillsanddales.com>, Tom Kern <commishkern@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program
Date: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 20:51:00 +0000

I am still looking for answers as to how much we will potentially share as a group and the share we would receive, has anyone been able to give an approximation to those questions.

Commissioner Roggenbuck

From: MHoagland@TuscolaCounty.org
To: jbiscoe@lapeercounty.org; jmales@sanilaccounty.net; ESSENMACHERJ@co.huron.mi.us
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Mike Hoagland

From: Mike Hoagland [MHoagland@TuscolaCounty.org]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 4:15 PM
To: Kate Neese (recycle@tuscolacounty.org); Mike Miller (Mike Miller)
Subject: FW: Energy Efficiency Block Grant

From: Joe Stock [mailto:jstock@LapeerCounty.org]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 3:07 PM
To: MHoagland@TuscolaCounty.org
Cc: John Biscoe
Subject: Energy Efficiency Block Grant

Mr. Hoagland,

My name is Joseph Stock, Operations Director for Lapeer County. John Biscoe asked me to respond to your email inquiring of interest in applying in collaboration for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

Lapeer County might be interested, I am trying to research the program and applications. Please pass my contact information on to those working on this in Tuscola County. I am willing to discuss possibilities at their convenience.

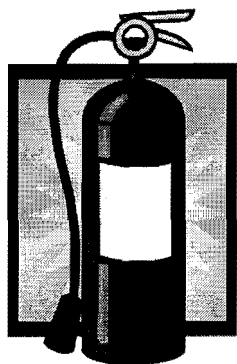
Also, you mentioned an attached summary of the presentation by Kathy Tenwolde, it appears we did not receive that attachment, perhaps you could forward that to me.

Thank you,

Joseph Stock
Operations Director
Lapeer County
(810) 245-4793
jstock@lapeercounty.org

**FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING
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Hands on presentation by the
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Session 1 : Aug 27, 09 (Thursday)

9:00-10:00 or 10:00-11:00

OR

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9:00-10:00 or 10:00 -11:00

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**TUSCOLA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2009**

The DHS will be the national leader in human service delivery through employee commitment, customer focus, technology, innovation and effective partnerships.

The regular meeting of the Tuscola County Department of Human Services Board was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tuscola County Department of Human Services. Mr. Hirn, Chair, called the meeting to order. Present were Robert Hirn, Chair, Kelly Clements, Vice Chair, Douglas Hall, Member, and Len Richards, Executive Secretary to the Board and Director of the Huron/Tuscola County Department of Human Services. Amanda Roggenbuck, Tuscola County Board of Commissioners' Liaison was absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall and supported by Mrs. Clements to approve the Board Minutes from the June 23, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

There were no guests.

There was no public discussion.

Mr. Richards reviewed the June 2009 Financial Reports, including the County Expenditures, LR-650 Social Welfare Balance Sheet and the LR-540 County Equity report. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Clements and supported by Mr. Hall to accept the reports, as presented, and place them on file. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards reviewed the County Child Care Fund Report and the Contract Report and placed them on file.

Mr. Richards reviewed the County Contractual Report with the Board and placed it on file. Mr. Richards discussed the Contract/Grant Changes memo dated 06-25-2009 and L-09-098 CW FY09 and FY10 Contract Execution memo. Mr. Richards reviewed and discussed the following County Board Contracts/Amendments:

- CTFLC 10-76001

Based on the given information and the recommendation of Mr. Richards, a motion was made by Mr. Hall and supported by Mrs. Clements to approve CTFLC 10-76001 and authorize the Chair to sign the Review Form. Motion carried.

Mr. Richards discussed the following information and latest updates:

- Consent Decree Update (Children's Rights Lawsuit) – Nothing at this time
- Bridges –
 - Highlights from 07-01-2009 meeting
 - BR-09-009 – Timely Delivery of Benefits to Clients – dated 07-10-09

Regular Board Meeting July 28, 2009
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The Board received the following correspondence:

- **DHS Board Appointment**
- **L-09-090 Decrease in Medical Mileage Reimbursement dated 06-25-09**
- **June Unemployment Hits 15.2%**

There were no issues for the MCSSA Advisory Board.

