

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009 – 8:00 A.M.**  
**ANNEX BOARD ROOM**

207 E. Grant Street  
Caro, MI 48723-1660

Phone: 989-672-3700  
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- 8:00 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Peterson  
Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell  
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Roggenbuck  
Roll Call – Clerk White-Cormier  
Adoption of Agenda  
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)  
Brief Public Comment Period  
Consent Agenda Resolution (See Correspondence #2)  
New Business  
    -Human Services Annual Report  
    -Energy Grant Application Letter of Support  
    -Dispatch Rebanding Change Order Request  
    -Lapeer County Resolution (See Correspondence #3)  
    -Resolution Regarding Department of Agriculture  
    -Resolution Regarding Abused and Delinquent Children  
    -Adult Probation Building Update  
    -Update Regarding Aerial Photography  
    -Update Regarding Review of Voted Millage Fund Balances  
Old Business  
Correspondence/Resolutions
- 9:30 A.M. Presentation and Preliminary Discussion of Budget Information with  
Elected/appointed Officials

**COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**Committee of the Whole – FINANCE FOCUS** (See Correspondence # 11&12)  
Commissioner Bardwell/Commissioner Peterson

Other Business/On-Going Matters  
Next Meeting Date Thursday, October 15, 2009 – 8:00 A.M.

**Committee of the Whole – PERSONNEL FOCUS** (See Correspondence # 11&12)  
Commissioner Bardwell/Commissioner Roggenbuck

Other Business/On-Going Matters  
Next Meeting Date Thursday, October 15, 2009 – 8:00 A.M.

**Committee of the Whole – BUILDING AND GROUNDS FOCUS** (See  
Commissioner Kern/Commissioner Petzold Correspondence # 11&12)

Other Business/On-Going Matters

Next Meeting Date Thursday, October 15, 2009 – 8:00 A.M.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PETZOLD**

Recycling Advisory  
Resource Conservation and Development District  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Technical Advisory Committee  
Thumb Area Consortium  
Multi-County Solid Waste  
TRIAD  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Road Commission  
Health Board

**ROGGENBUCK**

Enterprise Facilitation  
Planning Commission  
Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
Board of Public Works  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Human Services Coordinating Council  
MAC Judiciary & Public Safety Committee  
Great Start Collaborative – Tuscola County  
Parks & Recreation  
NACo Agricultural Committee  
NACo Rural Action Caucus  
MAC Agriculture & Tourism

**BARDWELL**

Caro DDA  
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority  
Economic Development Corporation  
Tuscola 2011  
MAC Economic Development/Taxation  
MAC 7<sup>TH</sup> District  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors  
NACo

**KERN**

Thumb Area Consortium  
Human Development Commission

Health Board  
Senior Services Advisory  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Behavioral Health Board

PETERSON

Enterprise Facilitation  
Human Development Commission

MEMS

Michigan Association of Counties – Aging Work Group  
Michigan Association of Counties – Environmental

LEPC

NACo

Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Parks & Recreation  
Dispatch Authority Board

Closed Session (If Necessary)

Other Business as Necessary

Extended Public Comment

Adjournment

Note: 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.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- #1 September 22, 2009 Full Board Minutes
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #3 Lapeer County Resolution
- #4 September 3, 2009 Tuscola County Road Commission Minutes
- #5 September 16, 2009 Human Development Commission Minutes
- #6 September 17, 2009 Tuscola County Road Commission Minutes
- #7 September 29, 2009 Human Services/Medical Care Facility Minutes
- #8 Commissioner Roggenbuck Appointment to MAC Agriculture/Tourism
- #9 October 2009 Tuscola Enterprise Facilitation Project Update
- #10 MDOT Wins ASCE Award for Thumb Area Trail
- #11 September 24, 2009 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- #12 October 6, 2009 Committee of the Whole Minutes

**DRAFT**

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
September 22, 2009 Minutes  
Courthouse Annex**

Chairman Gerald Peterson called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the Arbela Township Hall, Millington, Michigan, on the 22nd day of September, 2009 to order at 6:06 p.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Peterson  
Pledge by Commissioner Bardwell

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

District #2 Thomas Bardwell, District #4 Roy Petzold, District #5 Gerald Peterson

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

District #1 Amanda Roggenbuck, District #3 Tom Kern

09-M-214

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

09-M-215

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Petzold to approve the minutes of the 9/8/09 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – Patricia McMullen appeared to register her dissatisfaction with Mosquito Abatement

09-M-216

It was moved by Bardwell and supported by Petzold that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/10/09
- Description of Matter:** Motion to approve having the Equalization Director draft a letter to Mr. Root at the Center for Shared Solutions & Technology to express Tuscola County's interest in the aerial photography program with no commitment for purchasing at this time.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/10/09

**Description of Matter:** Motion to approve sending to Lansing the MAC Resolution supporting adequate state funding to hold counties harmless from the Department of Human Services lawsuit settlement agreement.

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

YEAS: all

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

09-M-217

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Petzold to amend motion 09-M-212 to appoint the chairman of the Board of Commissioners as the individual responsible for coordinating the efforts of the board along with the Human Resource Director to complete the evaluation of Mr. Hoagland in terms of the instrument to be used, the process and timeline. Motion carried.

09-M-218

Motion by Petzold seconded by Bardwell to approve the 2010 agreement between Tuscola County and Arbela Township for the County Sheriff Department to provide police services to Arbela Township per the terms of the agreement and authorize all necessary signatures. Motion carried.

09-M-219

Motion by Petzold seconded by Bardwell to authorize the transfer of \$124,285.55 in Primary Road Millage funds from the Voted Primary Road Millage Fund to the Road Commission Fund per voucher #05-09 (September 17, 2009). Motion carried.

09-M-220

Motion by Petzold seconded by Bardwell to authorize the transfer of \$82,832.02 in Bridge Millage funds from the Voted Bridge Millage Fund to the Road Commission Fund per voucher #05-09 (September 21, 2009). Motion carried.

09-M-221

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Petzold that the County Clerk is authorized to advertise to begin the process to fill vacant and expiring positions on Boards and Commissions. Motion carried.

Discussion of Possible 3-Year Dog Licensing - Mary Warren presented the board with a statute that allow townships to issue dog licenses. Diane Jones from Millington Twp selling dog license for 26 years. At one time, Diane was selling licenses county-wide and was told by the Treasurer she could only sell licenses in Millington Twp. Both Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Jones are not in favor of a 3-year program. Arbela Twp treasurer Jody Hunt spoke in favor of twps selling dog licenses as a service to the residents. Peggy Metro stated a 3-yr license could be a hardship for residents who have 2 or 3 dogs. Sharon Keinath Mill treasurer is in support of the twps continuing to sell licenses

09-M-222

Motion by Bardwell seconded by Petzold that Perfection Construction, a Tuscola County business, be awarded the bid to make the necessary repairs to the Recycling Storage Building to gain compliance with building codes as determined by the SCMCCI Building Inspector (Curtis Stowe). Perfection Construction was the next low bidder for amount of \$7,250. Also, appropriate budget adjustments be made to the recycling budget to account for this expenditure. Motion carried

09-M-223

Motion by Petzold seconded by Bardwell to request the firm of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton to add tuscola county to the class action lawsuit filed in Genesee County against Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan to recover damages for "Access Fees" that were charged to Tuscola County without an amount disclosed by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and to authorize the chairman to sign all necessary documents and agreements. Motion carried.

Arbela Township Supervisor Joe White has heard a lot of controversy regarding the mosquito issue in Arbela Township due to change in directors. The residents don't feel they've received their fair share.

He would like the county board help reinforce strong local government. Government closer to the people is more effective.

Comment from unidentified speaker regarding Mosquito Abatement: if it's not broke don't fix it. Utilizing personal resources to eliminate mosquitoes.

Lana Martell – is allergic to mosquitoes and has been sprayed twice. She wouldn't vote for it

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 8 a.m., October 13, 2009.

