

Agenda
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole – Monday, September 11, 2017 – 8:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

Finance
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Bierlein

Primary Finance

1. **Vassar EDC/TIFA (See A)**
2. **Indigent Defense Meeting – Webinar 9-14-17 Noon**
3. **2018 County Budget Development**
4. **Proposal from Company Making Plat Books (See B)**
5. **Indigent Dental Clinic**
6. **Wind Turbine Development and Assessing/Taxation Dispute (See C)**
7. **Jail Planning Committee 9-11-17 (See D)**
8. **Mental Health Planning Grant (See E)**
9. **Certification of County Cost Allocation Plan (See F)**

On-Going and Other Finance

1. Solar Energy - Lapeer County Experience
2. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs
3. Clerk/IT Director Record Storage – Election Equipment

Personnel
Committee Leader-Commissioner Bardwell

1. **Medical Examiner Request to Increase MEI Compensation (See G)**
2. **Court Wage Change Request**
3. **Appointment to County Planning Commission (See H)**
4. **County Planning Commission Vacancy**
5. **Appointment to Board of Canvasser's (See I)**
6. **Refilling Part-Time Custodian Position**
7. **Resolution for Richville Fire Department**
8. **Proposed Recycling Job Description Change and Compensation Modification**

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Reporting Relationship (Nepotism Policy)
2. Union Negotiations Wage Survey
3. Initiate Turnover and Wage Survey to Minimize Vulnerability to Loss of Critical Positions
4. Update Personnel Policies with Federal Changes such as ACA, Exempt/non-Exempt
5. Review Re-Establishment of Judicial Committee Meetings
6. Review Formation of Quarterly Meetings with Senior Leaders and Road Commissioners
7. Method to Communicate County Concerns to State Senator and Representative

Building and Grounds
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Vaughan

1. **Vanderbilt Park Improvements**
2. **Picnic Table Bids**

Primary Building and Grounds

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. Service Animals in County Buildings
2. Jail Plumbing Update
3. Recycling Relocation Next Steps
4. Update 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan
5. Continue Work with Jail Planning Regarding Potential Jail Renovation and Additional Jail Bed Space for Holding Cells and Potential Revenue Generation
6. Implementation of 2017 Budgeted Capital Improvement Projects
7. Fire Safety Planning
8. Security/Safety Committee – Methods to Enhance Security – Next Steps

Other Business as Necessary

1. HUD Link to County Web Site
2. Former Vassar Foundry
3. Dairy Farmers of America – Cass City
4. Dispute with Wind Companies Tax Tribunal Meeting 9/18/17
5. Caro Dam
6. Airport Authority
7. Dispatch Authority Pager Issue
8. State of the Bay 9/27/17
9. Michigan Economic Development Corporation
10. Cass River Greenways

Public Comment Period

(A)

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From: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 3:05 PM
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Cc: gargud@braunkendrick.com; Clayton Johnson; Angie Daniels
Subject: Proposed New Vassar EDC/TIF Plan
Attachments: Vassar Industrial Park-Dev.Plan.pdf; DDA-TIFA Policy.pdf; Vassar EDC TIF plan-B.Kendrick email.pdf

Matt

Attached is the proposed Vassar Industrial Park Development and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan Amendment. I am addressing this to you as the Commissioner representative for the City of Vassar. At the last Board meeting Vicky Sherry asked that this be distributed to commissioners for review. The current Vassar EDC/TIF is expiring after 16 years. The amount of property tax revenue captured from the county over the last 8 years is shown on the last page of the proposed amended plan. For the one year of 2017, (which is the last year of the current plan) \$11,952 was captured from the county. Vassar wants to establish a new 10 year plan for the current district and add the former Vassar foundry property. This draft new TIF plan proposes the same capture of all county general fund and special purpose millages.

As you know, TIF is extremely complicated and controversial. The need for TIF reform has been discussed by MAC and other organizations. One of the controversial issues is whether special purpose millages should be allowed to be captured since they were not approved by the public for TIF purposes. The proposed new TIF plans excludes the capture of the Vassar Library special purpose millage yet would capture the county special purpose millages. This raises the question as to whether the county special purpose millage can or should be excluded from capture of special purpose millages under the proposed new plan. Attached is a copy of the 2003 county policy related to tax captures. Another question is can and should the county implement the 50% capture and limit to five years which is stated in the county policy.

It is still not clear to me what the county capture alternatives are under the proposed new Vassar TIF plan. I have discussed this with the county attorney and I have attached his opinion letter. I have suggested that maybe he could discuss this with the city attorney or officials who drafted the new plan to get clarification of the whole situation so we can understand what capture alternatives to the county and whether the county TIF policy can be implemented.

Please let me know how you want to proceed.

Mike

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Subject: RE: Vassar EDC TIF Plan

Mike -

The Vassar EDC has proposed that the Vassar TIFA ("Plan") be extended for an additional 10 years, and that the Plan be amended to annex additional property into the TIFA District. We understand that the Plan was originally adopted pursuant to Act 450 of 1980, known as the Tax Increment Financing Authority Act ("Act"). We assume that the Plan and TIFA District remains governed by the EDC under the Act's authority, and that the circumstances since its establishment haven't changed so as to provide otherwise.

