

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011 – 8:30 A.M.

**H. H. PURDY BUILDING BOARD ROOM
125 W. Lincoln Street
Caro, MI**

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- 8:30 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Commissioner Peterson
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kern
Roll Call – Clerk White
Adoption of Agenda
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)
Brief Public Comment Period
Consent Agenda Resolution (See Correspondence #2)
New Business
 -8:30 A.M. ORV Ordinance Public Hearing (See Correspondence #3)
 -9:30 A.M. 2012 County Budget Public Hearing (See Correspondence #4)
 -10:30 A.M. Potential Combining of County Clerk and County Register of Deeds Positions Public Hearing (See Correspondence #5)
 -Board of Health and Dept. of Human Services Appointments (See Correspondence #6)
 -Board of Public Works Vacancy
 -Dispatch Staff Member Serving on National Board
 -Information Technology - Eean Lee (Zimco)
 -Request to Use Courthouse Lawn (See Correspondence # 7)
 -Bridge Millage Transfer Request
 -Primary Road Millage Transfer Request
 -Equalization Request to Carry Over Vacation Days (See Correspondence # 8)
 -Resolution Regarding Financing the Wisner Water Project through Act 185 (See Correspondence #9)
Old Business
Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

PETZOLD

Recycling Advisory
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Technical Advisory Committee
Michigan Works
Multi-County Solid Waste
TRIAD
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Road Commission
Health Board
Saginaw Bay RC & D

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
DHS/Medical Care Facility Liaison
Tuscola 2011

BARDWELL

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

ALLEN

Board of Public Works
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Human Services Coordinating Council
Great Start Collaborative – Tuscola County
Parks & Recreation
MAC Judiciary & Public Safety Committee
NACo Agricultural Committee
NACo Rural Action Caucus
MAC Agriculture & Tourism

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
County Planning Commission

Closed Session (If Necessary)

Other Business as Necessary

Extended Public Comment

Adjournment

COMMITTEE MEETING TO

FOLLOW BOARD MEETING

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 November 23, 2011 Full Board Minutes
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #3 Notice of Public Hearing – Proposed ORV Ordinance
- #4 Notice of Public Hearing – County Budget
- #5 Notice of Public Hearing – Potential Combining of County Clerk and County Register of Deeds
- #6 Board of Health & Dept. of Human Services Appointments
- #7 Request to Use Courthouse Lawn for Cardboard City Sleep-Out
- #8 Equalization Request to Carry Over Vacation Days
- #9 Resolution Regarding Financing The Wisner Water Project
- #10 Michigan Association of Counties 7th District Meeting Information
- #11 November 10, 2011 Road Commission Minutes
- #12 November 23, 2011 Committee of the Whole & Statutory Finance Minutes
- #13 November 16, 2011 Human Development Commission Minutes
- #14 Letter of Support from the Tuscola County Fire Chief's Association
- #15 State of Michigan Letter Regarding Renewal of Recreation Plan/Eligibility for Grants
- #16 Huron County Correspondence Regarding Equalization Services
- #17 Local Budget Crisis Article
- #18 Region VII Area Agency on Aging 2011 Holiday Newsletter

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Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

November 23, 2011 Minutes

H. H. Purdy Building

Chairman Thomas Bardwell called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 23rd day of November, 2011 to order at 8:32 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge by Commissioner Peterson

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

11-M-262

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

11-M-263

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the 11/10/2011 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – none

Judge Roggenbuck appeared regarding technology scheduled to be installed at the end of the year as well as the Probate Courtroom change order request. She also stated if the state sends a bill for LEIN fees in 2012, she would be requesting funding to cover the cost.

11-M-264

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to approve the change order #21 related to the relocation of a wall in the Probate Court Room and authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$3,873 per the details as identified in the correspondence from the Building and Grounds Director. Motion carried.

Judge Joslyn appeared to inform the board that he will be resigning his term effective January 31, 2012.

11-M-265

combining the County Clerk and County Register of Deeds elected positions.
Motion carried.

11-M-270

Motion by Peterson seconded by Petzold to approve the Business Associate Agreement between Tuscola County and Brown & Brown of Central Michigan dba as Public Employee Benefit Solutions, in order to comply with the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules for group health plans for Protected Health Information, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the necessary documents.
Motion carried.

SCMCCI representative Curtis Stowe appeared regarding Tuscola Township's recent action to sign on with another construction entity.

11-M-271

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to move a panic button from the county clerk's office to the FOC office for an approximate cost of \$300. Motion carried.

11-M-272

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to approve the 2011/2012 contract between the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board and Tuscola County, in order to provide state grant funding for Screening Assessment, Jail Work Crew, and Work Site Day Reporting programs to targeted offenders, in accordance with PA 511, and to give authorization for the Board Chairperson to sign all necessary documents. Motion carried.

11-M-273

Motion by Peterson seconded by Allen to draft a resolution supporting a statutory exemption for storm water runoff from logging roads. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that the November 10, 2011 letter of engagement from Paul M. Wyzgoski that Dickinson Wright PLLC serve as County Bond Council for bonds to be issued for the Wisner Township water supply system. Also, the engagement letter be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion carried.

11-M-266

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern that per the November 9, 2011 letter from the Undersheriff that authorization is given to purchase a new medical cart from the Sheriff Budget (Account 101-304-932-000 Equipment Repair and Maintenance) for an amount of \$2,073. Motion carried.

11-M-267

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that per the November 2, 2011 letter from Joe Bixler that \$3,364.82 in fund balance be transferred from Building Strong Families to the State Grant – GPGS School Readiness program. Motion carried.

11-M-268

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that the following Sheriff Road Patrol and Emergency Management ballot language be approved and submitted to the County Clerk for inclusion on the February 2012 Presidential Primary Election Ballot:

TUSCOLA COUNTY
SHERIFF ROAD PATROL AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MILLAGE
PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in any one year under the Michigan Constitution be increased in the County of Tuscola, Michigan by 0.30 mills (which is equal to \$.30 per \$1,000 of taxable value of all such property) for a period of 6 (six) years, 2012 through 2017, inclusive, for the purpose of paying costs of operation of Sheriff Road Patrol services, including emergency management services within the County of Tuscola. The amount of revenue the County will collect if that millage is approved and levied by the County in the first year is estimated to be \$414,000. The proposed millage is a new additional millage the revenue from which would be disbursed to the County of Tuscola.

Motion carried.

11-M-269

Motion by Peterson seconded by Kern that a public hearing be held at 9:30 A.M. on December 15, 2011 at the Board of Commissioners meeting at the HH Purdy Building 125. W Lincoln Street Caro, MI. to discuss the potential of

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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 H.H. Purdy Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, on the 15th day of December, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. local time.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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 11/23/11

Description of Matter: Move that 2011 budget amendments as defined in Attachment A of the November 23, 2011 Committee of the Whole Agenda be approved and said budget changes are authorized to be implemented.

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.

Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Margie White
Tuscola County Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TUSCOLA COUNTY PROPOSED ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING & REGULATING
OFF ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) OPERATION

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners announces a public hearing on December 15, 2011 at 8:30 A.M. in the Tuscola County Purdy Building at 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment regarding a proposed Tuscola County Off Road Vehicle Operation Ordinance. Copies of this ordinance are available from the County website, <http://www.tuscolacounty.org>, at the Controller/Administrator's Office located in the Purdy Building at 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro or at the County Clerk's Office located in the Courthouse at 440 N. State St., Caro. Written comments in advance of the meeting are encouraged and can be forwarded to mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org for Board of Commissioner review prior to the hearing date.

COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

Ordinance No. 2011-___

An ordinance adopted for the purpose of authorizing and regulating the operation of off road vehicles (ORVs) on roads in Tuscola County, for the purpose of providing penalties for the violation thereof, and for the distribution of public funds resulting from those penalties pursuant to 2011 PA 107, MCL 324.81131.

THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA ORDAINS:

Section 1. As used in this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- a) "County" means the County of Tuscola.
- b) "Driver license" means an operator's or chauffeur's license or permit issued to an individual by the Secretary of State under chapter III of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.301 to 257.329, for that individual to operate a vehicle, whether or not conditions are attached to the license or permit.
- c) "Operate" means to ride in or on, and be in actual physical control of the operation of an ORV.
- d) "Operator" means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of an ORV.
- e) "ORV" means a motor driven off road recreation vehicle capable of cross country travel without benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. ORV or vehicle includes, but is not limited to, a multitrack or multiwheel drive vehicle, an ATV, a motorcycle or related 2-wheel, 3-wheel, or 4-wheel vehicle, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, or other means of transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind. ORV or vehicle does not include a registered snowmobile, a farm vehicle being used for farming, a vehicle used for military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement purposes, a vehicle owned and operated by a utility company or an oil or gas company when performing maintenance on its facilities or on property over which it has an easement, a construction or logging vehicle used in performance of its common function, or a registered aircraft.
- f) "Road" means a county primary road or county local road as described in section 5 of 1951 PA 1951, MCL 247.655.
- g) "Road Commission" means the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Tuscola.
- h) "Safety certificate" means a certificate issued pursuant to 1994 PA 451 as amended, MCL 324.81129, or a comparable ORV safety certificate issued

under the authority of another state or a province of Canada.

- i) "Street" means a city or village major street or village local street as described in section 9 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.659.
- j) "Township" means an individual township within the County of Tuscola.
- k) "Township board" means a board of trustees of any township within the County of Tuscola.
- l) "Visual supervision" means the direct observation of the operator with the unaided or normally corrected eye, where the observer is able to come to the immediate aid of the operator.

Section 2. An ORV may be operated on the far right of the maintained portion of a road within the County with these exceptions:

- a) Provided however, that in the event that either the Road Commission has CLOSED, or in the event a Township has adopted an Ordinance or Resolution which CLOSED, certain road(s) to ORV use, pursuant to MCL 324.81131(4), operation otherwise permitted under this Ordinance shall not be considered authorized, with respect to such closed road(s).
- b) This Ordinance is not intended to authorize the operation of an ORV on a street or highway which is under jurisdiction of a municipality, nor upon a State Trunkline Highway.

Section 3. The Road Commission may close no more than 30% of the total linear miles of roads in the County to protect the environment or if the operation of ORVs pose a particular and demonstrable threat to public safety. The Road Commission may not close a municipal street to ORVs opened under MCL 324.81131 subsection 5.

Section 4. An ORV may not be operated on the road surface, roadway, shoulder or right-of-way of any state or federal highway in the County.

Section 5. Except as set forth herein or otherwise provided by law, an ORV meeting all of the following conditions may be operated on a road or street in the County:

- a) At a speed of no more than 25 miles per hour or a lower posted ORV speed limit.
- b) By a person not less than 12 years of age.
- c) With the flow of traffic.
- d) In a manner which does not interfere with traffic on the road or street.
- e) Traveling single file except when overtaking and passing another ORV.

- f) When visibility is not substantially reduced due to weather conditions.
- g) While displaying a lighted headlight and lighted taillight at all hours.
- h) While the operator and each passenger is wearing a crash helmet and protective eyewear approved by the United States Department of Transportation unless the vehicle is equipped with a roof that meets or exceeds standards for a crash helmet and the operator and each passenger is wearing a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt.
- i) With a throttle so designed that when the pressure used to advance the throttle is removed, the engine speed will immediately and automatically return to idle.
- j) While the ORV is equipped with a spark arrester type United States Forest Service approved muffler in good working order and in constant operation.
- k) Pursuant to noise emission standards defined by law.

Section 6. A child less than 18 years of age shall not operate an ORV on a road in the County unless the child is in possession of a valid driver license or under the direct visual supervision of a parent or guardian and the child has in his or her immediate possession a Michigan issued ORV safety certificate or a comparable ORV safety certificate issued under the authority of another state or a province of Canada.