Margie White-Cormier  
Tuscola County Clerk

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADEQUATE STATE FUNDING TO HOLD COUNTIES HARMLESS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan, Department of Human Services was sued by Children's Rights regarding the care of children in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Human Services settled the case out-of-court without consent or consultation from Michigan's counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan counties are the funding source for one-half of the costs of foster care and juvenile justice services in the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the settlement agreement between the Department of Human Services and Children's Rights would require Michigan's counties to pay, without their consent, up to \$42,000,000 per year statewide in calculable costs, with additional county costs evident that are not able to be calculated; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan's counties face staggering cuts to services across the board due to declining property tax base, state funding cuts to support mandated services, increasing responsibilities eliminated from the state government being forced to counties, and increasing state regulation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners urges the legislature and the Governor to hold counties harmless from the increased County Child Care Fund expenses associated with the agreement reached between the Department of Human Services and Children's Rights, for 2009 and all future years; and

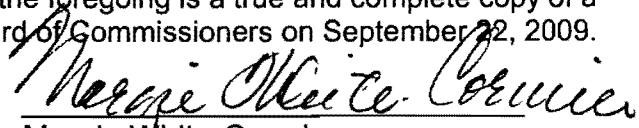
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be distributed to the Governor, Senator Barcia, Representative Brown and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Date Sept. 28, 2009

  
Jerry Peterson, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, Margie White-Cormier, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners on September 22, 2009.

Date Sept. 28, 2009

  
Margie White-Cormier  
Tuscola County Clerk



**'DRAFT'**

**COUNTY OF TUSCOLA**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the County Annex Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009 at 8 o'clock a.m. local time.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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It was moved by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/24/09

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Health Officer and Board of Health to approve the agreement for Tuscola County to share its Environmental Health Officer on a 50/50 basis between the two counties with 50% of the full position cost to be paid by Huron County. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/24/09

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the September 24, 2009 memorandum from Commissioner Peterson requesting permission for out-of-state travel to attend the two identified 2010 National Association of County Conferences that approval be authorized and the 2010 budget incorporate the costs for these conferences.

**Agenda Reference:** C

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/24/09

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the September 24, 2009 memorandum from Commissioner Roggenbuck requesting permission for out-of-state travel to attend the two identified 2010 National Association of County Conferences that approval be authorized and the 2010 budget incorporate the costs for these conferences.

**Agenda Reference:** D

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/24/09

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the County Register of Deeds, a letter be drafted and sent to ACS to discontinue the computer hardware-software computer contract for the Register of Deeds Office.

**Agenda Reference:** E

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/24/09

**Description of Matter:** Move that the resolution honoring Dagmar Brown for her tremendous feat of accomplishing the successful crossing of the annual 5-mile Mackinaw Bridge walk 50 times, be approved and presented at a future Board of Commissioners' meeting.

**Agenda Reference:** F

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/24/09

**Description of Matter:** Move that the preliminary version of the computerized version of applying to serve on Boards and Commissions be approved for use on the County Web Site.

**Agenda Reference:** G

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/6/09

**Description of Matter:** Move to approve that the one-year District Court Appointed Attorney contract be awarded to Biddinger & Bitzer for an amount of \$84,400 and the chairperson be authorized to sign.

**Agenda Reference:** H

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/6/09

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the October 2, 2009 memo from the Circuit Court Administrator to concur with the Circuit/Family Court 2009 line item transfer from Jury Fees to Court Appointed Council.

**Agenda Reference:** I

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/6/09

**Description of Matter:** Move to approve the 2009/2010 Service Agreement with the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board for Tuscola County and appropriate signatures are authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** J

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/6/09

**Description of Matter:** Move to concur with the Recycling Committee recommendation to layoff one-part time permanent employee by the end of the 2009 calendar fiscal year in order to maintain long-term fiscal stability for the Recycling Operation.

**Agenda Reference:** K

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/6/09

**Description of Matter:** Move to approve the Health Care Savings Plan Participation Agreement for employees in the AFSCME Deputies union group and the "Kick Start" fee (for 2009 only) is authorized for payment (account 101-104-965-070) and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** L

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/6/09

**Description of Matter:** Move to accept the letter of resignation from Janice Burgess from the Building Strong Families Program – MSU Extension Parent Educator position, with said resignation to be effective October 8, 2009.

**Agenda Reference:** M

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/6/09

**Description of Matter:** Move to authorize posting and advertising to fill the vacant part-time, grant-funded, Building Strong Families,/Adolescents Parenting Instructor position.

**Agenda Reference:** N

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/6/09

**Description of Matter:** Move that the budgeted roof replacement project at Vanderbilt Park be awarded to All 1 Construction (low bidder) for an amount of \$3,564.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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Jerry Peterson, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

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Margie White-Cormier  
Tuscola County Clerk

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MICHIGAN'S OLDEST COURTHOUSE

# Lapeer County Board of Commissioners

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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** each county government primarily acts as an "agent" of the state, with the majority of budgeted activity performed to extend various powers of state government throughout the state, providing state mandated services for the benefit of Michigan residents; and,

**WHEREAS,** state legislators pass into law various provisions as to how these state mandated services performed by the county are to be proportionately funded by the state; and,

**WHEREAS,** over time, many state elected officials have apparently lost an understanding of this interconnected relationship between the two levels of Michigan government, and of the laws in place that require certain levels of state funding to counties and prohibit unfunded mandates; and,

**WHEREAS,** recent examples which are crippling county governments' ability to provide necessary and mandated services, include the following:

- In 1978, the voters of Michigan approved the "Headlee Amendment", which protects counties from unfunded mandates from the state legislature; yet despite this constitutional limit placed upon the state government, the legislature has continued to add more mandates for counties, while cutting funding year after year to county governments;
- PA 140 "Glenn Steil state revenue sharing act of 1971", whereas for the past several years the state has not followed the statutory formula (MCL 141.911) that requires 21.3% of the 4% of sales tax be directed to local governments and 25% of that local government revenue sharing go to counties;
- PA 356 of 2004 "County Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund" (MCL 141.911) temporarily suspended the above law, taxed all Michigan residents earlier than previously scheduled for property taxes, and utilized these revenues as a temporary replacement to the statutory revenue sharing for counties, with a stipulation to return counties in full to their previous revenue sharing when this alternate source of revenue is depleted, yet state proposals now call for ignoring that statutory mandate as well;
- PA 245 of 2008, Part 1, Line Item Appropriations, Section 103, Planning and Community Support, County Jail Reimbursement Program (MCL 769.35) , whereas the county *once again* has been notified by the state that they will not make a fourth quarter reimbursement payment to the county for diverted felons, under a most disingenuously crafted provision of state law that states "*expenditures shall not exceed the amount appropriated*".


- PA 513 of 2004 "Payment in Lieu of Taxes on Certain State Lands" (PILT), whereas payments to counties for certain real property owned by the state and controlled by the DNR in lieu of paying local property taxes (MCL141.911) have not been made; and,

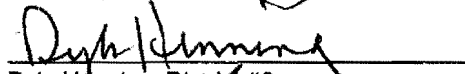
**WHEREAS,** state officials must follow their own state laws if they expect the citizens to do so, must pass appropriate legislation that properly funds mandates and not disingenuous laws that provide loopholes for the state government to shift their burden when desired, and must not balance their budget by withholding required payments to counties while expecting to receive revenues back from the counties in full; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is the right and duty of citizens to hold their government accountable to follow the law, and the LAPEER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, as duly elected citizens, insists that the state government adhere to ALL the laws passed by the state legislature and pay ALL payments in FULL to the counties.

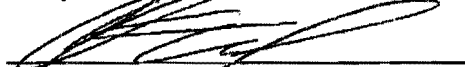
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that this Board of Commissioners of Lapeer County intends to explore every legal means of withholding, dollar for dollar, any payment due to the State of Michigan where the state has withheld payments to the County of Lapeer that are mandated, utilizing the same criteria as state legislation, in which the county will direct that "*expenditures shall not exceed the amount appropriated*", wherein to ensure a balanced budget as required by law, the amount appropriated for various payments to the state shall be decreased if state mandated payments to the county are decreased; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Board of Commissioners of Lapeer County does so begrudgingly, as we and all citizens expect better from our government that serves us; we hope that we will not have to resort to such a measure, but rather that the state will find a way to balance its revenues and expenditures the same way counties do - through appropriate cuts that do not include withholding payments that have been legally agreed to be made for services directed to be provided.


  
David Taylor, Chairman

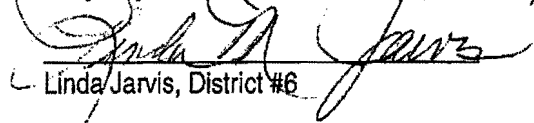
  
Dyle Henning, District #2

  
Lenny Schneider, District #4

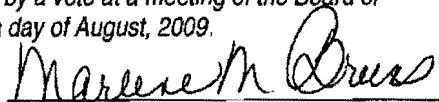
  
C. Ian Kempf, District #7

  
Cheryl Clark, Vice-Chairman

  
Gary Roy, District #3

  
Linda Jarvis, District #6

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted by a vote at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lapeer, State of Michigan, on this 27th day of August, 2009.