Unlike the Downtown Development Authority Act and Local Development Financing Authority Act, as you note below, the Act does not provide an opt-out option for local taxing jurisdictions. An authority established under the Act may, however, enter into agreements with local taxing jurisdictions to share a portion of the assessed value captured within the district. The latest proposal may lend itself to such an opportunity in line with the County's property tax capture policy. That being said, Section 125.1829 of the Act provides that, effective January 1, 1987, "a new authority or authority district shall not be created and the boundaries of an authority district shall not be expanded to include additional land." Accordingly, it might not be permissible for the former Vassar Foundry property to be added to the original TIFA District in the first place.

Given the above, to include the Foundry property, it would seemingly need to be done via an authority created under the Local Development Financing Authority Act or through the DDA. In such case, if a new authority were created, or if the applicable district was expanded to include the Foundry property, the County would in such case have the opportunity to opt-out of the capture of tax revenue from the Foundry property within 60 days of the applicable public hearing held for such purpose. According to the Michigan Attorney General, however, if a district's boundaries are altered or amended to add property to the district, the ability to opt-out only applies as to the property that is being added to the district.

Upon review of the above, please call with any questions or if you would like to further discuss.

Thanks.

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Vassar Industrial Park
Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan
Amendment
_____, 2017

History:

On November 2, 2009 the Vassar City Council adopted a resolution to approve an amendment to extend the Vassar Industrial Park Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan for an additional eight (8) years. .

On November 5, 2001, the Vassar City Council adopted a resolution to approve the Tax Increment Finance Plan extension for the Vassar Industrial Park for an additional eight (8) years. The original plan became effective December 18, 1984 and was adopted pursuant to Act 450 of 1980.

The plan states on page 17 Section 7 Duration of the Tax Increment Financing Program:

The duration of the program will begin with adoption of the resolution establishing the plans and end upon abolition of the plans by the Vassar City Council pursuant to Section 27 of the T.I.F.A. Act. Such abolition should occur when the Vassar City Council finds that the purposes for which the plans were established have been accomplished, but not until the principal of, and interest on, any bonds issued pursuant to the plans have been paid or funds sufficient to make the payment have been segregated for such purpose. Currently, the Development Area financing program is contemplated to run 16 years, through 2001.

At the August 17, 2017 EDC meeting, the EDC Board of Directors took action to provide City Council with a recommendation to amend and extend the current eight-year development plan.

Prior to December 31, 2017, the City Council must decide to extend the old plan, extend and amend the old plan, or abolish the plan altogether. Below is the EDC ten-year plan that EDC has determined will best guide the EDC's decision-making and spending of TIFA monies.

EDC Ten-Year Plan:

The Industrial Park has evolved over many years changing and developing based on market and environmental conditions. For Vassar to compete in the economic arena, the Vassar EDC has identified the following goals the will guide industrial development over the next ten (10) years.

1. Market and Sell the remaining lots

The EDC owns lots in the Industrial Park and throughout the city. The EDC has been successful attracting new development, however a few lots remain owned by the EDC. The EDC will work to sell the lots and increase the economic base of the area

2. Maintain the necessary infrastructure

The EDC captures TIF funds for public improvements. Currently, the Industrial Park needs road continued road maintenance at the intersection of Enterprise and Commerce Drive and at the cul de sac which was constructed to facilitate the transition of the traffic in and out of the park.

3. Utilize County EDC RLF for new business or business expansion

The Vassar EDC works closely with the Tuscola County EDC to retain and attract new business development in the Industrial Park. The County's Revolving Loan Fund is utilized by Vassar business and will remain a viable financing option.

4. Develop a Spec Building for new business

The EDC continues to evaluate the possibility of developing a "spec" building to lease to prospective tenants or sell to prospective owners. The ebb and flow of the business cycle demonstrates that demand for building will be high as soon as the economy makes a strong recovery. The EDC will be positioned to meet the demand by owning a "spec" building

5. Further Redevelop Industrial Site for Manufacturing Development

The Vassar EDC works closely with the Tuscola County EDC/Tuscola County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection Agency and other County, State, and Federal Agencies to redevelop brownfield properties located in the TIFA District. With the amended annexation the Vassar EDC will continue to work with agencies concerning Brownfield Redevelopment. This will also offer opportunities for grant matching funds to be used for brownfield redevelopment.

EDC Recommendation

The Board of Directors of the EDC is proposing to continue to be the tax increment finance authority they will oversee the plan. The EDC is also proposing to extend the current plan with the aforementioned priorities for an additional ten-year period (2017-2027). The EDC also in the motion to recommend to Council indicates, "The City, the EDC, and the Library agree that beginning with the 2017 tax year, the EDC will not capture and tax increment revenues from the Library millage in and single calendar year through December 31, 2027." At the conclusion of this ten (10) year period, the tax increment financing plan will be reevaluated to determine if the desired outcomes are realized. The EDC will submit monthly meeting minutes in an annual report to the City Council in order to inform the City Council of the EDC's progress.

