

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012 – 8:30 A.M.**

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

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Caro, MI 48723

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- 8:30 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell  
Prayer – Commissioner Kern  
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell  
Roll Call – Clerk White  
Adoption of Agenda  
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)  
Brief Public Comment Period  
Consent Agenda Resolution (None)  
New Business  
    -Thumb Cellular Lease of County Land to Construct Tower  
    -January – March 2012 County Activity Report (See Correspondence #2)  
    -Judicial Appointment  
    -Wind Energy Update (See Correspondence #3)  
Old Business  
Correspondence/Resolutions

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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Board of Public Works  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Human Services Coordinating Council  
Great Start Collaborative – Tuscola County  
Parks & Recreation

BARDWELL

Caro DDA  
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority  
Economic Development Corporation  
MAC Economic Development/Taxation  
MAC 7<sup>TH</sup> District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors  
NACo  
MAC Judiciary & Public Safety Committee  
NACo Agricultural Committee  
NACo Rural Action Caucus  
MAC Agriculture & Tourism

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 2020

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

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

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 March 29, 2012 Full Board Minutes
- #2 County Activity Report
- #3 Wind Energy Update
- #4 March 15, 2012 Road Commission Minutes
- #5 Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Appointment

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**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

March 29, 2012 Minutes

H. H. Purdy Building

Chairman Thomas Bardwell called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 29th day of March, 2012 to order at 8:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Peterson

Pledge by Commissioner Petzold

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: District #2 Thomas Bardwell, District #3 Tom Kern, District #4 Roy Petzold, District #5 Gerald Peterson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: District #1 Roger Allen

12-M-052

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

12-M-053

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the 3/13/2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – none

12-M-054

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that the 3/30/12 letter expressing major concerns with state proposed changes to state revenue sharing payments and personal property tax be authorized for signature and sent to Senator Green, Representative Darnow and the Michigan Association of Counties. Also, this letter be forwarded to county officials to encourage additional input to be forwarded to state officials. Motion carried

12-M-055

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Kern that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/15/12

**Description of Matter:** Move that the following 2012 budget changes be implemented to update and accurately account for implemented and non-implemented 2012 expenditure reductions:

- MSU-e 2012 general fund appropriation be increased from \$87,750 to \$89,175 in order to honor the Memorandum of Agreement. Also, the revised Exhibit A Annual Work Program be approved per the March 2, 2012 correspondence from the MSU-e District 10 Coordinator and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Fee increases for 2012 of \$30,000 no longer be pursued based on department input showing it is unlikely this amount of revenue can be generated.
- Previous Board action on 1/26/12 to change full-time positions in the clerk, prosecutor and equalization offices to part-time be rescinded and 2012 budgets be re-established with these positions remaining as full-time.
- Per correspondence from the Sheriff, 2012 line-item reductions be made to the emergency services budget instead of changing the emergency services director position from full-time to part-time and the previous change of the full-time Sheriff secretary remain in place to also help off-set the costs of maintaining the emergency services director.
- General fund insurance budget for 2012 be reduced by \$48,158 because of the availability of the 2011 net asset distribution from MMRMA to replenish the county stop loss fund instead of having to use general fund monies.

**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/15/12

**Description of Matter:** Move that the 2012 budget amendments be authorized as specifically identified in the March 3, 2012 correspondence from the Chief Accountant.

**Agenda Reference:** C

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/15/12

**Description of Matter:** Move that the Sheriff be authorized to immediately implement the addition of 6 jail beds in the C Wing of the jail as approved by the

Department of Corrections with the understanding an increase in the number of corrections officers is not required. Also, the 2012 Jail budget be increased through the use of general fund contingency with amendments of (\$7,428) for health care costs for additional prisoners and (\$6,274) for additional prisoner meal costs. (The addition of these jail beds is anticipated to help contain costs of having to house prisoners in other counties).

**Agenda Reference:** D

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/15/12

**Description of Matter:** Move that the Sheriff be authorized to obtain assistance from Landmark Architects and \$5,000 be established in the capital improvement fund for architectural services to determine costs to make jail space changes including shower capabilities so that an additional 5 inmates can be housed in the C Wing of the county jail as approved by the Department of Corrections with the understanding an increase in the number of corrections officers is not required.