MCSSA General Information: The Board received the following:

- **The MCSSA/MCSSW District V meeting changed to 07-30-09 at Doubletree**
- **Mid-year conference September 23-25, 2009**

Mr. Richards discussed restructuring and reengineering:

- **BR-09-007 – Processing Online Applications – memo dated 06-24-2009**
- **Statewide Director's Teleconference Agenda & Notes 06-25-2009**
- **FOA 2009-27 – FY 09 Supplemental ES Staffing Allocation 07-01-2009**
- **FAP Success from Ismeal Ahmed dated 07-01-09**
- **Resident County Hospitalization**
- **Housing Program**
- **Hiring SSPM 14 Position**
- **Unemployment Claimants Exhausting Benefits data as of 07-17-2009**

There were no budget issues:

Mr. Richards discussed the upcoming office redesign and the update dated 07-13-2009.

Having no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. to the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility.

The Regular Meeting of the Tuscola County Department of Human Services Board was called back to order at 11:55 a.m. at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility. Members in attendance were Mrs. Margot Roedel, Administrator, Mr. Robert Hirn, Chair, Kelly Clements, Vice Chair, Mr. Douglas Hall, Member, Maggie Root, MCF Controller, and Mr. Len Richards, Executive Secretary to the Board and Director of the Huron/ Tuscola County Department of Human Services. Amanda Roggenbuck, Tuscola County Board of Commissioners' Liaison was absent.

Mrs. Roedel and Mrs. Root will be attending the Board of Commissioner's meeting with Mr. Gerald Desloover, Auditor from Rehmann and Robson who will present the recent audit report from the Facility to the Board of Commissioners.

There was no correspondence.

There was no Board of Commissioners' Report.

Mrs. Roedel and Mrs. Root presented the financial reports for June 2009 and the MCF Monthly Operating Statements for June 2009. After a review of the Expenditure Report and Operating Statements, a motion was made by Mr. Hall and supported by Mrs. Clements to approve the June 2009 Expenditure Report and Operating Statements, as presented, and place them on file. Motion carried.

Mrs. Root discussed the July Controller's Report.

Mrs. Roedel discussed the Safety Committee Minutes from July 15, 2009.

Mrs. Roedel reviewed the Corporate Compliance Meeting minutes from June 24, 2009.

Mrs. Roedel reported no new grievances.

Mrs. Roedel discussed the Director of Nursing report for July 2009.

Mrs. Roedel reviewed the Census/Occupancy Report.

A motion was made by Mrs. Clements and supported by Mr. Hall to accept and place on file the Safety Committee Minutes, Corporate Compliance Minutes, the Director of Nursing Report, and the Census/Occupancy Report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Clements and supported by Mr. Hall to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Incident/Accident Reports and the Workman's Comp. Report. Motion carried.

Mrs. Roedel and Mrs. Root discussed the recent annual State Survey Report. Mrs. Roedel discussed in detail the report, the citations received and the Plan of Correction. The Board thanked Mrs. Roedel, Mrs. Root.

Mrs. Roedel discussed the summer picnic and the Thanksgiving dinner for the residents and their families. Both meals will be provided by the Facility. In order to accommodate a more manageable group, resident's halls will be designated a special week for their dinners. Depending on the weather, the summer picnic will be enjoyed in the Pavilion or the Community Center. Thanksgiving dinners will be served in the Community Center on the main level, the Activities Room on the second level and Gabriel's Garden on the lower level.

Mrs. Roedel and Mrs. Root discussed the Electronic Medication Administration Records (eMar) and Electronic Treatment Administration Records (eTar), with nursing going electronic. After discussion of the three options that were presented to the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. Clements and supported by Mr. Hall to move forward with Optimus EMR at a cost not to exceed \$68,575.00, covering upgrades for the next three years. Motion carried.