INTRODUCTION

The City of Vassar established in 1982 the original Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan. This Plan was extended in 2001, 2009, and is being updated to address current issues and needs in the TIFA district as well as the annexation of property into the TIFA district.

SECTION 1: BOUNDARIES OF THE DEVELOPMENT AREA

Boundaries of the Development Area to which the Development Plan is applicable are described below.

"Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 358.15 feet along the East line of Section 7 to the centerline of Huron Road (State Road) (Highway M-38) and the point of beginning; thence North 2170 feet along the East Section line; thence South 88° 46' 20" West 1331.21 feet; thence South 0° 08' 50" East 1820.18 feet long along the East 1/8 line, to the centerline of Huron Road (State Road) (Highway M-38); thence South 76° 23' East 312.5 feet along the centerline of Huron Road; thence North 5° 33' 10" East 371.19 feet; thence South 87° 36' 15" East 222.1 feet; thence South 5° 24' 50" West 150.98 feet; thence South 76° 23' East 200 feet, parallel to said

centerline of Huron Road; thence South 5° 24' 50" West 264 feet, to said centerline of Huron Road; thence South 76° 23' East 627.2 feet, along said centerline of Huron Road, to the Point of Beginning."

Boundaries of the Annex Development Area to which the Development Plan is applicable are described below.

SECTION 2: PLAN FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AREA

1. Construct the necessary infrastructure

- a. The EDC captures TIF funds for public improvements. Currently, the Industrial park needs road improvements at the intersection of Enterprise and Commerce Drive. A cul de sac will be constructed to facilitate the transition of traffic in and out of the park.

Estimated Cost: \$15,000-\$25,000

- b. Repair Enterprise drive- complete upgrade to road to ensure that commercial and industrial traffic will continue to access the facilities without issue. Estimated completion of project would be 2013-2015.

Estimated Cost: \$45,000-\$55,000

2. Construct a 6,000 sq. ft. spec building on lot #1 to lease or sell to prospective owners. The current market conditions do not lend itself to building a spec building, but as the economy improves, Vassar would be well positioned to create a spec building that would allow commercial or industrial business owners to look at Vassar without having to purchase a building up front. It is estimated construction of this building could begin in 2016 or 2017.

Estimated Cost: Approximately \$450,000 (\$75 sq. ft. Masonry Block)

3. Market EDC Lots and continue to try to make the Industrial Park an attractive location for outside businesses to relocate. This could require signage in the Industrial Park as well as potential marketing costs to attract outside business owners. The EDC will try to make lot #1 for sale to get the property into the hands of private investors rather than the City developing a spec building identified in improvement #2. This lot could be marked between 2010-2016 or until the EDC begins construction on a spec building.

Estimated Cost: Approximately \$500 per year to Market Lot #1

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN

PURPOSE OF THIS TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN

The Tax Increment Finance Plan for the Development Area will permit the capture of assessed valuation, which, absent this Plan extension and the original plan, would not be available to undertake improvements of the Vassar Industrial Park. This statement is justified by the following observations:

1. Fully improved industrial sites are either not available in the City of Vassar or are in very limited supply.
2. Using land zoned for industrial use previously acquired by the City of Vassar, the Tax Increment Finance Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority") under terms of this plan, will cause improvements to be made to the land meeting all essential requirements of industrial firms locating or seeking to locate in the City.
3. Fully improved industrial sites would not be available in the City of Vassar absent revenue from the Captured Assessed Value contemplated in this Plan. Neither the Economic Development Corporation nor the City of Vassar has funds necessary to implement and complete improvements in the Development Area.

The on-going program of developing the Vassar Industrial Park with the Development Area by the Authority, together with efforts to foster private industrial investment in the Area by the Authority, the City, the Vassar Economic Development Corporation, and others appears to be the most successful, realistic, and effective approach to expanding job opportunities in the Vassar area.

SECTION 1: ESTIMATED CAPTURED ASSESSED VALUE

To project the estimated captured assessed value the previous years' captures were taken and then projected out for the additional eight (8) years.

YEAR	EST. CAPTURED ASSESSED VALUE (CAV)
2010	\$1,689,344
2011	\$1,675,000
2012	\$1,660,000
2013	\$1,645,000
2014	\$1,630,000
2015	\$1,615,000
2016	\$1,600,00
2017	\$1,550,000

SECTION 2: ESTIMATED TAX INCREMENT REVENUES

Based on recent years' tax capture and the Industrial Park being almost completely full, it is not projected to see growth in terms of the estimated tax increment revenues. This is a conservative estimate of no growth that will allow the TIF to capture at least what has been captured in the recent years. This is a combination of both real and personal property capture.