Section 7. Unless a person possesses a valid driver's license, a person shall not operate an ORV on a Road or Street in the County if the ORV is registered as a motor vehicle and is either more than 60 inches wide or has three wheels.

Section 8. The Road Commission, the County Board of Commissioners, and the County are immune from tort liability for injuries or damages sustained by any person arising in any way out of the operation or use of an ORV on maintained or unmaintained roads, streets, shoulders, and rights-of-way over which the Road Commission or the County Board of Commissioners has jurisdiction.

Section 9. In a court action in this state, if competent evidence demonstrates that a vehicle that is permitted to operate on a road or street pursuant to the code was in a collision with an ORV required to be operated on the far right of the maintained portion of a road or street pursuant to this ordinance, the operator of the ORV shall be considered prima facie negligent.

Section 10. Any person who violates this Ordinance is guilty of a municipal civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.

Section 11. In addition to the penalties under Section 10 of this Ordinance, a court may order a person who causes damage to the environment, a road or other property as a result of the operation of an ORV to pay full restitution for that damage above and beyond the penalties paid for civil fines.

Section 12. The County Treasurer shall deposit all fines and damages collected under this ordinance into a fund to be designated as the ORV fund. The County Board of Commissioners shall appropriate revenue in the ORV fund as specified in MCL 324.81131 (14):

- a) Fifty percent to the Road Commission for repairing damage to roads and the environment that may have been caused by ORVs, and for posting signs indicating ORV speed limits, or indicating whether roads are opened or closed to the operation of ORVs.
- b) Fifty percent to the County Sheriff for ORV enforcement and training.

Section 13. An ORV may only be operated on Roads between the hours of 5:00 am and 10:00 pm.

Section 14. Should a portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 15. This ordinance becomes effective after publication and expiration of the time prescribed by law.

This Ordinance is adopted by action of the County of Tuscola Board of Commissioners this ____ day of _____ 2011.

Chairperson

CERTIFICATION

I, _____, Clerk of the County of Tuscola, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance duly adopted by the County of Tuscola Board of Commissioners on the ____ day of _____ 2011.

Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
Tuscola County 2012 Budget Public Hearing

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners is conducting a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. to receive input regarding the 2012 County Budget. The Public Hearing will be held at the HH Purdy Building which is located at 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723. Copies of the draft 2012 Budget are available for review at the County Controller's Office which is located at the same address as above.

Projected General Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Reserves 12-15-11

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Beginning Available Reserves</u>	<u>Projected Revenues</u>	<u>Projected Expenditures</u>	<u>Estimated Ending Available Reserves</u>
2011	\$471,000	\$11,713,099	\$11,598,003	\$586,096
2012	\$586,096	\$11,248,982	\$11,483,889	\$351,189
2013	\$351,189	\$10,987,337	\$11,424,186	(\$85,660)

ESTIMATED REDUCTION IN RESERVES 2011 to 2013 = (\$671,756)

Baseline to 10-31-11 budget changes for 2012 included:

1. Controller/Administrator - **\$26,648** change full-time position to part-time
2. County Treasurer - **\$21,769** changed full-time position to part-time
3. Sheriff - **\$34,953** reduced full-time position to part-time
4. MSU -Extension **\$9,381** appropriation reduction
5. Economic Development Corporation - **\$11,576** appropriation reduction
6. Vanderbilt park **\$2,500** appropriation reduction
7. General fund appropriation reductions to other funds **\$315,000**

10-31-11 to 11-7-11 budget changes for 2012 included:

1. **\$91,000** added to insurance retention fund through use of reserves
2. **\$14,247** added for PA 142 insurance claim tax through use of reserves
3. **\$5,244** restored to MSU-e from contingency
4. **\$6,012** restored to Equalization for full-time staffing from contingency
5. **\$7,000** cost for emergency services/road patrol millage ballot question added to road patrol fund budget

11-7-11 to 11-23-11 changes for 2012 included:

1. Various line item changes related to Probate Court -**\$1,631** reduction
2. Addition of Weigh Master function to Sheriff Department - **\$72,175**
3. Full-time funding re-established for emergency services position

Note: 2013 projected expenditures assume the following staffing reductions will be implemented:

1. Combining - **\$75,000** County Clerk and Register of Deeds positions
2. Building and Grounds - **\$25,099** change full-time position to part-time
3. Equalization - **\$24,969** change full-time position to part-time
4. Circuit/Family Court - **\$43,621** change two full-time positions to part-time
5. Sheriff - **\$16,354** change full-time position to part-time

If these changes are not implemented for 2013 the use of reserves increases and county policy is violated

Different combination from the factors below and others can materially impact the 2012 and 2013 budgets and reserve levels

1. Passage of the emergency services and road patrol millages - \$90,000 to \$150,000
2. Discontinue DDA/TIFA Captures - \$?????
3. Levy all or part of drain-at-large costs on the tax roll - \$??????
4. Conducting assessing services for local governmental units - \$??????
5. Wind energy property tax revenue for 2013 - \$??????

2012 General Fund Expenditure Budget

<u>Expenditure Category/Department</u>	<u>2009 Year-End Expenditures</u>	<u>2010 Year-End Expenditures</u>	<u>2011 Amended Expenditure Budget 11/30/2011</u>	<u>2011 Expenditure Year-End Projection</u>	<u>2012 Expenditure Budget</u>	<u>2013 Expenditure Projection</u>
Legislative						
Board of Commissioners	\$ 141,903	\$ 139,474	\$ 115,885	\$ 106,000	\$ 107,867	\$ 108,074
Special Programs	35,985	1,232	13,650	5,650	5,650	5,650
Total Legislative	177,888	140,706	129,535	111,650	113,517	113,724
Judicial						
Circuit/Family Court	1,381,511	1,230,037	1,065,142	895,917	907,295	868,802
District Court	1,035,041	1,053,294	1,122,120	1,084,500	1,036,337	1,050,602
Jury Commission	4,463	4,162	4,718	4,418	4,418	4,418
Probate Court	293,047	278,056	249,171	254,000	264,895	266,180
Adult Probation	44,740	47,327	36,900	35,400	9,400	9,400
Total Judicial	2,758,802	2,612,876	2,478,051	2,274,235	2,222,345	2,199,402
General Government						
Elections	14,591	66,842	17,900	23,344	96,213	17,900
Accounting Services	43,555	42,105	50,000	41,230	37,730	39,230
Legal Services	48,406	109,594	70,000	50,000	70,000	70,000
Clerk	399,004	387,926	402,271	392,886	407,907	408,094
Controller/Administrator	352,996	335,729	354,809	349,990	323,694	331,252
Equalization	189,894	195,341	194,192	194,000	188,551	168,045
Equalization/Huron County	12,028	10,444	14,449	10,500	11,366	11,391
Equalization Caro Assessing Contract	85	28,301	41,916	42,000	40,529	40,529
Prosecutor	471,546	474,150	488,134	484,000	493,530	495,800
Co-Op Prosecutor	163,791	167,318	178,226	176,000	163,310	184,523
Register of Deeds	285,207	229,189	243,878	228,000	233,777	164,568
Treasurer	350,151	305,661	336,379	328,000	318,379	318,379
MSU Cooperative Extension	131,735	136,094	121,379	117,000	107,619	107,619
Computer Operations	401,824	350,941	345,485	362,500	349,895	348,873
Building & Grounds	729,333	681,931	780,910	744,000	756,199	744,077
Human Services Building Maint.	62,227	55,302	68,411	50,000	52,971	54,424
Drain Commission	163,448	175,245	190,662	188,500	189,505	194,183
Total General Government	3,819,821	3,752,113	3,899,001	3,781,950	3,841,175	3,698,887
Public Safety						
Courthouse Security	135,608	66,401	163,235	139,000	168,933	172,193
Jail	2,103,285	2,092,397	2,167,582	2,008,000	2,035,023	2,111,224
Bench Warrant Enforcement	6,830	-	-	-	-	-
Weigh Master	-	-	6,014	6,014	72,175	72,175
Liquor/Traffic Enforcement	3,425	-	-	-	-	-
Marine Safety	20,449	21,937	16,642	16,642	12,071	12,071
Secondary Road Patrol	113,426	97,556	96,700	96,700	87,030	87,030
Thumb Narcotics	32,575	89,299	88,151	88,151	89,958	91,635
Planning Commission	9,216	4,551	6,350	4,800	5,050	5,050
Plat Board	-	-	628	-	628	628
Emergency Services	99,701	87,322	85,163	81,500	84,411	84,411
Animal Shelter	123,005	124,921	125,500	125,500	125,500	125,500
Livestock Claims	-	-	525	-	-	-
Total Public Safety	2,647,520	2,584,384	2,756,490	2,566,307	2,680,779	2,761,917

2012 General Fund Expenditure Budget

<u>Expenditure Category/Department</u>	<u>2009 Year-End Expenditures</u>	<u>2010 Year-End Expenditures</u>	<u>2011 Amended Expenditure Budget 11/30/2011</u>	<u>2011 Expenditure Year-End Projection</u>	<u>2012 Expenditure Budget</u>	<u>2013 Expenditure Projection</u>
Public Works						
Building Codes (See note below)	299,597	275,567	275,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
Board of Public Works	2,570	2,286	2,846	2,846	2,846	2,846
Drain-at Large	562,749	491,243	422,186	422,186	416,821	466,045
Total Public Works	864,916	769,096	700,032	650,032	644,667	693,891
Health & Welfare						
Substance Abuse	63,162	65,530	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Medical Examiner	37,795	47,783	45,900	38,000	43,000	43,000
Veterans Burial	21,720	13,520	19,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Airport Zoning Board			678	678	678	678
Economic Development	57,877	46,302	46,302	46,302	34,727	34,727
Total Health & Welfare	180,554	173,135	176,880	164,980	158,405	158,405
Other						
Insurance & Bonds	167,501	153,333	160,000	152,000	251,000	160,000
Building Lease/Purchase Agreement		24,370	97,080	73,910	-	-
Other Total	167,501	177,703	257,080	225,910	251,000	160,000
Contingency						
Contingency	-	-	50,059	-	56,287	49,908
Total Contingency	-	-	50,059	-	56,287	49,908
Operating Transfers Out						
County Park	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	2,500	2,500
Friend of the Court	346,166	320,131	282,970	282,970	282,970	282,970
Friend of the Court/Workflow Imaging			134,181	134,181	-	-
Health Department	293,487	263,727	263,727	263,727	240,000	240,000
Behavioral Health	288,243	288,243	288,243	288,243	288,243	288,243
Equipment Fund	197,207	-	100,000	100,000	79,637	80,000
Equipment Fund/Workflow Imaging			31,305	31,305	-	-
Remonumentation	4,006	26	-	-	-	-
Community Corrections	8,636	11,735	11,400	16,200	16,000	16,000
Child Care Human Services	163,000	87,500	149,000	149,000	127,000	127,000
Department of Human Services	12,000	10,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Child Care Probate	500,000	470,000	392,932	392,932	300,000	325,000
Soldiers & Sailors Relief	26,000	28,500	28,500	28,500	7,500	7,500
Purdy Building Debt				9,722	73,600	72,575
Cigarette Tax	10,241	6,791	8,471	8,471	8,471	8,471
Medical Examiner	10,293	10,293	10,293	10,293	10,293	10,293
Veterans Counseling	73,744	67,395	67,395	63,395	40,500	40,500
Capital Improvements Fund	-	-	-	-	-	48,000
Employee Sick/Vacation	15,000	91,860	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Total Operating Transfers Out	1,953,023	1,656,201	1,812,417	1,822,939	1,515,714	1,588,052
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$12,570,025	\$11,866,214	\$12,259,545	\$11,598,003	\$11,483,889	\$11,424,186