After allowing time for public discussion and finding no further business before the Board, Mr. Hirn declared the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 25 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tuscola County Department of Human Services

APPROVED:

Len Richards, Executive Secretary

Robert Hirn, Chair

Kelly Clements, Vice Chair

Douglas Hall, Member

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Karen L. N. Sonquist - Fwd: Administrative Rate Issue

From: Leonard J. Richards
To: Program Managers - Dual
Date: 08/06/2009 9:57 AM
Subject: Fwd: Administrative Rate Issue
CC: Karen L. N. Sonquist; Paul C. Keast
Attachments: Administrative Rate Issue

As I understand it, the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) has advised it's members they shouldn't pay the new POS administrative rate (\$37) because it was a DHS action, not a legislative action. Some counties have chosen to notice their local DHS office of their refusal to pay the new rate. Thus far, I have not heard from Huron or Tuscola, I am hoping that I don't. This is a very small issue here since we purchase very little foster care. I would prefer not to waste the time resource to deal with it, stay tuned.

Karen L. N. Sonquist - Administrative Rate Issue

From: Amy Solak
To: County Directors-District Managers; Urban Child Welfare Directors
Date: 08/05/2009 5:38 PM
Subject: Administrative Rate Issue
CC: Beurer, Terrence; Levingston, Luttrell; Major, Dennis; Pline, Dawn

Please see information below on behalf of Terry Salacina, Director Field Operations Administration:

Numerous County Directors have contacted FOA after receiving a communication from their respective county government, indicating something to the effect that "Because of the July 24th MAC Legislative Update this county will no longer pay the \$10 foster care rate increase to POS providers that DHS implemented June 1st." Please note that the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee has posted a hearing for next Tuesday, Aug. 11 @ 11:00 a.m. to take up the \$10 administrative rate increase issue. As such, the department will continue paying the \$37 rate until further notice. Dawn Pline from our Office of Legislative and Liaison Services will keep us updated as new developments occur. Thank you for your patience.

Thank you,

Amy Solak
DHS, Field Operations Administration
235 S. Grand Ave., Suite 1508
P.O. Box 30037
Lansing, MI 48909
517.373.3570 (tele)
517.241.7526 (fax)

Subject: FW: Private Agency and DHS Settlement issues
CC: <markvroman@sbcglobal.net>, "John Johansen" <j.m.johansen6@gmail.com>, "Fritz Benson" <fritz@mlc.mi.com>, "Shelley Jipson-Lomax" <shelley@mcssa.com>, "Evert Vermeer" <evermeer@cablespeed.com>
Attachments: CUSHINGBERRY LTR.pdf; CUSHINGBERRY LTR.pdf

Attached you will find a letter sent to Rep. Cushingberry, Chair of House Appropriations, from the Hon. John A. Hohman Jr. President of the Michigan Probate Judges Association regarding the raise in the Administrative Rate for Private Agencies. As you all know both Probate Judges and County Commissioners have expressed very strong concern regarding the rate increase on its face but also because counties are responsible for \$5 of the increase. MAC is pushing the Legislature to hold the counties harmless for this increase and make it a 100% state funded increase but there is also very strong sentiment that in these budget crunching times the increase should not be considered at all. Many counties are making drastic reductions in order to meet their obligations and of course there is no need to even mention the mess the state is in. It is my understanding that some counties have refused to pay the extra \$10.

For those counties who are in the district of one of the members of the House Sub-Committee on DHS Appropriations it might be a great time to make a contact with them and express the counties, the judges and the Association's stand that this increase, in light of the current budget crisis, is exorbitant and is a burden that should not be placed on counties or courts without their input. Because the Department is not only supporting the increase but has already implemented it effective June 1 this contact might better be made by one of your board members. That is a role boards can play for you and if there is heat the board can take it and it will not fall on any of you.