YEAR	EST. TAX INCREMENT REVENUE PER YEAR
2010	\$45,893.23
2011	\$45,503.55
2012	\$45,096.06
2013	\$44,688.56
2014	\$44,281.07
2015	\$43,873.57
2016	\$43,466.08
2017	\$42,107.77
Total	\$354,909.89

The below tables indicate the millage levy for the eight-year period of 2010-2017. This millage may change from year to year but has been created using the 2009 Tax Rate table from the County Clerk's office. The total amount at the bottom of each table is the sum of the eight-year period for that specific millage levy.

	City	Library	Tuscola County	Bridge/Streets & Roads & Roads/Streets	Senior Citizens
<i>Millage</i>	<i>17.5 Mills</i>	<i>1.25 Mills</i>	<i>3.9141 Mills</i>	<i>1.4464 Mills</i>	<i>.1989 Mills</i>
2010	\$29,563.52	\$2,111.68	\$6,612.26	\$2,443.47	\$336.01
2011	\$29,312.50	\$2,093.75	\$6,556.12	\$2,422.72	\$333.16
2012	\$29,050.00	\$2,075.00	\$6,497.41	\$2,401.02	\$330.17
2013	\$28,787.50	\$2,056.25	\$6,438.69	\$2,379.33	\$327.19
2014	\$28,525.00	\$2,037.50	\$6,379.98	\$2,357.63	\$324.21
2015	\$28,262.50	\$2,018.75	\$6,321.27	\$2,335.94	\$321.22
2016	\$28,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,262.56	\$2,314.24	\$318.24
2017	\$27,125.00	\$1,937.50	\$6,066.86	\$2,241.92	\$308.30
Total	\$228,626.02	\$16,330.43	\$51,135.15	\$18,96.27	\$2,598.50

	Medical Care Facility	Road Patrol	Mosquito Control	Recycling	MFC Cons. Debt
<i>Millage</i>	<i>2500 Mills</i>	<i>.8953 Mills</i>	<i>.5616 Mills</i>	<i>.1500 Mills</i>	<i>1.000 Mills</i>
2010	\$422.34	\$1,512.47	\$948.74	\$235.40	\$1,689.34
2011	\$418.75	\$1,499.63	\$940.68	\$251.25	\$1,675.00
2012	\$415.00	\$1,486.20	\$932.26	\$249.00	\$1,660.00
2013	\$411.25	\$1,472.77	\$923.83	\$246.75	\$1,645.00
2014	\$407.50	\$1,459.34	\$915.41	\$244.50	\$1,630.00
2015	\$403.75	\$1,445.91	\$906.98	\$242.25	\$1,615.00
2016	\$400.00	\$1,432.48	\$898.56	\$240.00	\$1,600.00
2017	\$387.00	\$1,387.72	\$870.48	\$232.50	\$1,550.00
Total	\$3,266.09	\$11,696.51	\$7,336.94	\$1,959.65	\$13,064.34

DDA/TIFA PROPERTY TAX CAPTURE POLICY

Adopted 8/12/03

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to formulate a comprehensive written County Policy, which clearly defines the Board of Commissioners position with respect to Downtown Development Authorities (DDA) and Tax Increment Financing (TIFA). The policy also communicates to County Elected Officials, Department Heads, Municipalities, and the General Public the formal County policy with respect to tax increment financing. The County Equalization Director shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy.

2. POLICY

2.1 The following policy shall apply to Tax Increment Financing Authorities (TIFA) who are considering improvements to be made in a Downtown Development Authority District (DDA) under Act 197 of 1975 as amended, and also shall apply to any authority established under any statute when that authority desires to capture County tax revenues. Item (8) shall apply to all capturing authorities, both existing and proposed.

2.1.1 In order for the County to consider allowing the capture of property tax revenue in a DDA District subject to capture, and not opt out, a plan must be submitted to the Tuscola County Equalization Director for review by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at least 60 days before the time in which the County's time to opt out of the capture expires.

2.1.2 Said plan must have sufficient detail to explain projects to be undertaken, costs, and timeline to complete the projects. The plan shall include all information required by statute for the establishment of the district as well as a list of the parcel numbers of all properties, both real and personal, to be included in the district, and the taxable value of each property in the base year. The plan will specify what assessment year is the base year for the establishment of the initial value of the district. The plan will specify the assessment year in which the capture of revenues will first occur.

2.1.3. The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners evaluation of the plan will be an important factor in determining whether a capture will be authorized.

DDA/TIFA PROPERTY TAX CAPTURE POLICY
Adopted 8/12/03

- 2.1.4 All incremental updates to the original plan must be submitted at least (60) days before the date on which the County's right to opt out of the capture expires to the Tuscola County Equalization Director for review by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners. No expansion of district boundaries, to gain a larger capture, are permitted without approval from the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.
- 2.1.5 The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners may allow a capture of 50% of property tax revenue resulting from growth in total taxable value of the district, both from change in value of existing land, structures and contents in the district, removal, and from new construction or demolition in the district.
- 2.1.6 The above described property tax revenue capture will not be allowed for a period of longer than five (5) years. At the end of five (5) years, a review will be conducted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to determine whether a capture will continue to be allowed.
- 2.1.7 The County Equalization Director will maintain appropriate information to record taxable value changes and property tax captures from all DDA districts in Tuscola County.
- 2.1.8 Each year, prior to the retention of captured revenues, the capturing authority shall submit to the County a list of all parcels in the district showing the initial value, the year in which the initial value was established, current value, and captured value. The values submitted shall be examined for validity by the County. Only those revenues as determined by the County to be validly captured shall be retained by the district/authority. This shall apply to all districts, both new and existing.
- 2.1.9 The County opts out and will not opt back in for property tax capture in a local unit of government that declares an area outside of the business district part of the DDA/TIFA because expansion beyond the business district violates the DDA Act.