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

YEAS: all

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

12-M-056

Motion by Kern, seconded by Peterson to approve the court restructuring plan and corresponding budget amendments as follows:

- Eliminate the Chief Juvenile Probation position - \$68,928 annualized wage-fringe cost reduction
- Eliminate the MGT of America contract - \$48,000 annualized cost reduction

- Move that the Court Administrator be placed at Step 5 of the wage/step schedule, Director of Probation Services be placed at Step 5; with these pay changes being retroactive to January 4, 2012. Also, create the new positions of Deputy Court Administrator/Law Clerk and Friend of the Court/FOC Attorney (with no changes in rate of pay) effective January 4, 2012.

This court restructuring plan is approved with the understanding that should the Chief Juvenile Probation position be re-established or a new contract with MGT for probate juvenile services be re-established, then the above wage/step changes will revert back to the wage/step schedule amounts prior to January 4, 2012. Motion carried.

Presentation of the Tuscola County Health Department audit by Heather Thomas with Gardner Provenzano Schauman & Thomas.

12-M-057

Motion by Peterson seconded by Kern to receive and place on file the 2010/2011 Tuscola County Health Department audit. Motion carried.

12-M-058

Motion by Peterson seconded by Kern that per the recommendation of the Board of Health that the personnel policy changes acted on at their meeting of March 16, 2012 be approved. Motion carried.

Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey presented his 2011 Annual Report.

12-M-059

Motion by Peterson seconded by Kern to receive and place on file the 2011 Drain Commissioner Annual report. Motion carried.

10:14 a.m. – Recess

10:22 a.m. - Meeting Resumed

Undersheriff Glen Skrent updated the board regarding the dysfunctional intercom system.

12-M-060

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that a new jail intercom system be authorized to be purchased to replace the current non-functioning system. Because this intercom system is critical to employee and inmate safety and must be purchased expeditiously the Sheriff and Controller-Administrator be authorized to receive and award the most acceptable bid. Also, all appropriate budget amendments be authorized related to accounting for this project in the Equipment/Capital improvement Fund. Motion carried.



## 12-M-061

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that the county accept the \$4,160 grant money from the ISD's Truancy Program to fund a teacher/mentor for the 54<sup>th</sup> Circuit/Family Court's Juvenile Computer and Cultural Center. No county funds will be used to fund this position. Motion carried.

## 12-M-062

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

## 12-M-063

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

## 12-M-064

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold that per the recommendation of Municipal Financial Consultants Incorporated, that the Controller/Administrator be authorized to sign the Order Authorizing Award of the Tuscola County – Denmark Township Water Extension Bonds to Northstar Bank which produced the lowest true interest cost. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment – none

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Margie A. White  
Tuscola County Clerk

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Activity Report - January to March 2012



**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners: Thomas Bardwell (Chairperson), Gerald Peterson, Roy Petzold, Tom Kern and Roger Allen**

**Prepared by: Michael R. Hoagland, Tuscola County Controller/Administrator**

### **County Battles to Balance Expenditures with Declining Revenues**

The county like city, village and township government has encountered multiple years of financial challenges. The county board and other county officials have met these challenges by reducing staff, reducing health insurance costs, eliminating services and department reorganizations. Significant sacrifice has been required to maintain sound financial standing.

From 2009 to 2011, general fund expenditures were cut by a tremendous \$900,000. In 2009, expenditures were approximately \$12.6 million compared to \$11.7 million in 2011. This two year reduction was significant but necessary to balance expenditures with declining revenues. Although the year-end 2011 audit is incomplete, it is projected that 2011 financial position will again be in the black and the county will maintain its A+ bond rating, but not without many difficult service and staffing reductions. Continued declining land values and revenue cuts

from state government has forced further reductions in the 2012 county budget which has been reduced by another \$300,000 and is down to approximately \$11.4 million.



### **2011 County Accomplishments**

Even with the required financial adjustments in 2011, the county continued to progress in 2011:

- Refinancing of Medical Care Facility construction bonds saving an estimated \$400,000
- Reorganized mosquito abatement administration with co-directors resulting in an improved well managed operation with better service delivery
- Combining of maintenance supervisor and recycling coordinator resulted in cost savings
- Successfully changed computer support services to the private sector (Zimco, Inc.) which is working well
- Off Road Vehicle Ordinance adopted
- Office remodeling changes were completed resulting in additional state reimbursement for the Friend of the Court move to the Courthouse and elimination of the Adult Probation lease payment
- Act 185 sewer/water project financing for local government lower bonding costs including Wisner and Denmark Townships
- Road Commission weigh master services contracted to Sheriff Department