  
Marlene M. Bruns, County Clerk  
Clerk of the Board

September 3, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 8:00 A.M.

Present: Commissioners John Laurie, Gary Parsell, and Mike Zwerk, County Highway Engineer Michele Zawerucha, Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey, Director of Finance/Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey.  
Also present: County Commissioner Roy Petzold.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the minutes of the August 20, 2009 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that the minutes of the closed session of the Board dated August 20, 2009 be approved. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$98,216.02 and bills in the amount of \$337,176.12 covered by voucher #09-24 were presented and audited.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the payroll and bills be approved. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Brief Public Comment Segment:  
None.

Mr. Leon Leszczynski appeared before the Board to discuss Crawford Road in Novesta Township. Mr. Leszczynski asked the Board to consider installing additional road signs at the end of the certification of Crawford Road south of Elmwood Road. County Highway Engineer reported that the current road signs at the end of the certification of Crawford Road are in compliance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the current road signs at the end of the certification of Crawford Road south of Elmwood Road remain unchanged, unless Novesta Township requests and funds the installation of additional road signs. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the Labor Agreement between the Board of Tuscola County Road Commissioners and the Tuscola County Road Commission Hourly Employees Association (affiliated with Teamsters Local 214) which expires June 30, 2012 be approved. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk to rescind bid item #28 of the 2009 bituminous resurfacing bids originally awarded to Albrecht Sand & Gravel Company; as requested by the Fremont Township Board. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zawerucha asked the Board to consider changing the date for receiving annual bituminous resurfacing bids. Zawerucha reported that a previous Board motion requires bituminous resurfacing bids to be received no later than the second regular meeting of the Board in the month of January. Zawerucha requested that the annual bids for bituminous resurfacing be received in the spring, which would coincide with the township's fiscal year and budgeting process. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk to rescind the motion approved at the January 13, 2005 regular meeting of the Board which requires the Road Commission to receive annual bituminous resurfacing bids in January; and that the date for receiving future annual bituminous resurfacing bids be scheduled at the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board discussed the current status of Hurds Corner Road from Bevens Road to Deckerville Road. The Board made request to the Michigan Department of Transportation to convert this segment of road into the County Primary Road System at the March 19, 2009 regular meeting of the Board. Currently this segment of road is still classified as a Local Road, and will not be reviewed for conversion by MDOT until next spring. Despite its current Local Road classification, the Board upholds its decision to treat Hurds Corner Road from Bevens Road to Deckerville Road as a Primary Road for maintenance purposes.

Director of Finance Michael Tuckey reported to the Board of having a conversation with Mr. Tom Grabitz with Albrecht Sand & Gravel Company regarding this season's accounts payable for bituminous resurfacing.

Management and the Board reviewed the current vendors within the county for gasoline and diesel fuel purchases.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that bid item #32 for Indianfields Township of the 2009 bituminous resurfacing bids be awarded to the low bidder, Albrecht Sand & Gravel Company. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha reported to the Board the current status of this year's road construction projects. In regards to Chip Seal projects, Zaverucha recommends that the Road Commission withhold 10% from Chip Seal invoices until next spring for potential maintenance purposes. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the Road Commission withhold up to 10% retainer from invoices for Chip Seal projects until next spring for potential maintenance purposes. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 A.M. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary-Clerk of the Board



HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 16, 2009  
3 p.m.

#5

PRESENT: Della Hammond, Bob Sugden, Leo Dorr, Jerry Peterson, John Merriman, Bob Wood, Jamie Daws, Norton Schramm, George Loomis, Carl Holmes, Tom Kern, Elmer Bussema, Lisa Pridnia, Beth Hunter, Al Long, Steve Vaughn, Bill Butler

ABSENT: Judge Kim Glaspie (excused), Grace Temple (excused), Ron Wruble (excused), Linda Jarvis (excused), Chris Taylor (excused), Gary Roy (excused)

GUESTS: Stacey Dudewicz, Pete Howie

STAFF: Mary Ann Vandemark, Lori Offenbecher, Brian Neuville, Becky Hassler, Rick Kloor, Lori Ertman

Chairperson Hammond convened the meeting at 3 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum established. The Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of staff followed.

Motion by Bill Butler, seconded by Norton Schramm, to accept the August 19, 2009 Board of Director minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

TIME FOR PUBLIC - There were no comments from the public.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Board Pass-Around Folder was distributed and contained; 1) thank you from former staff person, Trinity Perlberg, 2) HDC presentation made to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, 3) letter from Congressman Kildee, to the Administration for Children and Families, supporting the agency's Early Head Start Expansion proposal, 4) notice of Michigan Public Service Commission Consumer Forums, 5) monitoring report from the Office of Services to the Aging for the FGP and RSVP programs, and 6) Tax Dollars At Work Report highlighting public spending in Michigan.

Chairperson Hammond advised that the Michigan Community Action Agency Quarterly Meeting was scheduled for October 26-28 in Sault Ste. Marie and invited members to attend.

She then advised that she, Chris Taylor and Lori Offenbecher had attended the National Community Action Partnership Annual Conference during the first week in September. She noted that the speakers and workshops were outstanding and very beneficial information was gained by their attendance.

While at the Conference, Chairman Hammond advised that she and Mr. Taylor had met with Denes Tobie, of the agency's auditing firm WIPFLI. Ms. Tobie had suggested that a training be held for the Board of Directors based on the upcoming Executive Director transition.

Motion by Leo Dorr, seconded by Jerry Peterson, to schedule a Board of Director's training with the agency's auditing firm on October 28, 2009, at a time and location to be determined. Motion carried.

Ms. Vandemark also advised that Pam Pullman, a national trainer, was available to provide Board and staff training on Wednesday, December 16. More details will be available in the

future, however, the day may include a Board of Directors meeting and training in the morning, a Christmas luncheon, and staff training in the afternoon.

Motion by John Merriman, seconded by Beth Hunter, to accept the Chairperson's report as presented. Motion carried.

#### FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Neuville presented the August, 2009 Finance Report which reflected monthly expenses in the amount of \$902,424 and an annual budget of \$17.9 million.

Motion by Beth Hunter, seconded by Jamie Daws, to accept the Finance Report as presented. Motion carried.

#### PLANNING/EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Peterson informed members that the agency would receive; 1) additional funds from the Michigan Department of Human Services for the LIHEAP Crisis Assistance Deliverable Fuel program, 2) funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Community Services to continue administering the Training and Technical Assistance Program, Earned Income Tax Credit and Other Asset Formation program, 3) funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service to continue administering the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, and 4) funds from the Region VII Area Agency on Aging to continue the provision of senior services in the counties of Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola.

Ms. Offenbecher highlighted the written monitoring report for the Foster Grandparent and Retired Senior & Volunteer Programs, which was conducted by the Office of Services to the Aging and the Corporation for National and Community Service on June 29-30. Overall, the programs were found to be in compliance with program regulations and policies.

Motion by Norton Schramm, seconded by Beth Hunter, to accept the Planning/Evaluation Committee report as presented. Motion carried.

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Merriman advised that the Committee had met on September 14 to begin the process for the hiring of a new Executive Director.

Motion by Bill Butler, seconded by Jerry Peterson, to accept the Personnel Committee report as presented. Motion carried.

#### SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Kern highlighted the August 26 minutes of the Council meeting in which the waiting lists for Respite Care and other programs were discussed.

Motion by Jamie Daws, seconded by Beth Hunter, to accept the Senior Services Advisory Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### EARLY HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL

Ms. Offenbecher highlighted the minutes of the September 8 meeting by noting that enrollment was at 65 with a waiting list of 75.

Motion by Tom Kern, seconded by Leo Dorr, to accept the Early Head Start Policy Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Sugden highlighted the minutes of the September 9 meeting by noting that the agency had assisted 483 households with emergency utility service during the 2008/09 Fiscal Year. He also informed the Board of recommended changes to the RSVP Policy Handbook.

Motion by Bob Sugden, seconded by Jerry Peterson to accept the changes to the RSVP Policy Handbook, relating to Transportation, as recommended by the Community Services Advisory Council. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Sugden, seconded by Beth Hunter, to accept the changes to the RSVP Policy Handbook, relating to Background Checks, as recommended by the Community Services Advisory Council. Motion carried.

Motion by John Merriman, seconded by Jerry Peterson, to accept the Community Services Advisory Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

In follow-up to the August report and minutes of the Council, Ms. Hunter displayed t-shirts which were designed by two elementary students for the Domestic Violence Program. She encouraged members to purchase the t-shirts as a portion of the funds would be used to benefit the Domestic Violence Program.