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Good Afternoon Mike,
Below is Charlie's response to our inquiry about specific pricing details.

Angie

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Hi Angie,

Here is the information that you requested:

The 4H has been presented with pricing from us for 800 books. The cost to the 4H would be \$8,800 (\$11 per book). This price is based on the county waiving the GIS data fee of \$5,000. In exchange for access to the data, Rockford Map would provide the county with some complimentary map products. It could be a combination of plat books and wall maps plus an eBook would be included which is a PDF version of the plat book and could be used within offices at the county. It could be 10 wall maps or 50 plat books or a combination of those two, for example 5 wall maps and 25 plat books. If the county would want to receive more complimentary products for providing the data at no cost then we would need to revise our pricing to the 4H.

If the county decided to not waive the GIS data fee then the pricing would much higher to the 4H:

800 plat books = \$13,800 (\$17.25 per book)

Hope this covers everything. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,



Huron Daily Tribune

<http://www.michigansthumb.com/news/article/Counties-net-minor-win-wind-tax-fight-12181253.php>

Counties net minor win wind tax fight

Mary Drier For the Tribune Published 6:11 pm, Thursday, September 7, 2017

UPPER THUMB — Two counties received a minor win in the ongoing battle over how wind turbines are taxed.

For several years, the five counties with wind farms have been at odds over the state's abrupt change in the taxing method and depreciation schedule of wind turbines.

Because of that, the counties with wind farms — Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Gratiot and Mason — formed the Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative (MREC) to challenge the changes.

"We were scheduled to go to court Sept. 18 with NextEra Energy Resources, when we received notice NextEra asked the Michigan Tax Tribunal to dismiss their tax appeal on their Tuscola Bay 1 wind park," said Huron County Economic Development Corp. Director Carl Osentoski, who is the spokesperson for MREC.

NextEra Energy Resources LLC's stance has been that the amount the federal government provided for each turbine should be deducted from the cost before it is taxed rather than the true cash value of the turbine.

The Tuscola Bay 1 wind farm, which became operational in 2012, consists of 68 Turbines located in Tuscola County's Gilford Township and seven turbines in Blumfield Township in Saginaw County.

"While we are pleased with this outcome, it only covers that one NextEra wind farm and not their second wind farm in our county," said Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland.

The energy company's decision to have the Michigan Tax Tribunal dismiss the case only covers that one wind farm in Tuscola and Saginaw counties.

"It has no impact on the wind farms in Huron County and in Sanilac County. The issue of taxes and depreciation on the wind farms in those counties are still before the

tribunal," said Osentoski.

The appeal that was dismissed on Tuscola Wind 1 was for tax years 2014 through 2017.

However, the dismissal is not a financial windfall for Tuscola County. Ever since the state changed the tax and depreciation method of wind turbines, Tuscola officials have escrowed a portion of the tax money collected to be on the safe side in case the tribunal found in favor of the energy company.

Hoagland estimates the county escrowed about \$970,000 for the general fund, and about \$576,000 from the eight special millages the county levies.

"I caution that all of that approximate \$1,546,000 is not free and clear to use. That includes escrowed money from NextEra's second wind project that is still before the tribunal," Hoagland cautioned. "And, we do not have all of the details from the tribunal of what the dismissal actually means."

"That money is in the bank, but we are not banking on being able to use all of it until everything is worked out. That will still take some time."

In addition, NextEra also has the Tuscola Wind II that is located in the townships of Gilford, Akron, Fairgrove, and Juniata.

The dismissal has no impact on the second wind farm that became operational in 2013, said Hoagland.

The heart of the issue is that in 2011 the State Tax Commission (STC) changed the depreciation schedule for wind turbines. That change resulted in lower taxable values for wind projects, which in turn meant less tax revenue.

Officials from the five counties with wind farms protested the abrupt change, which had no input from local municipalities. Since the tax change was implemented, MERC has been trying to get the state to institute a fair tax process that reflects the taxable value and life of a turbine.

Under the tax commission's 2011 ruling, wind turbines went from a 100 percent assessment in year one, with a scheduled depreciation to 30 percent value in 15 years, to an 80 percent initial assessment, with a depreciation to 30 percent value in six years.

The change meant reduced revenue to the counties and the other taxing agencies within them.

Because of that, and the STC's refusal to answer questions on why they made the changes, the five counties formed MREC with the common goal of correcting this taxation dispute.