- Computer equipment purchased for Dispatch to maintain a top rated dispatching system for public safety
- Computer technology investments in register, drain, treasurer, and equalization offices
- Purchase of the Purdy Building for county offices resulting in significant cost saving
- Hired a new auditing firm for a new perspective and insight in the development of the audit
- County Medical Care facility purchased Davenport University for future needs
- Capitalized on a federal energy grant for county and local government lighting upgrades, wind and solar energy units installation in Cass City and Mayville and comprehensive energy audits



### **Wind Development Unprecedented Impact on County**

One of the most significant events to ever impact the Thumb of Michigan and Tuscola County is the development of wind energy. Michigan law requires 10% of electricity to be generated from renewable sources by the year 2015. Tuscola County is a prime location for development of wind generator electricity because of the quality of wind in this area. Next Era Energy is developing a wind farm in Gilford Township with up to 73 generators and completion expected in 2012. Consumers Energy is planning a wind farm in Akron and Columbia Townships for completion in 2014. International Transmission Company is investing in a \$500

million upgrade to the electrical grid infrastructure so the wind electricity can be efficiently transported.

Tuscola County officials have been working with local and state officials to determine a fair and equitable method of taxing wind generation. Recently, the State Tax Commission (STC) changed the wind multiplier schedule that is anticipated to reduce the amount of revenue received from wind generators by as much as 27%. It is estimated that under the original STC multipliers an average of \$22,000 per year per wind generator in revenue would occur but under the new schedule the amount would only be \$16,000. This STC change was frustrating to local officials because no studies were conducted to justify the change. There is also concern regarding how the state may ultimately change the method of taxation with the elimination of the industrial personal property tax. These developments are being closely monitored by county and local officials.

### **County Jail Maintenance and Additional Beds**

The Michigan Department of Corrections has determined that up to 11 additional beds can be added to the county jail without increasing the number of correction officers. These beds will be added to the newer C-Wing of the jail. The first 6 beds can be added without the need for building modifications. The other 5 require the installation of a shower. Architectural assistance is being obtained to determine shower installation requirements and costs. The county board has approved implementation of the 11 additional beds which will result in projected annual savings of at least \$50,000. Additional county beds reduce county costs of housing prisoners in other county jails which is \$30 per day per prisoner.

The original section of the jail is aging and requires significant investment to maintain. For 2012, funds are included in the budget for the following jail maintenance work: roof replacement \$60,000, window replacement \$25,000, intercom replacement \$25,000 sidewalks \$6,000 and entry doors \$2,000. This building must be properly maintained or more severe costs will be required.

### **State Revenue Sharing and Personal Property Tax Revenue Concerns**

State officials are again proposing cuts to state revenue sharing (SRS) along with imposing new conditions that have to be met for the county to qualify for any SRS. County officials are frustrated with payment reductions and new edicts because SRS is required to fund the services mandated by the state such as the courts, constitutional offices and jail. The county simply cannot continue to provide state mandated services while incurring continual state

revenue cuts and funding conditions that have to be met. The question needs to be what state mandated services will the county no longer be required to provide if SRS funding is not restored. The proposed reduced payment to the county for 2013 is \$822,000. The full payment amount should be \$1,097,000. In 2004, the counties worked with the state to establish the "revenue sharing reserve fund" which saved the state over \$1 billion and helped it through some extremely tough financial times. This was done with the agreed understanding and promise that the state would restore full funding to counties when the reserve fund was exhausted. Unfortunately, this did not happen.

Tuscola County receives approximately \$400,000 per year from the personal property tax which is proposed for elimination. The County Board position on this issue is if the personal property tax is eliminated, then a constitutional guarantee needs to be put in place to assure 100% payment replacement. The personal property is also a significant source of revenue for local governments.

The Board has communicated with state officials and respectfully requested that they vote to reject the state revenue sharing proposal and restore full state revenue sharing funding without special conditions that have to be met to qualify for funding. Also, the Board requested that our state senator and representative only support elimination of the personal property tax if a constitutional guarantee of full replacement funding is established.



## **Treasurer Year-End 2011 County Investment Report**

The county treasurer recently presented the year-end 2011 county investment report to the county board. The treasurer continues sound investment practices that protect principal. The return on investments remains at one of the lowest levels in modern times. Most investments are earning less than 1%. These trends are not projected to improve for at least the next two years.

## **Downtown Development Authorities (DDA/TIFA) County Financing**

The county board recently took action to discontinue allowing capture of funds from DDA/TIFA from portions of DDA/TIFA for which the board has discretion and after expiration of current agreements. Although the county capture has helped to strengthen local DDA/TIFA areas, the board regrettably had to take the action because of falling revenue and the state requirement to fund mandated services.