Motion by Tom Kern, seconded by Lisa Pridnia, to accept the Council's recommendation to remove Laura Osborn as a member of the Domestic Violence Services Advisory Council due to three unexcused absences. Motion carried.

Motion by George Loomis, seconded by Steve Vaughan, to accept the Domestic Violence Services Advisory Council report as presented. Motion carried.

### CARO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Ms. Vandemark advised that the Authority had met on August 26 at which time the resignation of Richard Bertrand was accepted with deep regret, and the annual election of officers was held with Lois Sutton being re-elected as Chairperson.

Members reviewed and accepted a contract for one new bus which would serve as an expansion bus within the fleet, and were informed that a training conference was held in September which was attended by six Thumbody Express Driver/Dispatchers.

Motion by Leo Dorr, seconded by Bill Butler, to receive the Caro Transit Report as presented. Motion carried.

## AGENCY REPORTS

### Executive Director

Ms. Vandemark provided members with information distributed by the Michigan League for Human Services which provided information on the state's budget shortfalls and the need for a long-term solution. The League also shared their opposition to the proposed cut in the Earned Income Tax Credit which will take \$83 million in tax credits from the working poor.

Ms. Vandemark advised that the agency's Weatherization ARRA Program had been implemented. A majority of the staff had been hired and a Bidder's Conference was held that morning.

Mr. Kloor, Human Resources Director, provided the Board with information on the process utilized to hire the Weatherization Crew Leaders and Workers. As 200 applications were received for the positions, the applications were separated by county and a point-system criteria was established. The top scorers, in each county, were then interviewed by a two-three person staff team, with the Executive Director conducting several second interviews. Criminal background, driving record, and reference checks were completed, as well as a computerized PI (Personality Index) which reflected an individual's inherent drives. Following hiring, an orientation was held which provided detailed information on the agency and the new employees' job responsibilities.

Ms. Vandemark stated that she and Mr. Neuville had provided an agency presentation to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners and plans were to address Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer Counties in the future. Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Tuscola Board of Commissioners, advised that the presentation was very informative and well-received.

In relation to the agency's continuing partnership with Huron County for the development of a Senior Center, Ms. Vandemark stated that Brian Neuville and Michelle Cubitt were the agency's representatives to the Senior Center Ad Hoc Committee, with Al Long and Lori Offenbecher serving as alternates.

She highlighted the agency's internal newsletter, as well as the Thumb Area Senior News, which were provided to members.

Motion by Bob Sugden, seconded by Beth Hunter, to accept the Executive Director's Report as presented. Motion carried.

### Deputy Director

Ms. Offenbecher advised that the Regional Head Start office had contacted the agency to ask several questions regarding the agency's Early Head Start Expansion proposal; notification as to whether the application will be funded may be learned anytime between September and December.

She also noted that the eligibility guidelines for the Foster Grandparent Program would change as of October 1, in that the income guidelines will be increased from 125% to 200% of poverty and the age for eligibility would be lowered from 60 to 55 years of age.

Members were also informed that the Before/After School Program (Generations) had enrolled 14 children, to date, and many more registrations were expected.

Ms. Offenbecher advised that Vassar Magic Years Preschool was enrolling children, however, funding for this program may be eliminated due to state budget cuts.

Motion by Bob Wood, seconded by Jamie Daws, to accept the Deputy Director's Report as presented. Motion carried.

OTHER

Mr. Vaughan advised that Huron County was in the process of accepting bids for the renovation of the former Davenport University facility in Bad Axe in order that it could serve as a Senior Center. As a plan must be developed for a kitchen in the very near future, the County wanted assurance of HDC's intent to partner with them in this endeavor.

For the benefit of Board members, background regarding this issue was conveyed. Following much discussion, a decision was made that HDC would continue to utilize the kitchen facilities at the Bad Axe Knights of Columbus and Huron County was urged to proceed with the development of a Dining Center in their facility in order that it would be available for the senior population to occupy the remaining parts of the building as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori Ertman".

Lori Ertman  
Executive Director's Assistant

September 17, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 8:00 A.M.

Present: Commissioners John Laurie, Gary Parsell, and Mike Zwerk, County Highway Engineer Michele Zaverucha, Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey, Director of Finance/Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey.  
Also present: County Commissioner Roy Petzold.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the minutes of the September 3, 2009 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$102,345.78 and bills in the amount of \$653,807.62 covered by vouchers #09-25, #09-26, and #09-27 were presented and audited.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that the payroll and bills be approved. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Brief Public Comment Segment:

None.

Tuscola County Road Commission employee John Kostanko appeared before the Board to discuss his upcoming retirement and his monthly contribution toward health insurance. Mr. Kostanko is scheduled to retire from the Road Commission on September 26, 2009 and asked the Board for a variance of his monthly contribution toward health insurance. After the union contract was approved at the last regular meeting of the Board, the employee's monthly contribution rate toward health insurance increased effective September 2009. Mr. Kostanko asked the Board if he could pay the old monthly contribution rate towards health insurance since he submitted his retirement before the ratification of the union contract. The Board will discuss the issue with Labor Attorney Mike Ward and report back at the next regular meeting of the Board.

At 8:15 A.M. the following bids were opened for Sign Posts:

<u>Bidder</u>	14' Green U-Channel <u>Posts</u>	14' Galvanized U-Channel <u>Posts</u>	10' Green U-Channel <u>Posts</u>
Rathco Safety Supply, Inc.	\$ 23.80 / ea.	\$ 28.20 / ea.	\$ 17.20 / ea.
MD Solutions	26.59 / ea.	32.15 / ea.	20.16 / ea.
Traffic & Parking Control	24.70 / ea.	29.50 / ea.	18.15 / ea.
Vulcan Signs	28.11 / ea.	32.35 / ea.	23.33 / ea.
Newman Signs, Inc.	20.36 / ea.	25.74 / ea.	14.58 / ea.
Allied Municipal Supply	24.35 / ea.	29.46 / ea.	17.62 / ea.
Bestway, Inc.	35.32 / ea.	36.71 / ea.	26.33 / ea.
Dornbos Sign	20.98 / ea.	25.65 / ea.	14.98 / ea.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the bids for Sign Posts be accepted, reviewed by Management, and tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 8:30 A.M. the following bids were opened for Grader Blades (750 of 3/4" x 8" x 6' single bevel curved, through hardened) or alternate bids for Grader Blades (750 of 5/8" x 8" x 6' single bevel curved, surface hardened):

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Alternate Bid Unit Price</u>
St. Regis Culvert, Inc.	\$ 77.16 / ea.	no bid
Tupes of Saginaw	\$ 77.82 / ea. *	no bid
Truck & Trailer Specialties	\$ 79.20 / ea. *	\$ 109.14 / ea. *
Shults Equipment, Inc.	\$ 79.97 / ea. *	\$ 102.03 / ea. *
Winter Equipment Co.	\$ 92.88 / ea. *	no bid
Michigan Cat	\$ 74.03 / ea.	no bid

\* = Other Alternate Bid

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that the bids for Grader Blades be accepted, reviewed by Management, and tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk authorizing Chairman John Laurie and Vice-Chairman Gary Parsell to sign State Trunkline Contract Number 2009-0566 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, which approves the terms of the state maintenance contract through September 30, 2012. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha presented to the Board a request from Albrecht Sand & Gravel Company for a two (2) week extension of the October 3, 2009 completion date for this season's asphalt bids. After discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell to grant Albrecht Sand & Gravel Company a four (4) day extension of the completion date for the 2009 Hot Mix Asphalt Bids with no penalty for late shoulder gravel application, with the understanding that all of this season's paving be completed by October 9, 2009. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk to approve the variance request from Sylvester Farms to install a 36" plastic driveway culvert along Quanicassee Road north of M-138 in the McPherson Branch of the VCCM&S Drain; with the understanding that Sylvester Farms will be responsible for any road damage caused by a culvert failure. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the Road Commission amend its policy allowing up to 36" Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe M-294 as specified in the AASHTO standard for driveway applications; and that any road damage caused by a culvert failure will be the assumed responsibility of the property owner. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 A.M. Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary-Clerk of the Board

**Tuscola County Department of Human Services  
Tuscola County Medical Care Facility  
Board Meeting**

**Date of Meeting: Sept. 29, 2009      Location of Meeting: Admin Conf Room**

**Time Meeting Begins: Approx 10:00am   Time Meeting Ends: Approx 12:00pm**

**Participants:** Robert Hirn, Chairperson; Kelly Clements, Vice-Chairperson; Doug Hall, Member; Margot Roedel, Administrator; Maggie Root, Controller, Len Richards, Director; Amanda Roggenbuck, Board of Commissioners Liaison