2012 General Fund Revenue Budget

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Revenue Category/Department</u>	<u>2009 Year-End Actual</u>	<u>2010 Year-End Actual</u>	<u>Amended 2011 Revenue Budget 11/30/2011</u>	<u>2011 Staff Revenue Projection</u>	<u>2012 Revenue Budget</u>	<u>2013 Staff Revenue Projection *</u>
Taxes							
402-253	Current Taxes	\$5,630,369	\$5,565,373	\$5,367,300	\$5,390,988	\$5,237,899	\$5,133,141
404-253	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	5,292	5,282	5,000	5,500	5,000	5,000
425-253	Trailer Park Fees	3,354	4,291	4,500	4,300	4,300	4,300
Total Taxes		5,639,015	5,574,946	5,376,800	5,400,788	5,247,199	5,142,441
Licenses and Permits							
476-215	Marriage Licenses	1,896	1,922	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,700
476-301	Pistol Permits (Sheriff)	9,068	7,457	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
477-215	Pistol Permits (Gun Board)	15,704	12,922	16,000	15,000	16,000	16,000
477-253	Dog Licenses	109,151	101,105	100,000	105,000	100,000	100,000
477-301	Sheriff Licenses	5	3	12	12	12	12
478-215	Pistol Permits (Renewal)	29	80	100	100	100	100
479-215	Laminating Fee (Clerk)	572	471	550	550	550	550
Total Licenses & Permits		136,425	123,960	126,262	130,362	126,362	126,362
Intergovernmental							
506-253	Civil Defense	27,625	28,836	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
508-253	LEPC Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
509-346	Byrne Jag TNU/Lapeer Co	3,143	57,867	55,819	55,284	55,284	0
541-253	Judges Salary (Cir,Pro,District)	239,690	239,887	239,703	239,703	239,703	239,703
542-253	Juvenile Officer Salary	27,317	27,317	0	0	0	0
544-253	Marine Safety	20,449	21,825	16,662	16,662	12,071	12,071
545-253	Secondary Road Patrol	109,560	97,556	96,700	96,700	87,030	87,030
562-301	SSI Incentive	3,800	5,800	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
563-253	Co-op Reimbursement Prosecutor	72,013	74,992	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
570-253	Cigarette Tax Monies	14,508	9,620	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
574-253	State Revenue Sharing	1,058,281	975,763	985,113	907,916	831,603	790,000
575-253	Liquor Licenses	8,930	0	0	0	0	0
577-253	State Hotel/Liquor Tax	126,324	131,059	117,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
580-229	Prosecutor HDC STOP Funds	0	17,273	0	0	0	0
578-253	State Payment Court Equity Fund	260,181	251,966	250,000	250,000	245,000	235,000
507-253	Justice Benefits Inc.	2,938	1,127	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
452-441	Building Codes SCMCCI	299,597	275,567	275,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
578-143	FOC Bench Warrant Enforcement Fees	6,830	0	0	0	0	0
668-253	Human Services Lease Payment	267,506	267,506	267,506	267,506	267,506	267,506
Total Intergovernmental		2,548,692	2,483,961	2,418,903	2,304,171	2,208,597	2,101,710
Charges for Services							
544-136	District Court Case Flow Assistance	12,333	15,766	15,000	18,202	11,700	11,700
544-215	Drug Caseflow Fund Circuit Court	530	344	530	366	366	366
590-215	Certifieds	33,283	31,364	31,000	28,500	27,000	27,000
601-136	District Court Probation Fees	166,514	198,341	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
608-136	District Court Intensive Prob. Fees	47,670	50,499	38,000	38,300	38,000	38,000
609-215	Waiver Marriage Lic. 3 Day	230	190	200	200	200	200
604-136	MIP Deferral Program	6,005	7,700	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
602-136	Dist. Court (Court & Bond Costs)	289,189	315,544	315,000	264,000	250,000	250,000
602-143	Court Costs FOC	51,101	48,126	44,000	48,000	48,000	48,000
602-215	Court Costs	187,835	216,095	246,000	218,000	218,000	218,000
603-136	District Court Bond Costs	2,505	2,561	3,000	2,800	2,800	2,800
605-136	Dist.Ct. Screening Assessment Fee	19,193	26,245	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
607-215	DNA Assessment County Share	18	12	50	50	50	50

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		Year-End Actual	Year-End Actual	2011 Revenue Budget 11/30/2011	Staff Revenue Projection	Revenue Budget	Staff Revenue Projection *
607-301	DNA Assessment Sheriff	56	30	50	50	50	50
608-215	Bench Warrant Fee	6,138	4,586	5,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
610-132	Admin Fees/Family Division	27,034	31,313	37,000	35,000	27,000	27,000
610-148	Probate Court-Service Fees	28,067	24,913	24,500	22,000	22,000	22,000
610-215	FOC Processing Fees	6,326	6,036	7,200	6,000	6,000	6,000
611-215	DBA Co-Partnership Clerk	5,890	5,030	5,400	5,000	5,200	5,200
612-236	Register of Deeds-Transfer Tax	70,731	75,038	72,000	74,000	74,000	74,000
613-215	Clerk Foreclosure Sale	0	150	0	0	0	0
613-236	Register of Deeds-Recording Fee	137,124	128,496	117,000	124,000	124,000	124,000
614-215	Xerox Copies	7,128	7,056	7,000	7,000	7,100	7,100
614-236	Register of Deeds-Copies	53,597	45,279	45,000	47,000	47,000	47,000
615-215	Searches Circuit	5,463	6,084	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
615-236	Register of Deeds-Searches	0	0	0	0	0	0
616-215	Motion Fees	9,755	10,515	10,000	10,500	10,500	10,500
616-236	Handling Fees	840	846	500	500	500	500
617-132	Filing Fee/Family Court	620	0	0	0	0	0
617-215	Jury/Entry/Forensic	18,233	19,009	19,000	18,500	18,500	18,500
617-253	BC/BS Administrative Fee Retires	2,372	2,031	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
618-215	Notary Bond Filing Fee	827	945	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
618-253	Notary Fees Treasurer	100	95	100	140	100	100
608-301	Sex Offenders Registration Fee	100	150	150	150	150	150
608-430	Boarding-Animal Control	2,574	2,014	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
618-301	Sheriff Contractual	15,426	17,028	18,500	16,500	16,500	16,500
619-136	Civil Fees (District Court)	166,662	173,531	145,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
619-215	Passport Fees	6,074	5,765	5,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
619-301	Drug Testing Fees	2,627	1,580	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
620-132	Collection Fees/Family Div.	3,588	5,979	0	0	0	0
620-215	Late Fees	242	307	300	300	300	300
621-215	Circuit Court Fees	670	710	700	700	700	700
622-225	Equalization LUG Tax System	0	254	50	50	50	50
623-215	Funeral Home Corrections	106	81	100	100	100	100
624-253	County Treasurer - Other	1,289	1,529	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,300
626-215	Passport/CCW Photo Charge	5,448	4,809	5,000	4,500	4,500	4,500
626-253	County Treasurer - Other	4	2,037	0	0	0	0
624-215	Victims Rights Admin. Fee	2,145	1,822	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
624-648	Medical Examiner Fees	1,440	1,330	1,800	1,600	1,600	1,600
625-236	County Share MSSR Fee	560	518	500	600	600	600
625-215	Voter Registration Processing	700	926	800	500	500	500
626-225	Tax Administration Fees	79,157	71,602	70,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
627-218	Dispatch Tech Services	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
638-301	Care of Prisoners Work Release	17,177	31,433	30,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
628-301	Care of Prisoners DOC Detainer	28,526	35,117	30,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
629-301	Prisoners-Other Counties	0	0	0	0	0	0
634-301	Felon Diverted Program	44,795	79,791	44,000	63,000	63,000	63,000
636-301	Charge to Prisoners for Jail	52,372	57,647	65,000	66,000	66,000	66,000
637-301	Day Reporting	8,344	5,536	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
629-253	Sales Treasurer	6,091	9,846	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
630-301	Sheriff Paper Service	24,201	20,641	25,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
631-301	Sheriff Photo Service	6,280	6,204	6,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
633-301	Boat Livery Inspections	0	0	75	75	75	75
635-301	Inmate Phone Revenues	25,895	29,367	25,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
642-259	Fees CD - Rom Info	23,999	17,641	15,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
643-430	Sales-Animal Shelter	800	430	800	400	400	400
646-301	Sales Sheriff - Auction	5,576	4,671	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
647-301	Sales Sheriff - Canteen	3,237	3,157	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
655-301	Bond Forfeitures-Sheriff	500	0	0	0	0	0
658-253	Return Check Charge	416	460	400	300	300	300
667-369	Rent for County Property	4,667	5,490	5,490	5,490	5,490	5,490
447-253	Summer Tax Collection	131,355	116,735	117,000	114,000	114,000	114,000
676-226	Equalization Contract to Huron County	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000	39,060	39,060
676-227	Equalization Base Contract Caro	4,064	49,260	58,962	58,290	57,618	57,618

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677-227	Equalization Assessing Services Caro		5,100	10,200	0	0	0
620-722	Airport Zoning Application Fees			175	175	175	175
625-722	Zoning Board of Appeal Fees			350	350	350	350
Total Charges for Services		1,914,814	2,091,737	2,035,082	1,943,488	1,915,834	1,915,834
Fines & Forfeits							
655-253	County Treasurer Forfeitures	6,570	5,200	4,500	15,000	10,000	10,000
655-430	Bond Forfeiture Animal	0	0	0	0	0	0
656-136	District Court Bond Forfeitures	9,907	9,146	9,000	8,700	8,000	9,000
657-136	District Court Ordinance Fines	26,363	20,767	22,000	22,000	20,000	20,000
659-136	Warrant Fees District Court	10,991	22,509	28,000	28,000	23,000	23,000
Total Fines & Forfeitures		53,831	57,622	63,500	73,700	61,000	62,000
Interest & Rentals							
664-253	Interest - Summer Taxes	34,103	34,507	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000
665-253	Pooled General Fund Interest	172,448	139,968	140,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
667-151	Rent DOT	9,075	0	0	0	0	0
667-301	Rentals (Use of Van)	1,318	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
677-301	Sheriff Medical Service Reimb.	15,254	12,537	15,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
667-253	Thumb Cellular Tower Rental	2,655	2,735	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600
Total Interest & Rentals		234,853	192,447	193,300	172,300	172,300	172,300
Refunds & Reimbursements							
625-301	Inmate Phone Cards	4,700	4,090	20,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
674-253	Thumb Narcotics Unit Reimburse	26,873	31,418	32,332	32,332	34,674	34,674
674-301	Reimbursements FOC Warrants	1,240	763	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
676-191	State Reimbursement/Elections	0	208	0	0	28,000	0
676-215	GAL Attorney Fee/Reimbursement	20,940	28,842	29,000	48,000	48,000	48,000
676-253	Reimbursements & Refunds	1,866	3,551	1,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
676-301	Reimbursement Sheriff	7,147	10,024	12,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
676-306	Weigh Master	0	0	6,014	6,014	72,175	72,175
676-400	Reimbursement Planning Commission	425	0	0	0	0	0
676-430	Reimbursement Animal Shelter	7,963	8,408	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
580-253	Reimbursement State Jury	21,613	25,145	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
677-215	Reimbursement Crt Appt Atty Fees	5,641	7,002	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
677-191	Reimb-School Election	9,355	11,419	11,750	6,000	8,000	8,000
677-223	East Central Local Share	2,173	0	0	0	0	0
677-253	Juvenile Office Position	98,141	111,056	0	0	0	0
694-253	Cash Over/Short	(25)	(1,681)	0	0	0	0
694-215	Cash Over/Short	16	(6)	0	0	0	0
679-215	DE Novo Transcripts	51		100	100	100	100
678-191	Twsp. - Election Supplies	2,243	27,904	3,000	7,000	30,000	7,000
679-191	Reim. Special Election Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Reimbursement & Refunds		210,361	268,143	146,696	159,446	280,949	229,949
Total Operating Revenue		10,737,991	10,792,816	10,360,543	10,184,255	10,012,241	9,750,596
Revenue Transfers Other Funds							
699-201	Road Commission					1,185	1,185
699-215	Friend of the Court Indirect Cost	97,301	97,120	48,000	48,000	120,602	120,602
	Data Workflow Imaging Indirect Costs	0	0	350,226	350,226	0	0
699-216	Family Counseling Indirect Costs	2,724	4,680	0	0	0	0
699-218	Dispatch Fund Indirect Costs	67,842	67,627	91,744	91,744	79,994	79,994