Those in MREC hired the law firm of Clark Hill to handle legal matters and make the argument for the original or another fair and reasonable method of wind energy taxation.

"At NextEra Energy Resources, we want the communities where we do business to benefit from our projects. We also want them to know what they can expect to collect in tax revenue and have certainty in their budgeting processes," said Steven Stengel with NextEra Energy. "While there are many issues we would like the state to clarify with regard to assessing the taxable value of wind farms, our case with the Michigan Tax Tribunal has simply dragged on too long.

"In the interest of maintaining strong relationships with the communities we serve, we have chosen to withdraw our case with the tribunal (on that one issue)."

Had NextEra's appeal been successful, it would have lowered the overall value of the 75 turbines in Tuscola and Saginaw counties.

"We would like to acknowledge the professional nature in which the attorneys and management at NextEra handled their part of the appeal process," said Osentoski. "NextEra indicated to us that their request to dismiss was in the interest in maintaining a strong positive relationship with communities it serves."

Osentoski also thanked MREC members, the law firm of Clark Hill, Appraisal Economics, local township assessors, supervisors and trustees who have led the local

responses to the hundreds of tax appeals that have challenged MREC's positions on taxes and property valuations.

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For Immediate Release – September 6, 2017

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NextEra Withdraws Tax Appeals for Tuscola Bay 1

On Thursday, August 31st, the Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative, (MREC) received notice that NextEra was requesting that the Michigan Tax Tribunal dismiss their tax appeals for tax years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 for its Tuscola Bay 1 wind park. The Tuscola Bay 1 wind park consists of 68 Turbines located in Gilford Township in Tuscola County and 7 Turbines located Blumfield Township in Saginaw County and was completed in 2012.

On August 31, 2017, the parties signed stipulations to dismiss the pending cases and submitted the stipulation to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for entry of an order of dismissal. The appeals if successful would have lowered the overall value of the 75 turbines in Tuscola County and Saginaw Counties. This dismissal only impacts these 75 Turbines in Tuscola Bay 1.

“We would like to acknowledge the professional nature in which the attorneys and management at NextEra handled their part of the appeal process.” Nextera indicated to us that their request to dismiss was in the interest in maintaining a strong positive relationship with communities it serves, stated Carl Osentoski, coordinator for MREC.

We would like to especially thank our local MREC members, the counties, townships, ISD’s and other taxing jurisdictions that continue to help us assure fairness in the property tax assessment of wind turbines.” Osentoski added.

The coordinated efforts of Clark Hill, Appraisal Economics and our local township assessors, supervisors and trustees have lead the local responses to the hundreds of tax appeals that have challenged MREC’s positions on taxes and property valuations.

For More Information, contact: Carl Osentoski at 989.269.6431.

END OF PRESS RELEASE

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From: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 11:17 AM
To: 'Glen Skrent'; Mike Miller (Mike Miller); Brian Harris; 'Eean Lee'; 'Bardwell Thom'; 'Bierlein Matthew'; 'Kim Vaughan'; 'Kirkpatrick Craig'; 'Tom Young'
Subject: Draft 9-11-17 Jail Planning Agenda

Draft Agenda for Committee of the Whole Meeting.

1. Jail Plumbing/Electrical Project Update
2. Jail Capacity Status
3. 2017 Jail Budget Status Through August
4. Financial Impact of NextEra Dropping Assessing/Taxing Dispute
5. Community Corrections Program Status
6. Jail Improvement Priority Needs
7. Mental Health Services
8. Indigent Defense Program – Need for Attorney meeting Space
9. Potential 2018 Jail Capital Improvement Projects
10. Sketch and Rough Costs for Jail Expansion
11. Evaluation of Jail Expansion to House Other County/Federal Prisoners and/or Juveniles
12. Other

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STATE OF MICHIGAN



THUMB REGIONAL SOBRIETY COURT

440 NORTH STATE STREET, CARO, MI 48723

HON. AMY GRACE GIERHART
CHIEF JUDGE

REBECCA MARTIN
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

HEATHER WALTHER
CASE MANAGER

MELISSA CAISTER
CASE MANAGER

Memorandum

September 7, 2017

To: Clayette Zechmeister
Mike Hoagland
Thomas Bardwell
CC: Hon. Amy Grace Gierhart

Re: 2018 Tuscola County Mental Health Planning Grant Award – 54th Circuit Court – Adult Mental Health Court

We are pleased to announce we were awarded a grant in the amount of \$24,500 from the Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program Planning Grant administered by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO). This is a planning grant with an option for an operational period of three months at the end of the fiscal year, October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018.

This award is made possible through the dedication and devotion to the community by our Chief Judge, Amy Gierhart and through the cooperation of Sharon Beals, CEO of Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS). The new Mental Health Court (MHC) will work closely alongside TBHS in this new venture to plan and develop a program that will improve the safety, health, and outcomes of those in our community.

This planning grant will turn into an operational program grant in the final three months of the 2018 fiscal year and we will continue to seek operational grant funds from SCAO through the MMHCGP.