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Correspondence
4. Commissioner Report
5. Reports
  - a. Financials/ Controller’s Report
  - b. Safety Committee
  - c. Corporate Compliance
  - d. Grievances—None
  - e. DON report
  - f. Census/Occupancy
6. Consent Agenda--Any report on this agenda may be opened for discussion by a Board Member by requesting to add it to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.
  - a. Incident/Accident (Resident and Employee)
  - b. Workman’s Comp Cases
  - c. Infection Control
7. Old Business
  - a. State Survey Update
  - b. Fire Follow Up/Fire Marshall
8. New Business
  - a. Employee Picnic
  - b. Changing Climate for SNF’s—Why Now??
9. Announcements
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment



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 Arshad Aqil, M.D. – Medical Director  
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## Department of Human Services Board

Robert Hirn - Chairman  
 Kelly Clements – Co-Chair  
 Doug Hall - Member

To: DHS Board of Directors, TCMCF  
 From: Maggie Root  
 RE: **Controller's Report**  
 Date: August 20, 2009

- Census was 97.54% for August. We are back on track! ☺
- We ended our month, again, with a cash balance of \$2.4M. With operating expenditures year to date averaging \$1.2M per month, our cash balance is still sufficient for approximately 2 months of operation. Accounts Receivable over 60 days remains at 17%, well under our goal of 20%.
- DPNA Status: The amounts we would have collected had we been able to bill Medicare and Medicaid for new admits is being tracked as Charity Care in the AR until we have a final total. As of the 8/31/09 month end, the total loss is just over \$241,100.00. We expect the DPNA to be removed as of our compliance date stated in our Plan of Correction, which was 9/4/09. The grand total loss will grow a little bit more, once we include the first few days of our September billing cycle.
- I am getting ready to begin the 2010 budget process. Department heads' budget requests are due by the end of September, and we are still awaiting word on cuts in the Medicaid program. We will definitely be looking at some significant staffing changes in the nursing departments as we address changing expectations in the SNF industry (Margot and I will discuss those changing expectations in greater detail later on the agenda).
- We have asked Plante and Moran to assist us in performing a focused audit of our Assessment and Billing processes, to prepare for the new RAC audits under the Medicare program. RAC = Recovery Audit Contractors, which are companies contracted under the Medicare program to review paid claims for appropriate diagnosis coding, chart documentation, medical need for services, skilled level of care, and appropriate RUGS levels. The RAC's are paid based on a percentage of claims that they "recover" so their objective is quite clear – to recover as much Medicare funding as possible. Because of this, we realize that the audits will usually result in favor of the Medicare program; our goal as a provider will be to minimize risk, and minimize audit recovery payments due the fiscal intermediary. The best way to get ready for this new era in Medicare is to assess our processes, and improve where we can. This focused audit by Plante & Moran is one step toward identifying any weak areas we need to address.

**TUSCOLA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 25, 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, August 25, 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 James Turner, Social Services Program Manager of the Huron/Tuscola County Department of Human Services. Len Richards, Executive Secretary to the Board and Director of the Huron/Tuscola County Department of Human Services was excused. Amanda Roggenbuck, Tuscola County Board of Commissioners' Liaison was absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Hirn and supported by Mr. Hall to approve the Board Minutes from the July 28, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

There were no guests.

There was no public discussion.

Mr. Turner reviewed the July 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 Mr. Hall and supported by Mr. Hirn to accept the reports, as presented, and place them on file. Motion carried.

Mr. Turner reviewed the County Child Care Fund Report and the Contract Report and placed them on file. Mr. Turner discussed the SFSC Funds redistribution.

Mr. Turner reviewed and discussed the following County Board Contracts/Amendments:

- CSFOC 10-79001
- CSPA 10-79002

Based on the given information and the recommendation of Mr. Turner, a motion was made by Mr. Hall and supported by Mrs. Clements to approve CSFOC 10-79001 and CSPA 10-79002 and authorize the Chair to sign the Review Forms. Motion carried.

Mr. Turner discussed the following information and latest updates:

- Consent Decree Update (Children's Rights Lawsuit)
  - L-09-109 CW Relative Licensing Waivers
  - Administrative Rate Issue

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- **Bridges –**
  - **Telephone Call Usage Report**

**There was no correspondence:**

**MCSSA/MCSSW:**

- **There were no issues for the MCSSA Advisory Board.**
- **The Board discussed the upcoming MCSSA/MCSSW Annual Training Conference to be held September 23-25, 2009. A motion was made by Mr. Hirn and supported by Mrs. Clements, to appoint Mr. Hall as Delegate for the 2009 MCSSA/MCSSW Annual Training Conference and Mr. Richards as the alternate. The motion carried.**
- **The Board received the following: Private Agency and DHS Settlement Issues**

**Mr. Turner discussed the budget issues:**

- **MLS Legislative Bulletin July 2009**

**Mr. Turner discussed the upcoming office redesign.**

**Having no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 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 11:25 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, and Maggie Root, MCF Controller. Mr. Len Richards, Executive Secretary to the Board and Director of the Huron/ Tuscola County Department of Human Services was excused. Amanda Roggenbuck, Tuscola County Board of Commissioners' Liaison was absent.**

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

**There was no correspondence.**

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**There was no Board of Commissioners' Report.**

**Mrs. Roedel and Mrs. Root presented the financial reports for July 2009 and the MCF Monthly Operating Statements for July 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 July 2009 Expenditure Report and Operating Statements, as presented, and place them on file. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Root discussed the August Controller's Report.**

**Mrs. Roedel discussed the Safety Committee Minutes from August 19, 2009.**

**Mrs. Roedel reviewed the Corporate Compliance Meeting minutes from August 18, 2009**

**Mrs. Roedel reported no new grievances.**

**Mrs. Roedel discussed the Director of Nursing report for August 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 Controller's Report, 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 again the annual State Survey Report and the Plan of Correction.**

**The Employee Picnic will be held September 19, 2009.**

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**Mrs. Roedel and Mrs. Root discussed the Electronic Medication Administration Records (eMar) and Electronic Treatment Administration Records (eTar), with nursing going electronic.**

**Mrs. Roedel updated the Board on the recent malfunction of a light fixture in the Chapel. The broken light bulb fell on an object below and started a small fire. Three staff members, working together as a team, followed procedure and precise training techniques and prevented a serious incident. The three employees were commended by Mrs. Roedel, by the State Licensing Officer and also by the fire chief, David Mattlin in a letter to Mrs. Roedel. A newspaper article and the letter from Chief David Mattlin will be a part of these minutes.**

**The Board discussed the beginning time of the Board Meetings.**

**After allowing time for public discussion and finding no further business before the Board, Mr. Hirn declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tuscola County Department of Human Services**

**APPROVED:**

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**Len Richards, Executive Secretary**

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**Robert Hirn, Chair**

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**Kelly Clements, Vice Chair**

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**Douglas Hall, Member**

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## **MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS PROPOSED CUTS FOR FY 2010**

### **What cuts have legislators proposed to the state's human services?**

Legislators are considering a proposal to cut spending by \$1.4 billion to address the budget shortfall for Fiscal Year 2010 that starts Oct. 1. This represents more than a 17 percent (\$169 million) cut to the Michigan Department of Human Services budget.

These cuts are too large, too deep, too damaging, and undermine the safety net needed to protect so many vulnerable children, adults and families. These vulnerable people are not just poor people, but middle class people as well who have been laid off their jobs.

### **What programs could be impacted by these cuts?**

#### **The proposed cuts would:**

1. Eliminate the child day care program, which will compromise the safety and well-being of children. We must not go back to the days before there was subsidized day care for low-income people, where children were left at home alone or with younger siblings. We need to ensure child safety and ensure low-income and poor people have access to child day care services so they can stay in the work force.
2. Eliminate the Early Childhood Investment Corp. and its programs that foster school readiness and life success for young children. This would devastate the system of early childhood education.
3. Reduce the Family Independence Program (FIP) grants by \$10 per person, per month. This will decrease a family's chance for self-sufficiency and may even increase their time on the welfare assistance rolls. This is in addition to the already proposed 50 percent reduction to the clothing allowance. Families receiving cash assistance are already struggling to make ends meet. A huge cut like this could put more families on the street and facing a decision among food, rent or utilities.