Just for information the members of the House Appropriation Sub-committee for DHS are: Dudley Spade, Chair, Lenawee and Jackson counties; Alma Wheeler-Smith, Washtenaw county; Fred Miller, Macomb county; Rashida Tlaib, Wayne county; Vincent Gregory, Oakland county and David Agema, Ottawa and Kent counties.

There is a hearing of this committee scheduled for Wednesday, August 19 at 11:00 p.m. to specifically deal with the

Administrative Rate issue. A call today or tomorrow could certainly not hurt. I plan to be at the hearing and will update all of you.

Feel free to share this letter with your Commissioners and Probate Judges.

Mel

MICHIGAN PROBATE JUDGES ASSOCIATION

324 N. Pine St., #1
Lansing, Michigan 48933
Message Relay No.: (517) 482-7534

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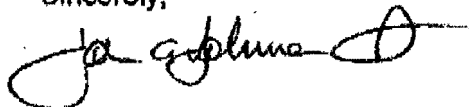
Dear Representative Cushingberry,

I am writing on behalf of the Michigan Probate Judges Association to oppose any increase in the administrative rate paid to private agencies providing foster care services. Just last year the legislature increased the administrative to \$27 per day. We understand that the Department of Human Services is now requesting that the rate go from \$27 per day to \$37 per day.

We find this request from DHS to be practically unbelievable, given the precarious position of the State and local finances. Counties throughout the State of Michigan are making unprecedented budget cuts, with no end to this fiscal nightmare in sight. The requested increase will adversely affect the Child Care Fund budgets of every one of Michigan's 83 counties.

There are many other practical considerations that weigh against the increase in the administrative rate. I would be happy to discuss these with you or the members of the Appropriations Committee. I would also encourage the Appropriations Committee members to contact the Probate Judge(s) within their respective legislative districts to discuss this issue.

Sincerely,



Hon. John A. Hohman, Jr., President

Cc: House Appropriation Committee Members

**TUSCOLA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD CARE FUND
2009**

REVENUE RECONCILIATION:

MONTH	CHECK REGISTER	CLIENT OTHER REVENUE	NET EXPENDITURES	DSS-206B BILLING	A/R DUE FROM STATE	ACTUAL STATE REIMB.	MONTH RECEIVED
Jan-09	\$ 19,361.55	\$ 10,827.10	\$ 8,534.45	\$ 8,534.45	\$ 4,267.23	\$ 4,267.23	Mar-09
Feb-09	\$ 21,143.57	\$ 8,860.75	\$ 12,282.82	\$ 12,282.82	\$ 6,141.41	\$ 6,141.41	Apr-09
Mar-09	\$ 21,155.49	\$ 5,584.36	\$ 15,571.13	\$ 15,571.13	\$ 7,785.57	\$ 7,785.57	May-09
Apr-09	\$ 23,410.34	\$ 2,712.60	\$ 20,697.74	\$ 20,697.74	\$ 10,348.87	\$ 10,348.87	Jun-09
May-09	\$ 19,681.16	\$ 6,730.42	\$ 12,950.74	\$ 6,475.37	\$ 6,475.37		
Jun-09	\$ 20,582.65	\$ 4,342.28	\$ 16,240.37	\$ 8,120.19	\$ 8,120.19		
Jul-09	\$ 27,795.65	\$ 8,940.57	\$ 18,855.08	\$ 9,427.54	\$ 9,427.54		
Aug-09							
Sep-09							
Oct-09							
Nov-09							
Dec-09							
TOTALS	\$ 153,130.41	\$ 47,998.08	\$ 105,132.33	\$ 81,109.24	\$ 52,566.18	\$ 28,543.08	

County Budgeted		\$ 216,305.46
YTD Net Expenditures	\$ 105,132.33	
Less State Reimbursements	\$ 28,543.08	
Less A/R Due from State	\$ 24,023.10	
Total Due From State		\$ 52,566.15
Total Funds Available		\$ 163,739.31

"The Michigan Department of Human Services assists children, families and vulnerable adults to be safe, stable and self-supporting."