## **National Flood Insurance Program**

New federal requirements state that an entity has to be identified that will enforce building codes in floodplain areas in order for citizens to qualify for insurance through the program. The county has agreed to provide building code enforcement for local units of government in floodplain areas through the contract they have with the South Central Construction Code Commission. To date, this service will be provided for Almer, Novesta, Juniata, Tuscola and Indianfields Townships.

## **County Receives Favorable Insurance Renewal**

The County is insured through the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. An excellent renewal for 2012 was received at 7.5% or approximately \$14,000 less than 2011. The positive county loss history was a major factor in helping to reduce these costs. The county also received a net asset distribution of approximately \$48,000 which was used to further reduce 2012 overall county insurance costs.

## Wind Development Recap and Status – April 10, 2012

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1. Wind energy is one of the most significant events to ever impact Tuscola county and the Thumb area
2. The Public Service Commission formed the Michigan Wind Energy Resource Zone Board to identify the areas of the state with the best wind energy development potential
3. The 2009 Wind Energy Report identified the Thumb area as one of the highest quality wind areas of the state with good wind quality and the largest amount of wind energy development potential
4. Significant amounts of land have been leased by wind energy companies in Tuscola county, generally in the northern portions of the county
5. State law requires 10% of electrical generation to be provided by wind and other renewable sources by the year 2015
6. Renewable energy portfolio requirements are under study by the state to increase the minimum standard to 25% generation required from wind and other renewable sources
7. A Thumb renewable energy committee formed to help protect the public interests with the economic benefits from wind farm development – group now has increased to include Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola, Missaukee, Mason and Gratiot counties and townships in these counties
8. Local units of government must carefully follow opt-out procedure of Act 593 or none of the taxing units qualify for tax revenue collection
9. Next Era has been approved for the first project in Gilford township – estimated 63 to 73 generators to be constructed – completion expected in 2012
10. Planning for consumers energy project is underway in Akron and Columbia townships – completion expected in 2014



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11. International Transmission Company invested over \$500 million to upgrade the electrical grid system for wind generation in the Thumb – completion expected in 2012 for Tuscola county
12. There are no other known wind projects in Tuscola county at this time
13. Near the end of 2011 the State Tax Commission made a unilateral decision to change the multiplier schedule:
  - Original of 100% in the first year with a 30% reduction over 15 years
  - Revised to 80% in the first year with a 30% reduction over 5 yearsImpacts from this undocumented change reduces wind revenue by an estimated 27% which has frustrated county and local governments
14. Some township boards of review with existing wind generators are using the original tax commissioner multiplier schedule or are following some other methodology, which if not appealed could end up the established method of assessing wind generators
15. Counties and townships have hired a law firm to protect and defend the method of assessing wind development
16. Currently wind development is under the industrial category of the personal property tax
17. State officials are planning a phase out and eventual complete elimination of the personal property tax starting with the industrial category of the personal property tax
18. County and local officials along with the Michigan Association of Counties and Michigan Township Association have explained that a wind energy “carve out” is necessary to assure fair and equitable methods of assessing and tax collection from wind development
19. Lieutenant Governor Calley has assured counties and local governments that wind revenue will be protected from elimination when the industrial portion of the personal property tax is eliminated – more details are expected in the next few weeks

March 15, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 8:00 A.M.

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

Also present: County Commissioner Roy Petzold.

Absent: Road Commissioner Pat Sheridan.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the March 1, 2012 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$100,613.69 and bills in the amount of \$369,795.31 covered by vouchers #12-10 and #12-11 were presented and audited.

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

Brief Public Comment Segment:

None.

Management and the Board further discussed the report from the MDEQ regarding the Road Commission's Brine Wells. Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey reported to the Board that the Road Commission is sending the required letter of compliance.

Management and the Board further discussed the Road Commission's group health insurance plan. Director of Finance Michael Tuckey reported to the Board that another educational session with employees and the third party administrator will be conducted in April.

Chairman Laurie reported to the Board a summary of the recent C.R.A.M. Annual Conference in Lansing and the meeting with our legislators.