Rebecca Martin
Program Coordinator

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**TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN
COUNTY-WIDE COST ALLOCATION PLAN
CERTIFICATE OF INDIRECT COSTS**

This is to certify that I have reviewed the indirect cost plan submitted herewith and to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- (1) All costs included in this plan are for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 and are to establish billing or final indirect costs for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018, and are allowable in accordance with the requirement of the 2 CFR Part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" and the Federal award(s) to which they apply. Unallowable costs have been adjusted for in allocating costs as indicated.
- (2) All costs included in this plan are properly allocated to Federal awards on the basis of a beneficial or causal relationship between the expenses incurred and the agreements to which they are allocated in accordance with applicable requirements. Further, the same costs that have been treated as indirect costs have not been claimed as direct costs. Similar types of costs have been accounted for consistently and the Federal Government will be notified of any accounting changes that would affect the costs identified.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

Tuscola County, Michigan

Signature: _____

Name of Official: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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From: bushru@msu.edu
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 10:02 PM
To: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Subject: RE: FW: 06-D-17 Forms

Mike,

Our budget this year would seem to support the idea of raising the amount of money for the MEIs/case from \$150 to \$190. This would cover most of their mileage plus we've had an MEI having to make several trips to court and occasionally needing to do more running around the next day or two getting additional info from families, which he is not reimbursed for time or travel and that tends to be extra. Huron MEIs have been being paid the \$190/case for a couple years now. They also started out at \$150 but mileage and car wear and tear were a point of contention and now we're getting some complaints from our guys about distance and miles traveled adding a lot more time and cost/case. They also have often been attending autopsies when no sheriff department deputies attended or were available or occasionally were ever on scene to begin with to provide additional information and answer questions for Dr Virani.

RBushMD



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From: Jodi Fetting <jfetting@tuscolacounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 8:26 AM
To: Mike Hoagland
Subject: Fwd: Planning Commission - Westover
Attachments: 201709060815.pdf

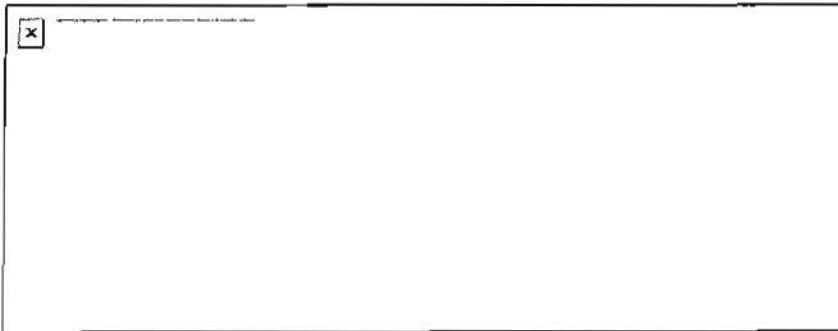
Good Morning,

Attached is an application for Ann Westover who is interested in serving on the Planning Commission. She will fill the seat previously held by Louis Smallwood. Please add this matter to the COW on 9/11/17.

Proposed motion:

Move to appoint Ann Westover to the Tuscola County Planning Commission to a partial term that expires December 31, 2019.

Thanks!
Jodi



----- Forwarded message -----

From: Jodi Fetting <canon@tuscolacounty.org>
Date: Wed, Sep 6, 2017 at 8:15 AM
Subject: Planning Commission - Westover
To: Jodi Fetting <jfetting@tuscolacounty.org>

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TUSCOLA COUNTY
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Print Form

Please return this questionnaire to the County Clerk's Office, Attention: Appointments Division, 440 N. State St., Caro MI 48723; by email to appoint@tuscolacounty.org ; or by fax at (989) 672-4266 Please submit your resume with this application.

Boards/Commissions for which you would like to be considered: Tuscola County Planning Commission Board

Boards/Commissions for which you would like to be considered:

First Name* Ann Middle Initial* M Last Name* Westover

Have you ever used, or have you ever been known by any other name? Yes No

If yes, provide names and explain: Ann M Dicks- Maiden
Ann M Scott- First marriage

Home Address 3196 W Gilford Rd City Caro Zip 48723

Township Fairgrove County Tuscola

Employer Name: Caro Community Schools

Employer Address 301 N Hooper St City Caro Zip 48723

Position Title Transportation Dispatch

Work Number* (989) 673-7718 Home Number* (989) 577-1069 Cell Number

Email westover_am@yahoo.com (email is the preferred method of contact, please provide if available)

Are you a United States Citizen? Yes No

EDUCATION (Include degree and dates; if answered in full on your attached resume, please indicate):

A full resume is attached

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (If answered in full on your attached resume, please indicate):

A full resume is attached

Do you hold any professional licenses? If so, please include numbers:

What special skills could you bring to this position?

Professional determination, high organizational skills, open mindedness, community promoting interests

Previous government appointments:

I served as a contingent for the Falrgrove Township planning Commission in 2014

Please provide us with the names of your:

State Senator Mike Green

State Representative Ed Canfield

County Commissioner Tom Young

The following optional information is elicited in order to ensure that this administration considers the talent and creativity of a diverse pool of candidates. In addition, specific backgrounds or qualifications are legally required for appointment to some boards and commissions. You may, therefore, wish to provide this information in order to ensure that you are considered for relevant boards and commissions.