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Account Number	Revenue Category/Department	2009	2010	Amended	2011	2012	2013
		Year-End Actual	Year-End Actual	2011 Revenue Budget 11/30/2011	Staff Revenue Projection	Revenue Budget	Staff Revenue Projection *
699-221	Health Department Indirect Costs	6,594	9,308	9,308	9,308	19,729	19,729
699-221-010	Veterans Operations Indirect Cost	5,715	1,667	1,667	1,667	2,296	2,296
699-221-020	Health Department Lease	85,676	85,676	85,676	85,676	85,676	85,676
699-251	Principle Residence Exemption	0	0	2,423	2,423	2,380	2,380
699-240	Mosquito Control	19,976	39,544	59,931	59,931	51,073	51,073
699-242	Reimburse Time EECBG		3,096	0	1,574	0	0
699-254	Violence Against Women Indirect	0	3,303	13,212	13,212	9,909	9,909
699-256	ROD Automation Fund						
699-294	Veterans Trust	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
699-297	Senior Citizens Fund Indirect Cost	802	1,495	1,310	1,310	1,240	1,240
699-298	Medical Care Facility Indirect Cost	461	1,280	660	660	729	729
699-230	Recycling Indirect Costs	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
699-243	Reimburse Time Brownfield	0	3,024	0	0	0	0
699-441	Building Codes SCMCCI Rent	24,996	24,996	25,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
699-000	Domestic Violence Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0
699-532	Tax Foreclosure	72,096	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
699-626	Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund	776,845	755,776	755,000	765,000	765,000	765,000
699-801	Drain Assessment Services	0	0	2,113	2,113	2,113	2,113
	Total Revenue Transfers from Other Funds	1,187,028	1,174,592	1,522,270	1,528,844	1,236,741	1,236,741
	Grand Total Revenues Recurring Sources of Funds	11,925,019	11,967,408	11,882,813	11,713,099	11,248,982	10,987,337
	Budgeted General Fund Balance or Other One-Time Sources of Funds						
672-390	General Fund Use of Fund Balance	0	0	48,645	0	234,907	0
699-286	Transfer in Retirement Reserve			325,395			
699-211	Transfer in County Disaster			2,692			
	Total Budgeted General Fund Balance or Use of Other One-Time Sources	0	0	376,732	0	234,907	0
	GRAND TOTAL REVENUES INCLUDING USES OF NOT RECURRING SOURCES OF FUNDS	\$11,925,019	\$11,967,408	\$12,259,545	\$11,713,099	\$11,483,889	\$10,987,337

\$24,125 increase in indirect costs with final study

*** Assumes no wind energy revenue**

Draft #1 - 2012 Equipment Budget

<u>Department/Agency/Project</u>	<u>Recommended for Funding</u>			<u>Comments</u>
	<u>2012 Requests</u>	<u>Equipment Fund - 244</u>	<u>Capital Improvement Fund - 483</u>	
Circuit/Family Court				
Remodel Basement for Juvenile Operation Desk	\$25,000 \$500	\$500	\$25,000	Plan specifics not yet defined Desk for chief juvenile officer
District Court				
Repair/Remodel Bathroom (Corridor)	\$5,000		\$5,000	Will be fixed in 2011
Repair/Remodel Toilet (Jury Room)	\$5,000		\$5,000	Will be fixed in 2011
Paint District Court Chambers	\$3,500		\$3,500	Will be fixed in 2011
Repair/Replace Ceiling in Courtroom	\$3,500		\$3,500	Will be fixed in 2011
Paint District Court Clerk's Office				
Replace Window Treatments				
Replace Ceiling tiles in Magistrate Office				
Probate Court				
Judicial Technology Improvement	\$30,000			Plan specifics not yet defined - grant funded is being requested
Copy/Fax/Printer/Scanner	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Clerk/Elections				
Court seal embosser	\$1,800			Will be purchased in 2011
Data Workflow Imaging	\$15,000	\$15,000		Carryover from 2011
Controller/Administrator				
Assessing Software	\$20,427	\$20,427		Will be same expense in 2013
Prosecutor				
Register of Deeds	None			
Treasurer	None			
MSU Cooperative Extension				
Computer Operations				
Laptop Computers	\$2,400	\$2,400		Replacement items to maintain current system
Printers	\$2,000	\$2,000		

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<u>Department/Agency/Project</u>	<u>Recommended for Funding</u>			<u>Comments</u>
	<u>2012 Requests</u>	<u>Equipment Fund - 244</u>	<u>Capital Improvement Fund - 483</u>	
Video Arrangement Upgrade	\$1,500	\$1,500		
ISD Equipment	\$2,600	\$2,600		
County Wiring	\$2,500	\$2,500		
IT Servers	\$16,000	\$16,000		
Network Switches	\$8,500	\$8,500		
PC Work Stations	\$5,500	\$5,500		
Data Center Room	\$9,000	\$9,000		
Building & Grounds				
Jail Roof	\$60,000		\$60,000	
Courthouse Roof	\$50,000		\$50,000	
Jail Sidewalks	\$6,000		\$6,000	
Jail Windows (Phase 1)	\$25,000		\$25,000	
Jail Entry Doors	\$2,000		\$2,000	
Maintenance Trucks Body Repair	\$10,000	\$10,000		Two maintenance trucks
Purdy Building Public Seating	\$1,000	\$1,000		Bench for hallway
Drain Commission				
Replace Jimmy	\$20,000			Wait one more year
Drain Assessment Software	\$8,430	\$8,430		Will be same expense in 2013
Sheriff				
Vehicle for Road Patrol	\$30,000			
33 Computer Workstations	\$11,250	\$11,250		
17 Laptop Computers	\$10,000	\$10,000		
2 UPS	\$2,440	\$2,440		
NAS	\$2,187	\$2,187		
1 Server	\$32,295	\$32,295		
HVAC	\$5,200	\$5,200		
Kiosk	\$12,000	\$12,000		
Handguns (Carryover from 2011)	\$969	\$969		
Contingency	\$10,000			Needs for further discussion
Total	\$463,498	\$186,698	\$185,000	

2012 All Funds Budget

Fund Number	Fund Name	2012 Projected Undesignated Beginning Fund Balance	2012 Budgeted Revenue and Transfers	2012 Budgeted Expenditures and Transfers	2012 Projected Ending Undesignated Fund Balance
General Fund					
101	General Fund	586,096	11,248,982	11,483,889	351,189
Total General Fund		586,096	11,248,982	11,483,889	351,189
Special Revenue Funds					
207	Road Patrol	123,211	1,254,062	1,354,041	23,232
208	County Parks & Recreation	6,380	3,800	9,300	880
213	Arbela Township Police Services	0	137,900	137,900	0
214	Voted Primary Road Improvement	0	1,335,000	1,335,000	0
215	Friend of the Court	24,381	998,918	994,067	29,232
216	Family Counseling	15,729	13,200	20,000	8,929
218	Dispatch/911	578,445	1,437,790	1,440,968	575,267
221	Health Department	574,837	2,696,038	2,749,357	521,518
225	Vassar Township Police Services	0	80,276	80,276	0
230	Recycling	402,346	280,930	237,972	445,304
232	Millington Township Police Services	0	164,797	164,797	0
235	Building Strong Families	0	33,000	33,000	0
236	Victim Services	1,895	63,550	63,550	1,895
240	Mosquito Abatement	736,681	879,457	1,018,399	597,739
244	Equipment Fund	150,319	79,637	184,511	45,445
250	CDBG Housing Grant	0	125,000	125,000	0
251	Principal Residence Exemption	13,760	66,100	62,380	17,480
252	Remonumentation	0	50,793	50,793	0
254	Violence Against Women Grant	1,636	142,832	142,832	1,636
255	Victim of Crime Act Grant	1,250	70,214	71,014	450
256	Register of Deeds Automation	104,700	54,000	98,075	60,625
264	Community Corrections Service	0	52,120	52,036	84
265	Corrections Officer Training	68,597	17,500	13,000	73,097
266	Forfeiture Sheriff/Prosecutor	17,894	0	17,894	0
269	Law Library	15,205	6,500	6,000	15,705
285	Michigan Justice Training	4,694	6,000	9,000	1,694
288	Human Services Child Care	111,383	363,000	417,100	57,283
290	Human Services	37,112	120,000	121,000	36,112
291	Medical Care Facility	3,890,316	17,322,415	17,668,725	3,544,006
292	Child Care Juvenile	344,898	820,539	1,015,409	150,028
293	Soldiers Relief	34,275	7,500	18,000	23,775
294	Veterans Trust	2,030	7,500	6,000	3,530
296	Voted Bridge	1,290,272	675,000	742,000	1,223,272
297	Voted Senior Citizens	42,927	276,000	276,790	42,137
298	Voted Medical Care Facility	917,299	357,000	351,300	922,999

2012 All Funds Budget

Fund Number	Fund Name	2012 Projected Undesignated Beginning Fund Balance	2012 Budgeted Revenue and Transfers	2012 Budgeted Expenditures and Transfers	2012 Projected Ending Undesignated Fund Balance
	Special Revenue Funds Total	9,512,472	29,998,368	31,087,486	8,423,354
	Debt Service Funds				
374	Purdy Building Debt	0	73,600	73,600	0
375	Caro Sewer System	0	425,582	425,582	0
376	Refinanced Caro Sewer	0	127,370	127,370	0
379	Mayville Storm Sewer	0	78,450	78,450	0
380	Richville Water System	0	87,180	87,180	0
381	State Police Building	0	162,176	162,176	0
384	Millington Sewer Debt	0	12,700	12,700	0
385	Denmark Sewer System	0	111,522	111,552	-30
386	Denmark Water Extension				0
387	Wisner Water Distribution System				0
391	Medical Care Facility Debt	1,571,875	1,423,864	1,099,325	1,896,414
	Debt Service Funds Total	1,571,875	2,502,444	2,177,935	1,896,384
	Capital Project Funds				
470	State Police Capital Expenditures	175,963	9,414	20,000	165,377
483	Capital Improvements Fund	1,226,051	0	185,000	1,041,051
486	Denmark Water Extension				0
487	Wisner Water Distribution System				0
	Capital Project Funds Total	1,402,014	9,414	205,000	1,206,428
	Other Funds				
532	Tax Foreclosure Fund	411,413	345,000	397,646	358,767
677	Workers Compensation	464,888	16,000	32,000	448,888
730	Employee Sick Payout	53,968	30,000	31,895	52,073
	Other Funds Total	930,269	391,000	461,541	859,728
	Total All Funds	\$14,002,726	\$44,150,208	\$45,415,851	\$12,737,083

Note: Voted Medical Care Facility Fund included with regular Medical Care Facility Fund

**GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT – ADOPTING THE
2012 TUSCOLA COUNTY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners has examined the financial reports and budget requests for 2012 of the various departments, agencies, offices, and activities (“Budgetary Centers”) which it, by law or by policy, must finance or assist in financing;

WHEREAS, The Board has taken into consideration the fact that there are certain required functions of county government or operations, which must be budgeted at serviceable levels in order to provide statutory and constitutionally required services and programs;