4. Cut funding for prevention programs that create strong families and safe children. This potentially eliminates successful in-home programs that prevent abuse and neglect, and could extend the time children are in foster care and not united with a family.
5. Reduce the number of DHS field staff available to help people obtain food assistance, Medicaid and children's services. In Michigan, we already have more than 1.57 million people on food assistance and more than 1.7 million people on Medicaid. DHS staff is stressed to the maximum and is struggling to keep up with the demand for services now.

#### **Why are the proposed cuts creating such a stir?**

By the end of the year, 100,000 Michigan residents will exhaust their unemployment benefits. Our unemployment rate is at 15 percent and is the highest in the nation.

Our offices are full of families, including children and the elderly, needing assistance. Our workers' caseloads are steadily increasing and processing time is steadily increasing as well. We do not need fewer workers, we need more workers in order to ensure the safety net and protect vulnerable children, adults and families.

#### **What can we do to stop the proposed cuts?**

Contact your state legislators and share your concerns with them. Contact your local United Way, community action agency and social service organizations and share your concerns about these proposed cuts and ask what you can do to assist them in preventing these cuts from happening.

A8 -- Wednesday, September 16, 2009, Tuscola County Advertiser

# \$10 per day is 'outrageous' and 'illegal'

BY MARY DRIER  
Staff Writer

**TUSCOLA COUNTY** — Tuscola County Probate - Family Court Judge W. Wallace Kent, Jr. says the state is allowing "an illegal activity" to occur.

It is the judge's stance the recent directive to pay a \$10 per day increase for administrative services for foster-care services is "unauthorized."

"DHS (Department of Human Services) does not have the authority to create such a fee," said Kent. "DHS made that change without legislative authority. It was just dumped on us. This means more money out of taxpayers' pockets."

The additional fee came about when the Michigan DHS was sued by Children's Rights regarding the care of children in foster care, and an "out-of-court settlement was reached without consent or consultation from Michigan's counties."

It's estimated the settlement agreement between Michigan DHS and Children's Rights would require counties to pay, without their consent, up to \$42 million per year statewide.

"Altogether, this is about a 37 percent increase -- driving costs up to six figures. And, what's worse is none of that increase goes toward the care of that child," said Kent. "About \$15-\$17 a day is paid for a child's care.

"This is outrageous!"

Currently, there are eight to 10 court-

placed delinquents from the county, which could mean an additional \$50,000 in costs because of the increased fee.

It was noted this is another example of the "state passing the buck" to others because it doesn't have the "bucks to pay for it themselves."

After Kent talked to commissioners, he wrote to Tuscola County Department of Human Services Director Len Richards, saying the county isn't going to pay the additional fee.

"This is my letter of direction that said fees are not to be taken from the Tuscola County Child Care Fund until further order of the court," states the judge's letter. "This may be moot for the time being, since I understand that the legislature is acting to save the counties harmless for this upcoming fiscal year."

But, if that doesn't happen, Kent wants his order of non-payment to stand.

Tuscola County Commissioners and other county commissioners are passing resolutions to remove the obligation to pay the additional fee MDHS wants to levy.

"Historically, counties licensed their own foster caregivers. The state took the licensing, and then turned around later and outsourced licensing to private groups," Kent explained. "When the state started outsourcing it, then came expenses for the extra paperwork."

Mary Drier is a staff writer for the Tuscola County Advertiser. She can be reached at [drier@tcadvertiser.com](mailto:drier@tcadvertiser.com).



(08/31/2009) Karen L. N. Sonquist - Re: Administrative rate update

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**From:** Karen L. N. Sonquist  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Re: Administrative rate update

>>> "mel" <mel@mcssa.com> 08/31/2009 10:24 AM >>>

Below are two articles from the latest MAC Legislative Update. Thought you would find both interesting. FYI

#### COUNTIES WIN THE BATTLE, BUT MUST STILL FIGHT THE WAR

An agreement was reached late last week between State Budget Director Bob Emerson and MAC on the issue of paying an extra \$10 per day in the current year (fiscal year 2009, ending Sept. 30, 2009), retroactive to June 30, to private foster care administrative agencies. The Budget Director and MAC agreed to a deal where the contracts for the private agencies would be re-opened by the Department of Human Services (DHS), and rewritten to reflect the current budget-dictated \$27 per day. DHS will then pay an extra \$10 on top of that for costs associated with the lawsuit settlement with Childrens' Rights. Counties would continue to be billed for half of the \$27, but will not be responsible for any part of the \$10 "bonus" over and above the \$27 daily rate. Further, any county that has paid the \$10 thus far will be made whole by the department. MAC was told that the contracts would be re-opened as early as yesterday, and would take "a few days" to rewrite. MAC asked for and has been promised a letter detailing the deal, which we expect early next week and will forward to our membership. MAC wishes to thank Budget Director Bob Emerson for his leadership on this issue and his willingness to work in good faith on a solution that works for all parties involved.

Here's the hitch, this deal has nothing to do with negotiations on fiscal year 2010, which begins in less than five weeks on October 1, 2009.

Please continue to stay on your legislators about this issue, especially if they serve on Appropriations. The private agency rate increase is a major cost concern for counties, but the lawsuit settlement holds other costs for counties as well. Tell your legislators to hold counties harmless from the costs associated with the lawsuit settlement with Childrens' Rights, and any increase for private agencies as they negotiate the budget during September.

#### KENT COUNTY ANNOUNCES EXPLORATION OF LEGAL OPTIONS ON LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Kent County Board of Commissioners announced yesterday that it will explore through outside legal counsel the county's options, including a possible class-action suit, regarding the Department of Human Services lawsuit settlement with Childrens' Rights. The settlement has the potential to cost counties a great deal of money on foster care and counties were not approached by the department when the settlement was being discussed. A statement by the county indicated its willingness to continue to work with the department to hold counties harmless from the settlement costs prior to acting on any recommendations made by counsel. For more information, please contact Wayman Britt, Assistant County Administrator for Kent County, at 616-632-7577.

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**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

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 12,790.12</b>	<b>\$ 11,693.86</b>	<b>\$ 12,789.54</b>	<b>\$ 12,194.35</b>	<b>\$ 11,737.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,553.25</b>
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	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	\$ 5,418.41	\$ 5,020.95	\$ 5,800.24	\$ 4,440.17		
SFSC-Counseling	\$ 751.20	\$ 847.63	\$ 538.10	\$ 558.34		
SFSC-Building Strong Families-MSU	\$ 2,831.83	\$ 2,805.38	\$ 2,720.15	\$ 3,557.81		
SFSC- 0-5 Program-Health Dept	\$ 285.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00	\$ -		
SFSC-Coordination-Walker Group	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 385.00		
SFSC-Kinship Care-Ann Bean	\$ 567.87	\$ 864.15	\$ 271.59			
SFSC-Parent Aide-MSU Ext.	\$ 663.64	\$ 599.28	\$ 970.20	\$ 711.26		

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 15,243.91</b>	<b>\$ 12,101.09</b>	<b>\$ 12,293.07</b>	<b>\$ 10,175.46</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
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	BUDGETED AMOUNTS	YTD SPENT	CURRENT BALANCE	BILLED THROUGH	% EXP YTD	% YEAR ELAPSED
FTBS-List Psychological	\$ 11,554.88	\$ 11,554.88	\$ (0.00)	1/31/09	100%	91%
YIT Contractor-Linette Baur	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 7,925.44	\$ 374.56	7/31/09	95%	91%
CSPP-Counseling	\$ 59,977.18	\$ 47,202.25	\$ 12,774.93	7/31/09	79%	91%
SFSC-Counseling	\$ 11,502.44	\$ 7,198.97	\$ 4,303.47	7/31/09	63%	91%
SFSC-Building Strong Families-MSU	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 29,453.69	\$ 5,546.31	7/31/09	84%	91%
SFSC- 0-5 Program-Health Dept	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,045.00	\$ 1,055.00	7/31/09	50%	91%
SFSC-Coordination-Walker Group	\$ 12,915.00	\$ 12,915.00	\$ -	7/31/09	100%	91%
SFSC-Kinship Care-Ann Bean	\$ 6,172.50	\$ 4,530.62	\$ 1,641.88	6/30/09	73%	91%
SFSC-Parent Aide-MSU Ext.	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,745.80	\$ 4,254.20	7/31/09	47%	91%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 155,522.00</b>	<b>\$ 121,825.85</b>	<b>\$ 29,950.35</b>		<b>78%</b>	<b>91%</b>

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

V.A.