Age [] Political Affiliation [] Military Service []

Spouse or Partner's Name Shane Westover

CONSENT AND CERTIFICATION

I, Ann M Westover (please print name), hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I, the undersigned applicant, have personally completed this application. I understand that any misrepresentation, falsification or omission of information on this application or on any document used to secure employment shall be grounds for rejection of this application or immediate discharge if I am employed, regardless of the time elapsed before discovery.

Signed By [Signature]

Ann M Westover

3196 W Gilford Rd

Caro, MI 48723

Mobile 989-577-1069

E-Mail: westover_am@yahoo.com

Profile:

Seeking an opportunity to transfer excellent leadership and management skills into a professional position serving a community based organization. I am a Veteran, successful business entrepreneur and 2015 Bachelor of Business Administration graduate. I am well prepared for a position that is challenging and encourages growth.

Qualification highlights:

- 10+ years supervisory and management experience
- Monitor and establish a budget, deposits and payroll exercising flexibility and discretion
- Provide scheduling, customer service, and promote an organized operation
- Substantial experience in financial operations including accounting, budget, and fiscal control, credit application, and follow-up
- Proficient computer software adaptation for business
- PeaceTime/WarTime Support Team military experience

Skills

Accounting	Analyze Problems	Business Financials
Conflict Resolution	Customer Service	Licenses/Permits
Leadership/Management	Negotiation	Payroll/Deposits
Relationship Building	Written/Verbal Communication	Scheduling

Experience:

School Bus Dispatcher/Substitute Driver 2010-Current School Year
 Caro Community School District, Caro, MI

- Maintain all qualifications, certifications, and licenses to be a school bus driver
- Keep up on necessary Class A CDL with air brake and passenger endorsements
- Ensure reliability for on-call situations for scheduling when necessary
- Conduct vehicle safety and serviceability inspections of all vehicles that are driven
- Continue education and experience with local and county road ways
- Follow all school district policies pertaining to transportation and employment
- Professionally conduct all interactions with students, school employees and parents

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Owner/Operator

May 2009-Jan 2015

Westover Wild Wings Poultry Processing, Caro, MI

- Responsible for all matters pertaining to the operation and maintenance of all equipment, facilities, staffing, and the serviceability of those listed
- Manage all licenses, permits, and federally required literature
- Maintain sanitation and operation standards set by USDA
- Manage all financial requirements, review financial records to determine accuracy
- Monitor and establish a budget, deposits, and payroll
- Provide customer assistance via phone, text and email correspondence
- Work schedule 40 hours per week 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. plus on demand

Sales Representative

June 2007-May 2009

Moore Motor Auto Sales, Caro, MI

- Established relationships with new customers, maintained contact with existing customers through e-mail, by phone or other professional correspondence
- Advised and negotiated delivery and pricing variations of payments and loans
- Effectively managed all required documentation to include financing and loan clarification to include loan completion
- Communicated daily with management to track sales and goal reaching progress
- Maintained familiarity with all vehicles on the sales floor
- Work schedule 40 hours per week 9a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

United States Marine Corps

September 1995-June 2007

Motor Transport Chief, Various Locations

- Planned and accomplished a variety of complex work assignments and/ or identify problems and ability to analyze and resolve transportation issues
- Broad knowledge of the operation, practices, and policies of the organization
- Managed and recorded all scheduled maintenance of government vehicles
- Maintained physical requirements, rigorous physical training sessions, and ensured team welfare and motivation
- Active and crucial member of PeaceTime/WarTime Support Team to include motor transport and administrative support duties

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- Coordinate with Navy personnel with the production and benefit verification of Active Duty and Reserve Military member identification cards through Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.
- Assisted Navy personnel with production and benefit verification of Military Retiree, Disabled Veterans or Dependent Identification cards through Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.
- Work schedule 40 plus hours per week starting/ending at various times

Education:

Davenport University, (Saginaw, Michigan)
Bachelor of Business Administration (GPA 3.57)

August 2015

mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org

From: Jodi Fetting <jfetting@tuscolacounty.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 3:57 PM
To: Mike Hoagland
Subject: Board of Canvasser Appointment

Mike,

I would like to add to the BOC Agenda on September 14, 2017 the appointment of members to the Board of Canvasser's. I will not be at the meeting on August 31st and would prefer to handle it at the next BOC meeting.

I have received the nominations from the party chairs. They are required to submit 3 nominations no later than September 1, 2017. The vote is required to be by ballot which I will prepare and have ready. The votes will then be read aloud.

Democratic Party - John Hunter, Chair

- 1. Beverly Read
- 2. Tim Gierman
- 3. Kathy Gierman

Republican Party - Thomas Wassa, Chair

- 1. Norma Wallace
- 2. John Johnson
- 3. Mitchell Davies

Thank you!

Jodi