WHEREAS, The Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (“UBAA”), MCLA 141.421, et seq., requires that the Board enact a General Appropriation Act designed to appropriate for all county expenditures;

WHEREAS, The Board has reviewed the recommended budget for 2012 and believes the same to contain funds sufficient to finance all mandatory county funded services at or beyond a serviceable level;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2012 Tuscola County Budget, as detailed in the document attached which is incorporated by reference herein, is hereby adopted on a fund, activity, and line-item basis, subject to all County policies regarding the expenditure of funds and the conditions set forth in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #1, that the bound copy of said budget as presented to each member of the Board be designated as an official copy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #2, a public hearing has been held on the proposed 2012 budget following notice as required by law, including notice concerning the millage rates to be levied as required by the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, P.A. 2 of 1978, as amended, the following tax rates are hereby authorized, certified, and reaffirm the previously adopted rates at the Board of Commissioners for the 2011 tax year (2012 Budget Year) for a total county levy of 8.4921 mills as listed in detail below:

2011 AUTHORIZED TAX RATES – 2012 BUDGET

Purpose	Millage	Fund
General Government Operations	3.9141 mills	General Operating
County Bridge & Local Streets	.4807 mills	Bridge
Senior Citizens	.2000 mills	Senior Citizens
Recycling	.1500 mills	Recycling
Medical Care Facility	.2500 mills	Voted Medical Care
Medical Care Facility Construction	1.0000 mills	Medical Care Construction
Road Patrol	.9000 mills	Road Patrol
Primary Roads/Streets	.9657 mills	Primary Roads
Mosquito Control	.6316 mills	Mosquito Control
Total	8.4921 mills	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #3, that each budgetary center shall limit expenditures within the appropriations and accounts authorized and for purposes consistent with the name of the account, and shall not attempt to expend funds that will result in an account deficit or at a rate that will eventually result in an account deficit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #4, that in order to expedite ongoing budget amendments, the County Controller/Administrator shall have the authority to transfer up to \$5,000 between non-wage/fringe benefit accounts within an adopted activity (departmental) budget without approval of the Board of Commissioners. However, any increase in a total activity budget appropriation requires Board of Commissioner approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #5, that the Board is appropriating to the Child Care Fund with the understanding that such sums are reasonable and necessary for the Probate (Family) Court to meet its critical needs in an adequate manner and without waiving the County's entitlement to 50% reimbursement from the State of Michigan as mandated by Michigan's Constitution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #6, that the sum of **\$45,343,676** as set forth in the budget adopted by this Board is hereby appropriated for the use by departments and for the use of defraying and paying boards of the County of Tuscola for all costs and expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #7, that said sums appropriated to and shall be available for expenditures from several funds in accordance with the law, and no obligation or liability shall be incurred, nor any vouchers drawn in payment thereof by any county department, which shall be confined to the objects or categories of expenditures and shall not exceed the amount appropriated therefore, as set forth in the categories of said budget;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED # 8, that all County elected officials and county department heads shall abide by County Policies, as adopted and amended by this Board, and that these budgeted funds are appropriated contingent upon compliance with all financial and other policies of the County (Official copy of all county policies maintained in the Controller/Administrator's Office);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #9, that all the approved full time and part time positions identified for various departments and funds in the budget, shall limit the number of employees who can be employed and no funds are appropriated for any position or employee not in the 2012 budget document. Further, there may be a need to increase or decrease various positions within the budget and/or impose a hiring freeze and/or impose lay-offs due to the unforeseen financial changes; therefore, the number of authorized full time and part time positions in the budget may be changed from time to time by the Board and/or the Board may impose a hiring freeze. The County elected officials and County department heads shall abide by whatever changes are made by the Board, if any, relative to the approved positions and the number of employees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #10, that certain positions contained in the budget which are supported in some part by a grant, cost-sharing, child care reimbursement, or other source of outside funding, are only approved contingent upon the County receiving the budgeted revenues. In the event outside funding is not received, then said positions shall be considered unfunded and removed from the budget as necessary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #11, that revenues received by the County under Public Act 106 and 107, 1985 (Convention Facility tax revenues) shall not be used to reduce the County's operating millage levy as defined by Public Act 2, 1986;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #12, that in the event the Board imposes a hiring freeze and vacancies occur during the existence of that hiring freeze, the vacancies shall be considered and hereby declared to be vacated positions. Said vacated positions shall not be refilled except by specific Board authorization. Further, the existence of a hiring freeze which may be imposed by the Board shall be, and is hereby declared to be, contingent upon the expenditure of budgeted funds, as well as the position specifically listed on the approved position control number roster list;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #13, that in accordance with Public Act 106 of 1985 and Public Act 2 of 1986, if 50% of the estimated Convention Facility Tax Revenues are not used to reduce the County's operating tax rate, then these funds shall be transmitted to the Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency with remaining revenues to be deposited in the County's general fund;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #14, that the revenues received by the County under Public Act 264 of 1987 (Health and Safety Fund Act) shall not be used to reduce the County's operating millage levy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #15, that in accordance with Public Act 264 of 1987, that 12/17 of the estimated Cigarette Tax revenues not used to reduce the County's operating tax rate shall be used for other purposes specified by Public Act 264 of 1987, with the remaining revenues generated by PA 264 of 1987 to be used for other General Fund expenditures;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #16, that the Controller/Administrator be, and is hereby appointed, Budget Administrator pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, MCLA 141.421 et. seq., with power to administer such duties in connection with said budget, as may from time to time, be delegated to the Office of Controller/Administrator by the Board of Commissioners;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED # 17, that the Budget Administrator be directed to disburse to the various agencies, the approved County appropriation on the basis of need as determined by the cash balances within their respective funds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #18, that the Controller is authorized to establish funds, activities, and accounts as necessary under the State Uniform Chart of Accounts to maintain effective financial accounting of county operations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #19, that inter-fund transfers are automatically approved on a quarterly basis in January, April, July, and October based on the quarterly transfer schedule included in the annual County Budget unless otherwise changed by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners. Notification of any changes shall be submitted by the Controller/Administrator to the appropriate accounting offices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #20, that claims shall be paid by the Statutory Finance Committee following the normal claims approval process unless other payment provisions

have been made by County Board action. By previous Board action, the Board Chairperson and Finance Chairperson have the authority to approve payment of claims in advance of the regular claims approval process in situations to avoid not meeting payment deadlines and to avoid interest penalty charges. (See Board Motion and county policies);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #21, that Maintenance of Effort payments may be paid from the Voted Medical Care Facility Fund #298 upon signature of the Medical Care Facility Director. Said claim is a fixed per day amount paid by the County to the State for patients housed at the facility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #22, that in conformance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, the budget includes the following information;

- 1) Expenditure data for the most recently completed fiscal year.
- 2) An estimate of the expenditure amounts required to conduct, in the ensuing fiscal year, the government of Tuscola County.
- 3) Revenue data for the most recently completed fiscal year.
- 4) An estimate of the revenues, by source of revenue, to be raised or received by Tuscola County in the ensuing fiscal year.
- 5) The amount of surplus or deficit that has accumulated from prior fiscal years, together with an estimate of the amount of surplus or deficit expected in the current fiscal year.
- 6) An estimate of the amount needed for deficiency, contingent, or emergency purposes, and the amounts needed to pay and to discharge the principal and interest of the debt of Tuscola County due in the ensuing fiscal year.
- 7) The amount of proposed capital outlay expenditures, except those financed by enterprise, public improvement, or building and site, or special assessment funds, including the estimated total cost and proposed method of financing of each capital construction project and the projected additional annual operating costs of each capital construction project, and the projected additional annual operating cost of each capital construction projected for three (3) years beyond the fiscal year covered by the budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners is conducting a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 10:30 A.M. to discuss the potential of combining the County Clerk and County Register of Deeds positions for the 2013 county calendar/budget year. The Public Hearing will be held at the HH Purdy Building which is located at 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723.

Mike Hoagland

From: Tina Middaugh [tmiddaugh@tbhs.net]

Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 9:57 AM

To: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org

Subject: Board of Health

Good morning Mr. Hoagland,

Please accept this correspondence as a request for consideration in continuing to serve on the Board of Health for the Tuscola County Health Department.

I have enjoyed serving as the Secretary on the Board of Health for the past three years. At this time, I remain interested in continuing my appointment in serving as a Board of Health member. I appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to hearing from you in the near future. If you should have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact me at 989-672-3012.

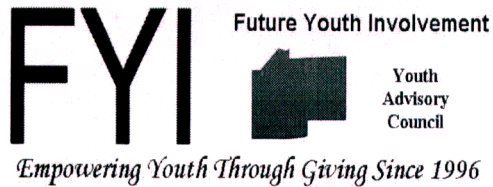
Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tina Middaugh

**Mental Illness: Fighting the STIGMA. Working for RECOVERY.
Finding HOPE.**

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Phone: (989) 673-8223
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November 19, 2010

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
207 East Grant Street
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Commissioners,

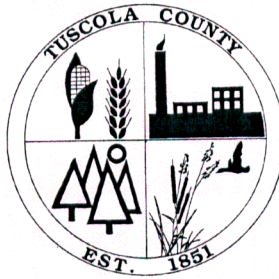
Since 2001, Future Youth Involvement, the Youth Advisory Council to the Tuscola County Community Foundation, has organized and hosted a community-wide event called Cardboard City Sleep-Out. The sleep-out exposes teenagers and adults to the challenges of the every day life of a homeless person. The event provides a safe environment in which participants are able to have fun while participating in educational and fun activities. The primary goal of the Cardboard City Sleep-Out is to raise awareness and funds for the Homelessness Prevention Fund of the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

This year's Sleep-Out is being planned for May 19-20, 2012 and we are asking for your help in making our event possible. As in years past, we would like to hold the event on the lawn of the Tuscola County Courthouse. We are requesting use of the Courthouse lawn beginning Saturday, May 19th at 8 AM through Sunday, May 14th at 12 Noon. We look forward to working with you in making Cardboard City Sleep-Out possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Troy Kausch'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Troy Kausch, Cardboard City Chair
Future Youth Involvement



#8

TUSCOLA COUNTY EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT
125 W LINCOLN STREET
CARO, MI 48723
989-672-3830

To: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
From: Walt Schlichting
Date: December 7, 2011
Re: Carryover of vacation to 2012

Please allow me to carryover six unused vacation days to 2012.

Heavy demands on my time during 2011 made it impossible for me to take the vacation during the year.

We have been in a transition period with our equalization and tax administration software which has taken a great deal of additional time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Walt

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WISNER TOWNSHIP WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND APPROVING WISNER TOWNSHIP WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM CONTRACT

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held on the 15th day of December, 2011.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution, which was approved by the Board of Public Works at its meeting of December 6, 2011, was offered by _____ and seconded by _____:

WHEREAS, the County of Tuscola (the "County"), by resolution of its Board of Commissioners, has established a Department of Public Works for the administration of the powers conferred upon the County by Act 185 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1957, as amended ("Act 185"), which Department is administered by a Board of Public Works under the general control of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County has been requested to assist in financing the acquisition and construction of a water distribution system in the Township of Wisner (the "Township") as hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a County water distribution system to serve the Township and County as requested in the resolution will protect the public health and welfare of the citizens of the Township to be served by such system.

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has approved the Wisner Township Water Distribution System Contract (the "Contract"), dated as of December 1, 2011, between the County of Tuscola and the Township for the acquisition, construction, financing and operating of the Wisner Township Water Distribution System and directed that the Contract be submitted to this Board of Commissioners for its approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, by a majority vote of its members elect, hereby authorizes and directs that there be established, maintained and operated under the provisions of Act 185 and any other applicable acts, a water distribution system to consist of such water distribution facilities as described in the Contract, together with related appurtenances as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to serve the Township. Said water distribution system shall be known as the "Wisner Township Water Distribution System." The Project shall be known as the "Wisner Township Water Distribution System Project" and is hereby established and approved as a part of such system.