**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	\$ 16,571.13	\$ 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	\$ 22,681.29	\$ 12,177.69	\$ 10,503.60	\$ 5,251.80	\$ 5,251.80		
Sep-09							
Oct-09							
Nov-09							
Dec-09							
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 175,811.70</b>	<b>\$ 60,175.77</b>	<b>\$ 115,635.93</b>	<b>\$ 86,361.04</b>	<b>\$ 57,817.98</b>	<b>\$ 28,543.08</b>	

County Budgeted		\$ 216,305.46
YTD Net Expenditures	\$ 115,635.93	
Less State Reimbursements	\$ 28,543.08	
Less A/R Due from State	\$ 29,274.90	
Total Due From State		\$ 57,817.95
Total Funds Available		\$ 158,487.51

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Letter from the President continued...

to the ground to sense when a bill is going to a vote. According to the last email from Tom Hickson, the house bills may be going to the floor today. I am concerned that we will not be spared this time. The question is how much will we be cut? We will know by the time you receive this letter what the legislature has decided (I hope).

For some good news, I look forward to traveling to the UP for the Fall Conference of the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners. The conference is being held in Brimley at the Bay Mills Casino Resort. I look forward to meeting our friends from the UP and being able to just share and get some time together to hear their concerns and issues. I look forward to sharing how my trip went in next month's issue.

*Larry Emig*

Larry Emig, President,  
MAC Board of Directors

## MAC News

### MAC SUPER COMMITTEE MEETING A SUCCESS



The MAC Super Committee meeting held in Lansing on September 2nd was open to all MAC members and proved to be both successful and timely. Members heard the latest on topics such as wind energy, MSU Extension, the federal Great Lakes Restoration Project, and from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Recovery Coordinator. In addition, MAC's legislative staff provided an update and talking points on issues such as revenue



sharing and the Human Services foster care lawsuit settlement, as the state approaches the deadline for a new budget on October 1. Members were encouraged to venture up to the State House and Senate for visits with their legislators armed with the information they were given. It was fortunate to have so many commissioners in town, as the House Appropriations Committee was holding a hearing on cuts to county revenue sharing.



## More MAC News

### MAC ANNOUNCES THE NEW MAC AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM SUBCOMMITTEE

MAC's five standing committees deal with a variety of issues pertaining to Michigan's counties. However, it has come to the attention of staff and our membership that the association needs to place more focus on two of the most viable industries in the state that directly affect many of our members.

The goal of this subcommittee is to provide a focus on salient issues in agriculture and tourism and provide an educational opportunity for commissioners by bringing you first-hand interaction and discussion with pertinent interest groups and state departments. Further, the subcommittee could make recommendations to our standing committees and the MAC Board of Directors from time to time. Commissioner Amanda Roggenbuck (Tuscola County) will serve as Chairperson of the subcommittee, she was appointed by MAC President Larry Emig.

We invite you to join the MAC Agriculture and Tourism Committee and become involved in developing policies and positions on important legislative issues. Please contact the MAC offices at 517-372-5374, if you are interested in joining this committee and would like to obtain an application. Membership in the new Subcommittee will be limited to the first thirty-five (35) applicants. **Applications must be received by Monday, October 19th, 2009.**

**The first meeting date will be Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009** at 8a.m. at the MAC Headquarters. Director Koivisto of the Department of Agriculture is scheduled to address the subcommittee.

We look forward to better serving our members with the creation of this subcommittee.

## NACo News

### PROPUBICA: WATCHING THE WATCHERS OF STIMULUS SPENDING ... AND YOU

By Mike Belarmino  
Special Projects Coordinator

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act places a high priority on transparency. It has, in fact, invited close scrutiny. As such, several federal, state and local government Web sites are tracking stimulus spending.

County officials, however, should be aware of other sources of reporting on Recovery Act spending. One in particular, ProPublica.org, has turned an investigative journalist's eye on stimulus spending and record keeping. ProPublica is an independent, nonprofit newsroom that produces investigative journalism in the public interest.

"We're tracking the stimulus from bill to building, and we're organizing citizens nationwide to watchdog local stimulus projects," ProPublica's Web site ([www.propublica.org](http://www.propublica.org)) proclaims.

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## Tuscola Enterprise Facilitation Project Update October, 2009

There has been a much activity in moving the program forward to help Tuscola County residents realize their passions of owning and growing their own business. The national and Michigan economies have not suppressed entrepreneur's interest in learning the best way to bring their ideas to life.

- Since he began last September, our facilitator Cy Thomas has been personally introduced to more than 400 people across our county.
- Cy has counseled with more than 35 individuals and groups about starting or growing their business.
- Most of the clients were only at the beginning stages of looking at how to start a business.
- Cy has brought several issues from our clients to our resource board, where he was given many helpful resource ideas for clients to pursue.
- We have officially achieved 501c3 status with the IRS which makes us an official "not for profit" entity that can receive tax deductible donations.
- With achieving 501c3 status Tuscola Enterprise has also transitioned out from Tuscola County fiduciary responsibility to a stand alone organization.
- We have completed our contract payments with the Siroli Institute but will continue to receive consulting support from them.
- We are just completing our evaluation process and have received some exciting comments from clients. These include:
  - You "need to know I think it is grand to have a group of knowledge such as yours, willing to help small business."
  - "Cy offered exactly what I needed to know."
  - "Cy's ideas were great."
  - "He asked lots of questions and THEN LISTENED."
- Many clients are struggling with financing their ideas, but they are using this time to put together their Trinity of Management (product/service, financial mgmt, and marketing) before launching their ideas. We hope this will make them much stronger when (and if) they do start their business.
- Some clients have realized that they actually DO NOT have the passion to start and run a business. But this self realization could have saved them from losing their life savings and defaulting on business loans.
- Moving forward we will be letting more existing (many struggling) businesses know that Cy is available to help them.
- We are also planning to work even closer with the Tuscola County EDC too coordinate services and grow their revolving loan fund.
- Tuscola Enterprise is streamlining expenses and will emphasize the need for local contributions to support our valuable service. **WE NEED THE COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT TO HELP Tuscola County's residents make business grow!**



# MDOT PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009

CONTACT: Anita Richardson, MDOT Office of Communications, 989-754-0878, ext. 227

## **MDOT wins ASCE award for Thumb Area trail**

**October 2, 2009** -- The Southern Links Trailway, located in the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Bay Region, won the 2009 Michigan American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Quality of Life Award. The trail, a 10.2-mile non-motorized path and equestrian trailway, entwines along an abandoned rail corridor, connecting the villages of Columbiaville, Otter Lake and Millington.

MDOT's Cass City Transportation Service Center (TSC) and Rowe Professional Services Company, Flint, recently received the award at the Michigan ASCE annual conference in Lansing.

"Rowe prepared the plans and engineering specifications required to construct the trail, including accessibility features," said Doug Wilson, MDOT Cass City TSC manager. "The trail would not have been possible without a Department of Natural Resources grant, which was secured by area residents."

The \$2.3 million trailway is paved with asphalt to accommodate hiking, biking and equestrian use. The trailway also offers scenic views of open fields, wetlands, wooded forests and farm lands.

Wooten Contracting, Hemlock, is the contractor for Phase I of the project, completed in 2008, which extends the path from Columbiaville north to Otter Lake. LJ Construction, Inc., Clifford, is currently completing Phase II, which includes work to convert the former Penn Central Railroad into a non-motorized path, and extending a 5.4-mile section of the path from the village of Otter Lake north to the village of Millington.

"The railway promotes economic growth in the region and provides area residents and visitors with improved recreational facilities." said Wilson.

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**MDOT: Working to improve our state roads and bridges.**

**DRAFT**  
**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**Committee of the Whole Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 24, 2009 – 8:00 A.M.**  
**Annex Board Room (207 E. Grant Caro, Mi.)**

Commissioners present: Roggenbuck, Bardwell, Petzold, Peterson. Also present: Mike Hoagland, Margie White-Cormier, Mike Miller, Clayette Zechmeister, Mary Drier, Donna Fraczek, Gretchen Tenbusch, Steven Lark

**Finance**

**MAC Update Regarding State Revenue Sharing** – so far so good; will continue to monitor  
**Use of Corrections Officers Training Fund for Inmate Mental Health Costs**  
**2010 Budget Development Update** – awaiting completed forms from department heads  
**Environmental Health Officer Agreement between Tuscola and Huron Counties** – EH director in Huron County is retiring. The agreement has been approved by both counties' corporate counsel. Same language utilized with other shared positions (see consent agenda resolution).