At 8:15 A.M. the following bids were opened for the Box Culvert Installation on Leonard Road over the Tuttleville Drain in Akron Township:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
John Henry Excavating, Inc.	\$ 129,568.00
Lee Wood Contracting, Inc.	167,187.99
Novak Construction	154,173.75
L.J. Construction, Inc.	119,898.00
Sterling Excavation, Inc.	106,650.30
3-S Construction, Inc.	130,781.56
Fox Excavating	99,481.50
S. L. & H. Contractors, Inc.	129,016.16
Bilacic Trucking	149,042.20

Shaw Contracting Company	114,912.54
J.E. Kloote Contracting, Inc.	197,072.00
Heystek Contracting, Inc.	136,998.00
Double E Construction, Inc.	131,354.41
Dean Holmes Excavating, LTD	166,260.13
McDowell Construction, LLC	128,670.30
Marlette Excavating Company	111,214.31
Nicol & Sons, Inc.	109,985.70
Worth Construction, Inc.	65,299.80

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the bids for the Box Culvert Installation on Leonard Road over the Tuttleville Drain in Akron Township be accepted, reviewed by Management, and tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the following resolution be adopted:

As provided by the MERS Plan Document, 16 years, 3 months additional credited service is granted Frank Storm by resolution adopted by the Board of Tuscola County Road Commissioners at its meeting on March 15, 2012. It is understood that the calculation of service purchase cost is based on actuarial assumptions. Actual, future events and experience may result in changes different than those assumed, and liability different than that estimated. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that the agreement between Albrecht Investment Company and the Tuscola County Road Commission allowing Designated and Special Designated All-Season loads for Cat Lake Road from M-46 to their Cat Lake Pit be extended for an additional two (2) years with the conditions specified in the agreement. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 8:30 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2012 Seed and Mulch:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Hydro seeding, Mulch, Straw</u>	<u>Hydro seeding, Mulch, Paper</u>	<u>Seed, Fertilizer, Mulch Blanket</u>
Green Thumb Hydroseeding Nicol & Sons, Inc.	\$ .50 SYD no bid	\$ .43 SYD alternate bid	\$ .70 SYD no bid

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak that the bids for 2012 Seed and Mulch be accepted and purchases made in the best interest of the Tuscola County Road Commission. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk to continue the County Wide Local Brush Spray Policy and offer all Tuscola County Townships the Special Brush Control Incentive for the 2012 season. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha reported to the Board that the Columbia Township Board has requested to bid the construction project this season on Hoppe Road from M-24 to French Road. Zaverucha further reported that the township has requested a variance of the Tuscola County Road Commission's Road Policies in regards to moving the utility pole and guide wires in the southwest corner of Hoppe Road and Graf Road. After discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell to grant the Columbia Township Board a variance of the Tuscola County Road Commission's Road Policies for their Hoppe Road Construction Project this season, and allow the utility pole and guide wires to remain in their current location in the southwest corner of Hoppe Road and Graf Road. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the Seasonal Weight Restrictions be removed from all affected county roads effective Friday, March 23, 2012 at 7:00 A.M. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 8:45 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2012 Polymer-Coated Corrugated Metal Pipe:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Item 1</u>	<u>Total Item 2</u>	<u>Total Item 3</u>	<u>Total Item 4</u>
St. Regis Culvert, Inc.	\$ 7,752.00	\$ 7,140.00	\$ 8,757.60	\$ no bid
Jensen Bridge Company	\$ 8,059.20	\$ 7,479.60	\$ 9,003.00	\$ 23,632.00

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that the bids for 2012 Polymer-Coated Corrugated Metal Pipe be accepted, reviewed by Management, and tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 A.M. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary-Clerk of the Board



# REGION VII AREA AGENCY ON AGING

YVONNE CORBAT, CHAIR

ANDREW ORVOSH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Found out Ms Trisch  
not interested in  
serving*

March 16, 2012

Thomas Bardwell, Chairman  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
125 West Lincoln Street  
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Chairman Bardwell:

Region VII Area Agency on Aging was recently made aware of Tuscola County's newly appointed member Christine Trisch's employment with a service provider agency that has a service contract with our Agency.

According to Region VII's Advisory Council By-Laws, **Persons employed by agencies or organizations which receive funds awarded by the AAA shall be ineligible for membership.**

I personally called Ms. Trisch after the January Advisory Council meeting and explained the situation and By-Laws to her, and gave her options to continue on the Advisory Council. Ms. Trisch requested time to speak with someone on the Board of Commissioners. As of today, Ms. Trisch has not returned my telephone call. The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners may wish to contact Ms. Trisch or choose to appoint someone else for this position.

We respectfully submit this concern and await your response on this matter. If you require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrew Orvosh  
Executive Director

AO/sg

cc: Christine Trisch

MEMBER COUNTIES: BAY ■ CLARE ■ GLADWIN ■ GRATIOT ■ HURON ■ ISABELLA ■ MIDLAND ■ SAGINAW ■ SANILAC ■ TUSCOLA