2. The Contract is approved and the Board of Public Works of the County (the "BPW"), by its Chairperson and its Secretary, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Contract on behalf of the County (in such number of counterparts as may be desirable). A copy of the Contract presented to the Board of Commissioners on this date and herein approved shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting and made a part thereof and shall be placed on file with the County Clerk and made available for examination by any interested person during normal business hours. The cost estimate of the Project included in the Contract is approved.

3. The Board of Public Works, by its Chairperson and its Secretary, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the County of Tuscola the Contract in substantially the form attached hereto.

4. The Board of Public Works, by its Chairperson and its Secretary, is authorized to execute and deliver such number of counterparts of the Contract as it may deem advisable.

5. H.J. Umbaugh & Associates and Dickinson Wright PLLC are hereby appointed to serve as financial consultant and bond counsel, respectively, with respect to the issuance of the bonds to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Contract.

6. The County is hereby authorized to act as applicant on behalf of the Township with respect to the loan from the United States of America, acting through Rural Development, to be evidenced by the County bonds and the grant for the Project. The Chairperson of the BPW and the County Controller/Administrator are each authorized to sign such applications and related documents, and to do all other things necessary, in connection with the application to Rural Development for such loan and grant. The actions taken to the date hereof by the Chairperson of the BPW in connection with such loan and grant are hereby ratified and confirmed.

7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby rescinded.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

YEAS:

NAYS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of December, 2011, the original of which resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

Clerk, County of Tuscola

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

7th District Meeting

Monday, December 19, 2011

10:00 a.m.

at

Shamrock Farms Bed & Breakfast

2388 Millville Road

Lapeer, Michigan 48446

www.shamrockfarmsbb.com



hosted by

Lapeer County Board of Commissioners

255 Clay Street, Suite 301

Lapeer, Michigan 48446

Phone: 810-667-0366 Fax: 810-667-0369

Luncheon: \$10.00 @ the door

RSVP to Doreen at 810 667-0366 or dclark@lapeercounty.org by December 12th

Mike Hoagland

From: Renee Ondrajka [renee@tuscolacounty.org]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 9:45 AM
To: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Subject: FW: MAC 7th District Meeting 12-19-11
Importance: High
Attachments: MAC_7TH_ NOTICE121911.pdf

Hi Mike,

Here is the information for the next MAC 7th District meeting on December 19th. If you could let me know next week if you'll be attending....Thanks!

Renee



Good Afternoon~

Please be advised that Lapeer County will be hosting the next MAC 7th District Meeting on Monday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m. A flyer is attached with the date, time and location. If you could provide a head count ASAP (but no-later-than December 12th) so that we can provide an estimate to the caterer, it would be greatly appreciated!

An agenda and any additional information will be emailed prior to the meeting date.

Thank you!!!

*Doreen Sue Clark
Lapeer County Administration Office
(810) 667-0366
dclark@lapeercounty.org*

See us on the web at www.lapeercountyweb.org

November 10, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 8:00 A.M.

Present: Road Commissioners John Laurie, Mike Zwerk, Julie Matuszak, and Pat Sheridan; County Highway Engineer Michele Zaverucha, Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey, Director of Finance/Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey.

Absent: Road Commissioner Gary Parsell.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the October 27, 2011 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$100,448.23 and bills in the amount of \$384,391.84 covered by vouchers #11-36 and #11-37 were presented and audited.

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

Brief Public Comment Segment:
None.

Management and the Board further discussed plans for replacing the County Weighmaster position. The Board reviewed a proposed agreement with the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department for a contracted deputy to serve as County Weighmaster including revisions discussed at the last regular meeting of the Board. The Board also discussed additional training for the assigned deputy serving as County Weighmaster. After further discussion, the following two motions were introduced:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Zwerk that Management investigate the possibility of an Agreement with Road Commissioner Matuszak for continued Weighmaster training. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Sheridan to approve the Agreement for Enforcement Services between the Tuscola County Road Commission and the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department contracting one designated deputy officer to serve as the Tuscola County Weighmaster, all in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the agreement. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak to deny the request for a variance of the Road Commission's Road Policies for a minimum sized driveway culvert on Jacob Road at Dickerson Road. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:30 A.M. a public hearing was held for the proposed improvements to Hurds Corner Road from Dutcher Road to M-81 in Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10 of Ellington Township. County Highway Engineer Zaverucha presented the plans for the project. Ellington Township Supervisor Duane Lockwood was in attendance at the hearing. Members of the public were given the opportunity to speak at the hearing, of which a complete transcript of the hearing is available at the Road Commission Office. After hearing comments from the public, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Sheridan to close the public hearing and to proceed with letting the Federal Aid Project for the proposed improvements to Hurds Corner Road from Dutcher Road to M-81 in Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10 of Ellington Township. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha presented to the Board the Michigan Department of Transportations plans for a paving project on M-25 scheduled for year 2013. As part of that project, MDOT is rebuilding the curve at Bay Park Road and wants to realign the intersection. Zaverucha also reported that MDOT has requested to use Dickerson Road as a detour route. After review and further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Zwerk to approve the request from the Michigan Department of Transportation to realign Bay Park Road with the curve rebuilding and use Dickerson Road as a detour route during the paving project on M-25 scheduled for year 2013. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Beginning at 8:45 A.M., the Board conducted interviews with three candidates from the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department to serve as Tuscola County Weighmaster. The following deputy officers were interviewed: Ryan Herford, Chris Rogner, and Steve Anderson. After interviewing the candidates, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Zwerk to recommend to the Tuscola County Sheriff that the Road Commission's preference of the candidates applying to serve as Tuscola County Weighmaster is Deputy Ryan Herford. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Zwerk to adopt the "Hard-Cap" method for the Road Commission's group health insurance plan employee contributions, all in accordance with Senate Bill 007 and the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Ellington Township Supervisor Duane Lockwood asked the Board if the proposed improvements to Gilford Road west of the White Creek Bridge were going to be completed this season. The Board approved the County Highway Engineer's recommended improvements at the August 18, 2011 regular meeting of the Board, but approval was not received from the Ellington Township Board. With the end of this year's construction season, this project will not be completed until next season.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Zwerk that the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board

DRAFT
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Wednesday, November 23, 2011
HH Purdy Building
125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI
10:19 A.M.

Commissioners present: Allen, Bardwell, Kern, Petzold, Peterson. Also present: Mike Hoagland, Margie White, Mary Drier, Clayette Zechmeister, Donna Fraczek

Finance

2011 Budget Amendments

- **Blue Cross/Blue Shield Updated Year-End Projections**
- **New Stop Grant Fund**
- **Parenting Education**

2012 County Budget Development Loose-Ends

- **Potential Combining of County Clerk and Register of Deeds Positions**
- **Equalization Services Inflationary Cost Adjustment Request** – still awaiting a response from Huron County
- **Probate Court** – inclined to wait until Chief Judge has an opportunity to weigh-in
- **Drain-at-Large**
- **DDA/TIFA**
- **Medical Care Facility**
- **Next Steps for Adoption** – public hearing scheduled for December 15, 2011

Secondary/On-Going Finance Items

1. Circuit Court Collections Plan
2. Development of State Recommended County Financial Information
3. County Hiring Freeze – Reducing Cost Through Attrition
4. 2010 Audit (Comprehensive Annual financial Report) Comments
5. Personal Property Tax
6. Wind Energy Taxation and Revenue Potential

Personnel

Secondary/On-Going Personnel Items

1. New Hire Wage/Fringe Benefits
2. Circuit/Family Court Personnel Policies

Building and Grounds

Secondary/On-Going Building and Grounds Items

1. Potential Sheriff Department Tower Replacement
2. Off Road Vehicle Ordinance Legal Steps for Final Adoption – Public Hearing
December 15, 2011
3. Vanderbilt Park Access Road Issue

Correspondence/Other Business as Necessary

Public Comment Period - none

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk

**Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
Thursday, November 23, 2011
HH Purdy Building
125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI**

Called to order: 10:17 a.m.

Commissioners present: Allen, Bardwell, Kern, Peterson, Petzold

Also present: Michael Hoagland, Margie White

Claims and per diems were reviewed and approved

Public Comment - none

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Board of Directors Meeting
November 16, 2011
3 p.m.

#13

PRESENT: Della Hammond, Bob Sugden, Carl Holmes, Tom Kern, Jerry Peterson, Bob Wood, John Merriman, Jamie Daws, Grace Temple, John Espinoza, George Loomis, Ron Wruble, Elmer Bussema, Linda Jarvis

ABSENT: Judge Kim Glaspie (excused), Al Long (excused), Cindy McDonnell (excused), Chris Taylor (excused), Steve Vaughan (excused), David Eady

STAFF: Lori Offenbecher, Maryanne Eagle, Becky Hassler, Wendy Falls, Cristi Smith, 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 Bob Wood, seconded by Grace Temple, to accept the October 19, 2011 Board of Directors 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) Bill Butler's letter of resignation, 2) flyer regarding the Walk For Warmth Soup Cook Off scheduled for November 18 in Lapeer, 3) certificate from Baker College acknowledging the 10+ years the agency has provided work experience for the College's students, and 4) pictures from Huron County's Project Connect.

Chairperson Hammond advised that Bill Butler had resigned from the Board. Motion by John Merriman, seconded by Bob Wood, to accept Bill Butler's resignation with regret. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Wood, seconded by John Merriman, to enter into closed session at 3:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing legal issues. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Kern, seconded by Bob Wood, to adjourn closed session at 3:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Wruble, seconded by Jamie Daws, to reschedule the January Board meeting from the 18th to the 25th. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Sugden, seconded by John Merriman, to accept the Chairperson's Report as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Eagle presented the October 2011 Finance Report which reflected expenditures of \$1 million. Motion by Carl Holmes, seconded by Jamie Daws, to accept the Finance Report as presented. Motion carried.

CAA ENDOWMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Holmes advised that the Board had met on October 19 and reviewed the September Endowment Asset Report which reflected a balance of \$91,877.

In relation to the Endowment Raffle, it was noted that all 1,000 tickets had been sold and it was the consensus of members that the Endowment Raffle be held again in 2012.

Motion by Jerry Peterson, seconded by George Loomis, to receive the CAA Endowment Board of Trustees minutes as presented. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE & FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hammond advised that the Committee had met with representatives of the agency's new auditing firm of Yeo & Yeo on October 19. As part of the audit process, it was noted that the firm would be receiving contact information for HDC's Board of Directors in order that interviews could be conducted.

Motion by Tom Kern, seconded by Grace Temple, to accept the Executive & Finance/Audit Committee minutes as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Sugden highlighted the Community Services Advisory Council minutes of November 9 in which several programmatic reports were heard and it was noted that Walk For Warmth fundraising events were underway.

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

SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Kern highlighted the October 26 Senior Services Advisory Council minutes and noted that Council member, Betty Walkowski, had passed away.

Motion by Jerry Peterson, seconded by Grace Temple, to accept the Senior Services Advisory Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

CARO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Ms. Offenbecher advised that the Caro Transit Authority had met on October 26 and members were provided an update on the future propane conversion project that would take place in December on five buses. The Rural Transportation Assistance Program contract, which provides training funds for the system, was approved, as was the Head Start contract for the current school year.

Motion by John Espinoza, seconded by Grace Temple, to receive the Caro Transit Authority Report as presented. Motion carried.

AGENCY REPORT

Mr. Peterson presented proposals which the agency wished to submit for funding.