**Out of State Travel Request** – Jerry Peterson to travel to NACo's annual legislative conference in Washington DC March 5-10, 2010 and the annual conference in July in Nevada. He will be a member of the Policy Advisory group of the steering committee for Water Quality and Land Use. He has been appointed to a leadership team and chair of the Coastal Wetlands Task Force (see consent agenda resolution)

**ACS Contract** – the Register of Deeds stressed the need to send a letter canceling the contract in order to comply with the contract's timelines (see consent agenda resolution). A proposed contract is in the works that modifies the fees for both this year and next. Red flag rule needs to be implemented. Mr. Grimshaw informed the committee he plans to utilize the Technology Fund to image indexes not only in the ROD office, but the County Clerk's office and Probate Court.

**Out of State Travel Request** – Amanda Roggenbuck to travel to NACo's legislative and annual conferences next year. She is a member of the Rural Action Caucus and the Agricultural committee (see consent agenda resolution)

**Secondary/On-Going Finance Items**

1. Treasurer Bank Statement Reconciliation (Balanced through August)
2. ACS Contract Potential Changes – Corporate Council Language Needed
3. Update Regarding Broadband Application – still Phase 1 (application)
4. Revolving Loan Fund and Enterprise Facilitation – RBEG application
5. Potential Changes in Dog License Issue Periods - postpone
6. ATM, PayPal, Touch Pay Options for Courthouse – Circuit/Court Administrator – work is occurring on creating a comparison chart
7. SBCI – Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Funds - Set Meeting Date with Bay County Executive – next meeting is Oct. 5
8. Monthly Financial Reports



9. Discussion of Tether Program Potentials-Commissioner to Call Judge
10. Draft Lapeer County Resolution - review
11. BCBSM Claim
12. Circuit/Family Court 2009 Supplemental Appropriation Request – letter was sent to the court requesting clarification. To date, no response has been received

## **Personnel**

**Honorary Resolution for Dagmar Brown** – Commissioner Bardwell will visit her at the Cass City McDonald's (see consent agenda resolution)

**Review of Draft Appointment Application Form** – move registered voter box to optional portion; Carrie is researching the required language regarding the signature and the county clerk will decide what information she needs in place immediately (see consent agenda resolution)

### Secondary/On-Going Personnel Items

1. Employee Recognition
2. Open Meetings Act Discussion for Boards and Commissions – Corporate Counsel and County Prosecutor – Oct. 28 and Oct. 29
3. Mosquito Abatement Committee – Policy Review and season wrap-up discussion with the director
4. Farmland Preservation Committee – 3-person board rather than 9
5. Job Descriptions – a few have been submitted; an email will go out to dept heads
6. Incorporate County Personnel Policies and Other key Personnel Information on the County Web Site
7. Backup Computer Support for Sheriff Department – moving along nicely
8. Electronic Time Recording System
9. Circuit/Family Court Personnel Policies
10. Veterans' Affairs Committee Vacancy – four or five applicants; considering a five-member board. The committee would like a presentation regarding the number of vets served.
11. County Organizational Chart
12. RFP for Labor/Personnel Legal Services – on the “back burner” due to state budget discussions

## **Building and Grounds**

### Secondary/On-Going Building and Grounds Items

1. Vanderbilt Park Operational Cost Sharing Request with Wisner Township and Proposed Upgrades
2. Human Services Building Remodeling Update – Johnson Controls is done; Majestic is in their third week.
3. Follow-Up Work for NACO Energy Star Program
4. Review of FOC Potential Relocation to the Courthouse
5. Adult Probation Update Regarding Purchase Completion Steps – baseline environmental study is underway

6. Energy Efficiency Grants Timeline and Application Procedures – Next Steps
7. Draft Airport Zoning Update - Timeline

### **Correspondence/Other Business as Necessary**

1. Resolutions from Other Counties
2. National Flood Insurance Program
3. Economic Development
  - County EDC Strategic Planning and CAT Integration
  - Economic Gardening
  - RBEG 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Application Enterprise Facilitation
  - East Central Michigan Council of Governments Coastal Zone Management Grant
  - Regional Tourism – invite Chuck Frost in to provide an update

### **Public Comment Period**

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Margie White-Cormier  
Tuscola County Clerk

**DRAFT**  
**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**Committee of the Whole Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 6, 2009 – 8:00 A.M.**  
**Annex Board Room (207 E. Grant Caro, Mi.)**

Commissioners present: Roggenbuck, Bardwell, Kern, Petzold, Peterson. Also present: Mike Hoagland, Margie White-Cormier, Mike Miller, Mary Drier, Clayette Zechmeister, Donna Fraczek, Kyle Jaskulka, Kate Neese, Walt Schlichting

### **Finance**

**2010 Budget Development Update** – the committee reviewed current budget numbers  
**MAC Update Regarding State Cuts and Impact on Counties** – informational only  
**Information Regarding Voted Millage Fund Balances** – the committee reviewed a spreadsheet illustrating four years of fund balances.

**Updated Information Regarding Veterans' Affairs Committee -**

**District Court Appointed Attorney's Contract Approval** – two-year contract; lowest bid (the only bid) from Biddinger & Bitzer; last year's bid: \$58,900; this year's bid: \$84,400 (see consent agenda resolution)

**Red Flag Rule** – identity theft prevention program. Saginaw County's recently adopted policy was reviewed. Policy implementation deadline is November 1, 2009. It was suggested that the proposed policy be directed to department heads for review and comment.

**Circuit Court Line Item Transfer** - \$5000 transfer between line items (see consent agenda resolution)

**Acceptance of Grant Service Agreement for CCAB** – standard (see consent agenda resolution)

#### Secondary/On-Going Finance Items

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## Personnel

**Recycling Committee Recommended Part-Time Employee Layoff** – by the end of the year. After further review, the recycling committee may recommend a second layoff next year (see consent agenda resolution)

**AFSCME Deputies' Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement** – (see consent agenda resolution)

**Accept Letter of Resignation from MSU-Extension Parent Educator** – from Janice Burgess effective October 8, 2009 (see consent agenda resolution)

**Authorize Posting and Advertising to Refill the Position (Grant Funded)**- (see consent agenda resolution)

**Request for Commissioners to be Senior Ball Judges (October 14, 2009 1-3 P.M., KFC Hall)** – Roy Petzold, Jerry Peterson, Amanda Roggenbuck agreed to serve as judges

### Secondary/On-Going Personnel Items

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## Building and Grounds

**Energy Efficiency Grants Timeline and Application Procedures – Next Steps**- a discussion occurred with EDC Director Jim McLoskey. Imminent (formerly shovel-ready) projects: jail, courthouse and health department buildings. Collaboration and coordination with other units of government a plus. AKT Peerless can assist with the grant writing

**Roof Bids for Vanderbilt Park** – \$7500 budgeted for pavilion and restrooms. Two bids with two options (related to type of shingle) were advertised. Bids were received from: All-1 Construction, Frankenmuth \$3,444.11; additional \$120; LaPratt Builders, Unionville: \$4086, \$4,536; JT Piche Co., Mayville: \$4,490, \$4,404; Perfection Construction, Caro: \$4,500,

\$4,473 ; Hopps Lumber, Mayville: \$5,796, \$5,605; Gerald Bergman, Saginaw: \$5,090, + 350; D.A. Johnston, Vassar: \$7411; Gary Knapp, Vassar: \$6,310, \$6,432. (see consent agenda resolution to go with All-1 Construction)

**Review of FOC Potential Relocation to the Courthouse** – proposed is relocating the controller/administrator and equalization offices to the FOC building and moving treasurer, register of deeds and possibly drain office into the annex building. The committee expressed an interest in making this a reality.

#### Secondary/On-Going Building and Grounds Items

1. Human Services Building Remodeling Update – wallpapering almost complete and carpeting scheduled to be laid next week
2. Follow-Up Work for NACO Energy Star Program
3. Adult Probation Update Regarding Purchase Completion Steps
4. Draft Airport Zoning Update – Timeline

#### Correspondence/Other Business as Necessary

1. NACO Commissioner Appointment – Commissioner Roggenbuck has been appointed to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee
2. Public Hearing Notice Regarding Vassar Tax Increment Financing Plan
3. Resolutions from Other Counties –from Oscoda County regarding unemployment. Also discussed generating a resolution in opposition to combining the Dept of Agriculture with DEQ (see consent agenda resolution)
4. National Flood Insurance Program
5. Economic Development
  - County EDC Strategic Planning and CAT Integration
  - Economic Gardening
  - RBEG 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Application Enterprise Facilitation
  - East Central Michigan Council of Governments Coastal Zone Management Grant
  - Regional Tourism

Public Comment Period

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Margie White-Cormier  
Tuscola County Clerk