TUSCOLA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
 CONTRACTS
 FISCAL YEAR 2009

	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09
FTBS-List Psychological	\$ 1,953.67	\$ 2,109.42	\$ 2,353.76	\$ 2,735.37		
YIT Contractor-Linette Baur	\$ 517.32	\$ 455.42	\$ 367.84	\$ 391.51	\$ 1,036.13	\$ 2,359.55
CSPP-Counseling	\$ 4,187.30	\$ 3,226.14	\$ 3,968.84	\$ 3,433.00	\$ 5,651.20	\$ 6,056.00
SFSC-Counseling	\$ 613.20	\$ 780.70	\$ 963.60	\$ 963.60	\$ 445.30	\$ 737.30
SFSC-Building Strong Families-MSU	\$ 2,780.45	\$ 2,828.69	\$ 2,695.77	\$ 3,623.31	\$ 2,703.67	\$ 2,906.63
SFSC- 0-5 Program-Health Dept	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 285.00
SFSC-Coordination-Walker Group	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 1,400.00
SFSC-Kinship Care-Ann Bean	\$ 543.18	\$ 518.49	\$ 419.73	\$ 592.56	\$ 444.42	\$ 308.63
SFSC-Parent Aide-MSU Ext.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 301.28	\$ 500.14

TOTALS \$ 12,790.12 \$ 11,693.86 \$ 12,789.54 \$ 12,194.35 \$ 11,737.00 \$ 14,553.25

	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09
FTBS-List Psychological	\$ 2,402.66					
YIT Contractor-Linette Baur	\$ 1,133.30	\$ 608.70	\$ 532.79	\$ 522.88		
CSPP-Counseling	\$ 5,361.71	\$ 5,020.95	\$ 5,800.24			
SFSC-Counseling	\$ 751.20	\$ 847.63	\$ 538.10			
SFSC-Building Strong Families-MSU	\$ 2,831.83	\$ 2,805.38	\$ 2,720.15			
SFSC- 0-5 Program-Health Dept	\$ 285.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 96.00			
SFSC-Coordination-Walker Group	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,365.00			
SFSC-Kinship Care-Ann Bean	\$ 567.87	\$ 864.15	\$ 271.59			
SFSC-Parent Aide-MSU Ext.	\$ 663.64	\$ 599.28	\$ 970.20			

TOTALS \$ 15,187.21 \$ 12,101.09 \$ 12,293.07 \$ 522.88 \$ - \$ -

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS	YTD SPENT	CURRENT BALANCE	BILLED THROUGH	% EXP YTD	% YEAR ELAPSED
FTBS-List Psychological	\$ 11,554.88	\$ 11,554.88	\$ (0.00)	2/28/09	100%	83%
YIT Contractor-Linette Baur	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 7,925.44	\$ 374.56	7/31/09	95%	83%
CSPP-Counseling	\$ 59,977.18	\$ 42,705.38	\$ 17,271.80	8/30/09	71%	83%
SFSC-Counseling	\$ 15,250.50	\$ 6,640.63	\$ 8,609.87	6/30/09	44%	83%
SFSC-Building Strong Families-MSU	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 25,895.88	\$ 9,104.12	6/30/09	74%	83%
SFSC- 0-5 Program-Health Dept	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 1,045.00	\$ 16,055.00	6/30/09	6%	83%
SFSC-Coordination-Walker Group	\$ 12,915.00	\$ 12,530.00	\$ 385.00	6/30/09	97%	83%
SFSC-Kinship Care-Ann Bean	\$ 6,172.50	\$ 4,530.62	\$ 1,641.88	6/30/09	73%	83%
SFSC-Parent Aide-MSU Ext.	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,034.54	\$ 4,965.46	6/30/09	38%	83%
TOTALS	\$ 174,270.06	\$ 112,827.83	\$ 58,407.69		65%	83%

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