Motion by Jerry Peterson, seconded by Elmer Bussema, to submit a proposal to the Michigan Department of Human Services for operation of the 2012 Community Services Block Grant EITC Outreach and Tax Preparation Program. Motion carried.

Motion by Jerry Peterson, seconded by Carl Holmes, to submit a proposal to the Michigan Supreme Court/State Court Administrative Office for continuation of the Community Dispute Resolution Program. Motion carried.

Motion by Jerry Peterson, seconded by John Merriman, to submit a proposal to the Lapeer County Community Foundation in order to provide income tax preparation assistance for Lapeer County residents with an emphasis on adults age 60 and over. Motion carried.

It was noted that the agency was in the process of identifying other resources for provision of a tax program for seniors in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties.

Members were informed that the agency would be receiving funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health for continuation of A Door to Open and A Door to Open-The Sequel. Both permanent housing programs serve homeless adults with serious mental illness and their families in the four counties.

Motion by Bob Sugden, seconded by Jamie Daws, to accept the Planning/Evaluation report as presented. Motion carried.

Members were informed that the agency auditors would be on-site the last week of November and first week of December.

Ms. Offenbecher advised that due to problems encountered with the original contractor, another contractor had been selected to provide for security renovations at the Lapeer County Field Office. It is hoped that renovations will be completed by the first part of December.

Members were informed that Sacred Heart Church and St. Michael's Church would once again be providing Christmas gifts for agency customers through their Giving Tree Programs, and Modern Woodmen of America would be providing the entire Thanksgiving meal for the Spoonfuls of Plenty Meal Program.

Ms. Offenbecher stated that on November 17, from 5-7 p.m., the agency would be hosting the After Hours Caro Chamber of Commerce event which would provide an opportunity to showcase the renovations in the reception area and to promote agency services.

It was also noted that the long awaited Emergency Food and Shelter funding had been received and staff were working with groups in Huron and Tuscola County to expend the grant prior to December 31, 2011.

Ms. Offenbecher related that on November 22, Olga Dazzo, Director of the State Department of Community Health, would be speaking at the Public Health Department in Caro. She also requested to meet with HDC and Region VII Area Agency on that same day to discuss what services are available locally for seniors. HDC will host the meeting.

Members were apprised that the agency had sent out its annual appeal letter and, to date, \$850 had been received.

Ms. Offenbecher stated that a licensing violation had occurred at the Lapeer County Early Head Start Center and the agency had taken the necessary steps which included informing the State Licensing Office and the Office of Head Start.

Ms. Eagle stated that, for several months, staff had been exploring options to ensure the integrity of the agency's data systems. A local firm had been hired to enhance the total Information and Technology system and they began the process on November 3.

Motion by Jamie Daws, seconded by George Loomis, to accept the Agency Report as presented. Motion carried.

PROGRAM PRESENTATION

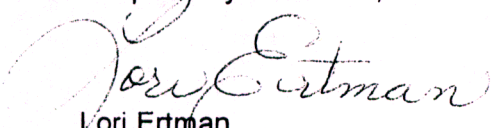
Cristi Smith, Housing Specialist, provided the Board with information on the agency's Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Program and the foreclosure process in Michigan.

OTHER

Mr. Espinoza stated that that the agency's implementation of the Community Revitalization Program had been of great benefit to the City of Croswell.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Ertman
Director's Assistant

December 1, 2011

The Honorable Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
125 W. Lincoln St.
Caro, Michigan 48723

Dear Members:

At our most recent meeting, the Tuscola County Fire Chief's Association heard a presentation by Sheriff Lee Teschendorf regarding the urgent need for additional funding within his department. Part of the solution to that need is a millage proposal to be put on the February 2012 ballot. It is our understanding the proposal is for .3 of a mill for 6 years. It is also our understanding the money derived from the levy will be used to fund the Office of Emergency Services, the Informational Technology person in the Sheriff Department and a road patrol position. The Tuscola County Fire Chief's Association, **by unanimous vote, passed a resolution of support** for the millage proposal. We feel strongly the Office of Emergency Services is absolutely vital to our mission of protecting and serving our citizens. The office provides the link between the State and us at the local level level in cases of declared emergency or disaster. We, in the fire service, are mandated to be the first responders within the all hazards approach to emergency response. Without that link between the state and us we would be severely hampered in our efforts to accomplish our mission.

With the decrease in revenue within the Sheriff Department budget, we feel it is important to maintain those positions within the department that otherwise would be considered for elimination, such as the road patrol position and information technology position.

Respectfully submitted,



David Mattlin, Secretary – Treasurer
Tuscola County Fire Chief's Association

Cc: Sheriff Teschendorf
Emergency Management Director Pat Finn
Tuscola County Fire Chiefs



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RODNEY A. STOKES
DIRECTOR

November 30, 2011

Mr. Michael Hoagland
County Administrator
Tuscola County
440 N. State
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Mr. Hoagland:

SUBJECT: Recreation Plan Expiration/Eligibility for Grants

According to our records, your five-year community recreation plan has expired, or will expire by December 31, 2011. To be eligible to apply for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund or Land and Water Conservation Fund grant in 2012, your community must have a community recreation plan submitted to the Department of Natural Resources' Grants Management office **by March 1, 2012 and must be approved by April 2, 2012.**

We approve newly-submitted plans through December 31 of the fifth calendar year covered by the plan. Please be sure to indicate the years covered by your plan.

Only plans that have been adopted by your local governing body will be approved. We encourage you to submit your plan as far in advance of March 1, 2012 as possible, so you will have time to make any needed corrections and obtain approval by April 2, 2012.

If you have received recreation grants in the past, enclosed is a list, including the grant program it was funded by (Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Recreation Bond, or Clean Michigan Initiative programs).

To assist you in developing your recreation plan, please refer to our publication *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans* (IC1924, rev. 02/05/2009). This document contains information to assist you in planning for the recreational needs of your community and to prepare a plan that will be approved by our office. Please make note of the *Recreation Plan Certification Checklist* (PR1924-1), which is referenced in Appendix A of the booklet. A signed checklist **must** be submitted with your recreation plan. These guidelines are located on our website at www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants. The link is: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/IC1924_149265_7.pdf. A hard copy of the publication is available on request.

We will be reviewing your plan to determine if you have followed our guidelines and to ensure that your plan includes the minimum required content. We encourage you to develop a plan that will be useful for your community and exceed our minimum requirements if you desire to do so. Please keep in mind that when you apply for a recreation grant, we will review your plan to ensure that the project you propose is consistent with the goals and objectives stated in your plan.

Mr. Michael Hoagland
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November 30, 2011

Grants Management staff is available to answer any questions regarding the requirements for developing your community recreation plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Grant Coordinator assigned to your area (map enclosed). You may also write to us at: **Grants Management, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30425, Lansing, MI 48909-7925.**

Sincerely,



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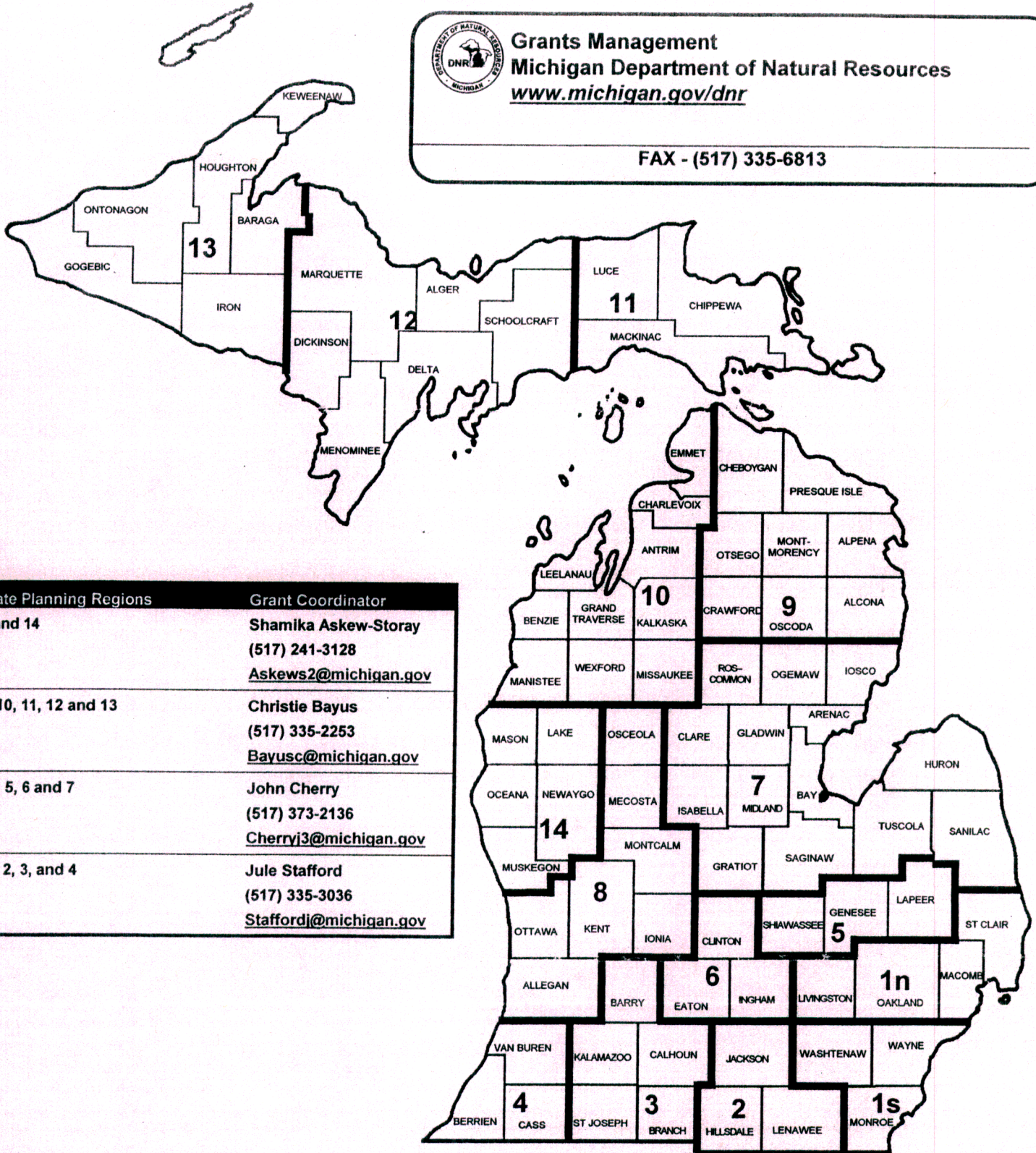
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Enclosure (Grant Coordinators Map)

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Recreation Grant History

Applicant

Tuscola County

Project No. BF89-367

Project Year: 1989

Project Title: Vanderbilt Park Improvements

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$85,500.00

Element

Element

Drive and parking

Playground

Shelter

Signs and site graphics

Camping improvements

Contingency

Well improvements

Restrooms and showers

Sitescape

Project Description: Improvements at existing park to include improvements to park drive and parking, picnic area, well, playground, signs, restrooms, showers, and plantings.

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November 23, 2011

Thomas Bardwell, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Bardwell:

The Huron County Board of Commissioners is in receipt of your letter regarding Walt Schlichting. We agree that it is great news that the Advisory Committee of the Tax Commission approved the waiver request to allow our two counties to continue to share an Equalization Director.

Next, we acknowledge that the Consumer Price Index has increased since the inception of our intergovernmental agreement and an adjustment is appropriate. We concur with your recommended adjustment of \$255 per month. We respectfully request that the new monthly payment of \$3,255 be effective January 1, 2012 and continue for a three (3) year period.

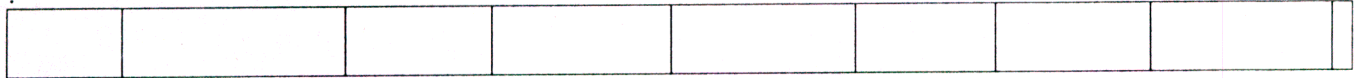
We look forward to hearing from you and continuing this partnership. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact this office at (989) 269-8242.

Sincerely,

Jodi M. Essenmacher
Executive Assistant

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'SHADOW TAX CUT' DEEPENS LOCAL BUDGET CRISES

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By Rick Haglund/Bridge Magazine contributor

A \$900 million cut in property tax revenues since 2007, the "Shadow Tax Cut," has devastated the budgets of local governments that heavily rely on these taxes to provide police and fire protection — and a host of other services.

They've laid off hundreds of firefighters, police officers and other employees; cut pay and benefits; closed libraries and community centers. Some are keeping their city halls open only four days a week. Local government employment in Michigan is down by 53,600 jobs since its November 2006 peak of 438,500, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In one extreme case, DTE Energy repossessed two-thirds of Highland Park's street light poles in August after the poverty-stricken city couldn't afford to pay the \$60,000 monthly light bill.

BRIDGE DATA: See property tax collections in your community.

"I think we've gone beyond cutting out the fat. We're cutting into the bone now," said Paul Tait, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, a regional planning agency. "I've never seen local governments under such pressure in providing core services."

A study by the Michigan Center for Local, State and Global Policy found that half of Michigan's largest local governments plan to reduce the number of services they provide next year.

Pontiac, for example, a once-prosperous auto-making town with a population of 59,500, no longer can afford its own police department. It turned over its 50-officer force to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in August.

And the state Treasury Department estimates 2011 property tax revenues will be at least \$1.2 billion less than 2007 revenues, putting even more financial pressure on local governments.

Although declining property values appear to be bottoming out, local officials aren't cheering just yet. That's because the 1978 Headlee Amendment and Proposal A, approved by voters in 1994, will limit increases on the taxable value of property for years to come.

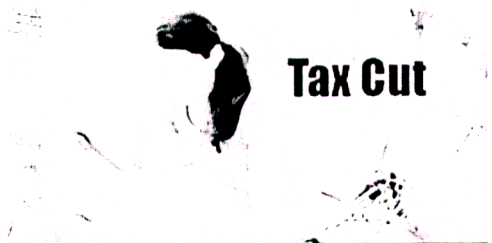
"We won't get back to our 2007 taxable level until 2025," said Robert Daddow, deputy county executive in Oakland County.

"No one ever contemplated a decline in property values when Headlee was passed," said Grosse Pointe City Manager Peter Dame. "Now we will be permanently stuck down at 1990s revenue levels trying to finance government services 20 years later."

Daddow and others say local units of government failed to tighten their belts quickly enough when property values started plunging during the worst economic downturn since the Great Recession.

"The reduction in property values was apparent five years ago," said Patrick Anderson, president of the Anderson Economic Group in East Lansing. "Despite warnings from many of us, a lot of local governments were taken by surprise by the declines."

But few knew things would get so bad. And now some of the state's largest cities, particularly in economically hard-hit Southeast Michigan, are struggling to stay afloat financially.



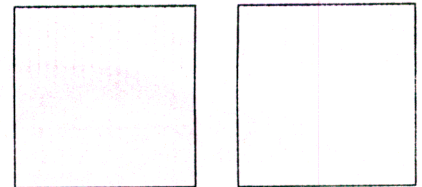
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Flint this week has designated its second state emergency manager in 10 years. Detroit Mayor Dave Bing has said his city will not cut its budget by February unless employee unions agree to concessions.

Hazel Park, a working-class suburb in Oakland County, offers a typical example of what cities across the state have had to do to stay afloat in recent years.

This city of 16,400 has shrunk its work force from 120 to about 90 over the past decade. It has cut the hours worked by clerical employees from 37.5 hours a week to 32 hours. Two years ago, full-time workers took a 5 percent pay cut.

"It's especially tough on older communities that have high legacy costs and nowhere to grow," said Hazel Park City Manager Edward Klobucher. "We have a significant number of retirees and old infrastructure that's in need of repair."

Total tax revenues, including property taxes and revenue sharing, in Hazel Park fell 9 percent between 2009 and 2010. The city also had 1.39 retirees receiving pensions for every municipal worker in 2010, a 10 percent increase in pensioners from 2009.

The budgetary strains have reached into the most prosperous corners of Michigan.

"On top of what was included in (the Bridge report), in 2011, Grosse Pointe experienced another 4.5 percent decline in property tax revenues — and I am expecting a similar decline in 2012," said Grosse Pointe's Dame. "When a place like Grosse Pointe is facing such significant financial challenges making ends meet, you know there is a serious problem."

Voters join search for local dollars

Gov. Rick Snyder is pushing local governmental units to become more efficient by working with each other to consolidate services. Communities must show how they're trying to share service in order to receive their full revenue sharing payments, which are down from previous years.

But residents of many communities are voting to keep services intact, especially police and fire, by approving tax increases.

A survey of 73 millage issues in the Nov. 8 local elections by the MIRS news service in Lansing found that 60 of them, or 82 percent, passed.

Approvals included a 4-mill increase in Lansing to avoid layoffs in the police and fire departments, a sinking fund millage that will raise \$4.3 million to repair school buildings in Grand Rapids and an additional 2.1 mills to fund road repair in Warren.

"While legislators continue to talk about the need for more efficiencies, they are failing to realize that local communities are doing everything possible to combine services and that the state cuts are just leading to local tax increases," said Dan Gilmartin, executive director of the Michigan Municipal League.

To add insult to the injury of the property tax revenue declines, the state has cut revenue sharing payments to cities, villages and counties by \$4.2 billion since 2001, including \$499 million last year, according to MML.

Some say the dire straits that local governments find themselves in demand an overhaul of Michigan's tax system.

"What we have right now is a really complicated system. If we were to pick a time to fix it, this would be a great time," said Eric Luper, director of local affairs at the nonpartisan Citizens Research Council of Michigan.

One fix he advocates is exempting increased revenues resulting from the sale of property from the Headlee cap, which limits local government revenue growth to the rate of inflation.

There often is a wide difference in taxable value, created by Proposal A, and state equalized value on homes that have not changed hands in years.

When such homes are sold, the taxable value is adjusted up to the state equalized value, resulting in additional revenues for local governments and schools. That extra revenue is included in the Headlee cap.

"Coupled with the abrogation of the state's commitment to revenue sharing and the lack of a revenue source for fixing roads, it is clear to me that the state of Michigan needs to start over with the whole system of local government finance," said Grosse Pointe's Dame. "Other states have far more options to general revenue locally. A new partnership between the state and its local governments should be forged."

Hazel Park's Klobucher struck a similar note: "I'm hoping somebody in Lansing will realize the whole system is broken and that we're in a desperate situation."

That's probably wishful thinking.

The Republican-controlled Legislature isn't interested in any changes to the Headlee Amendment or Proposal A that result in tax increases, a spokesman for House Speaker Jase Bolger said in an email.

"The speaker's position on this issue, as with many others, is that we should not be doing anything that makes Michigan less attractive to job providers or tougher on taxpayers," spokesman Ari Adler said.

"At all levels of government, if services can no longer be afforded, then leaders need to reconsider whether those services should be provided or at what level," Adler said.

About this project

To assess the effects of declining property values on tax collections and household budgets, Bridge Magazine took data from the Treasury Department gleaned from all of Michigan's local governments. The result was a \$1.6 billion cumulative tax cut between 2007 and 2010, adjusted to 2010 dollars.

State Rep. Dan Gilmartin, D-Ann Arbor, is the author of the report.

On the report's cover is a photo of Troy, Michigan.

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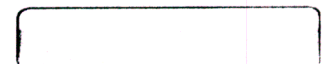
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Tax appeals stack up at tribunal

Another ticking financial time bomb for local units of government is the huge number of pending property tax appeals at the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The tribunal, which hears property assessment appeals from local businesses and homeowners, has about 42,000 pending cases. Of those, about 28,000 are small claims appeals, mostly from homeowners.

Automakers and many other major corporations have cases pending before the tribunal. Officials say local units of government could be forced to refund millions of dollars in previous years' taxes, should they lose those cases.

"Most communities have not set aside any money to fund these losses," Daddow said. "They're going to get stuck pre-

Many local units of governments have already spent past years' tax payments and would have to raise taxes to pay refunds to taxpayers that win their appeals, Daddow explained.

If there is any good financial news for local governments, it is that the decline in property values appears to be easing.

Email

A new report by SEMCOG found taxable property values in Southeast Michigan this year fell 6.5 percent, which was less than its predicted 9.6 percent decline.

And the drop in taxable property values should slow to 0.4 percent by 2014, SEMCOG reported.

Although 48 percent of local governments in the latest U-M survey said they were experiencing fiscal problems, that was down from 61 percent last year.

"Optimistically, it may mean the fiscal crisis that has been hitting local governments peaked in 2010," the U-M study said. "Another interpretation is that local governments are better able to meet their financial needs because of cuts in employees and services."

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Region VII Area Agency on Aging 2011 Holiday Newsletter

Our Mission is to advocate, plan, develop, and support a comprehensive system of quality care and services designed to assure the optimum level of health, well-being, and independence of people as they age.

***Holiday greetings!** We are excited to start a new year, but first would like to take this opportunity to reflect upon this year's accomplishments and give recognition and sincere thanks to our boards, staff, service providers, community agencies, and everyone who provides services to the older adults and clients throughout the regions' ten counties. With your hard work and dedication, the older and/or disabled adults residing in our ten counties are living a healthier and better life with independence and dignity. We are also thankful for our increased office space and parking ability, which will afford us a better opportunity to serve our clientele and the community.*

Advocacy

Fiscal year 2011 has been an incredibly busy year for advocating support for a number of issues on behalf of the older and disabled adults in our region and across the State. We attended a Legislative Luncheon and Older Michiganians Day at the State Capitol where several of Region VII's Board and Advisory Council members, staff, clients, and service providers advocated for: investing in results-oriented solutions that make optimal use of public dollars; enacting legislation that promotes a stronger Michigan economy through the Aging Network; and protecting vulnerable older adults by passing Elder Abuse Laws.

Services

The MI Choice Medicaid Waiver and Care Management programs were developed to allow individuals to remain in their own homes with dignity and independence. Fiscal year 2011 clients served were as follows: Medicaid Waiver (571), Nursing Facility Transitions (97), Care Management (304), ISR-Respite Program (51), Case Coordination (174), Veterans (8) and Savvy Caregiver (27). In addition, our contracted service providers served 26,621 clients, of which 10,199 clients received either congregate or home delivered meals.

Our Information and Assistance program assisted 3,146 clients in fiscal year 2011. The Title-V Senior Community Services Employment Program enrollment, which offers older adults on-the-job training with efforts to find permanent employment, were at capacity levels, and the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) helped 6,113 beneficiaries navigate the complex system.

Education & Awareness

Region VII's new digital signage has generated a notable increase in walk-ins and our dedicated staff has provided extensive outreach to the public, community agencies, and other groups throughout our PSA. Region VII has also conducted and/or funded several PATH and SAVVY CAREGIVER work sessions, and has implemented new programs such as the VETERANS-HCBS, MATTER OF BALANCE initiative, ADRG implementation, and the successful coordination of the Senior Advisory Group (SAG). The Agency now has three Alliance of Information & Referral Systems (AIRS) certified information and assistance specialists to assist the public with their service needs.

We also have participated in a number of education and awareness events throughout the fiscal year.

Region VII's goals and achievements would not be possible without the hard work and loyalty from everyone who contributes to the needs of clients in our ten counties. Thank you to everyone. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

The Board of Directors, Advisory Council, and staff at Region VII wish you a Happy Holiday Season!

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