

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2013 – 7:30 A.M.

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

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- 7:30 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Commissioner Allen
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein
Roll Call – Clerk Fetting
Adoption of Agenda
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)
Brief Public Comment Period
Consent Agenda Resolution (See Correspondence #2)
New Business
 -Presentation of 2012 County Audit – 8:00 A.M.
 -Proposal from Audit Firm to Continue Audit Services
 -Medical Care Facility Small House Project Update – 8:30 A.M.
 -Animal Control Proposal
 -Medical Examiner Days of Operation
 -Alternatives to Weight Room in Sheriff Dept.
 -Health Department Annual Report
 -County Dashboard/State Revenue Sharing (See Correspondence #3)
 -DTE Local Fire Service Payment Policy
Old Business
Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
Planning Commission
Behavioral Health Systems Board
Tuscola 2020
Recycling Advisory Committee
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NACo
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TRISCH

Board of Health
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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 August 16, 2013 Full Board Minutes
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #3 Tuscola County Dashboard
- #4 August 2013 Health Dept. Monthly Report
- #5 Bi-National Blue Water Regional Collaboration Conference
- #6 August 1, 2013 Road Commission Minutes
- #7 August 26, 2013 Committee of the Whole Minutes

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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 16, 2013 Minutes

H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner 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 16th day of August, 2013 to order at 7:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Trisch

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 – Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Bob Klenk, Steve Anderson, Tisha Jones and John Bishop

13-M-174

Motion by Allen seconded by Bierlein to adopt the agenda as amended.
Motion Carried.

13-M-175

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 19, 2013 with spelling correction of Commissioners Trisch's name and July 25, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution

13-M-176

Motion by Trisch seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution.
Motion Carried.

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/13

- Description of Matter:** Move that \$100,000 of 2013 general fund wind revenue from the 68 turbines in Gilford Township be escrowed pending the outcome of the appeal being made by Nextera Energy and appropriate 2013 general fund budget amendments are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the July 11, 2013 letter from Sanilac County, staff be authorized to offer to pay 50% of new wage/fringe costs (including unemployment if employee applied and was approved) as part of the Animal Control agreement for an employee who works at Sanilac County Animal Control but not to exceed \$5,000.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the following individuals be reappointed to the Construction Code Board of Appeals for the two-year term of 2012 and 2013 and be reappointed for the 2014 and 2015 year term:
1. Marv Klein
 2. Ken Martin
 3. Bill Campbell
 4. Bob Eremia
 5. Keith Kosik
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Municipal Employees Retirement System resolution regarding Uniform Transfer Provisions be approved so employees transferring to different jobs within county departments can maintain the same retirement system coverage levels.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of Helen Grifka that authorization is given to purchase up to five years of service credit in the Municipal Employees Retirement System with the understanding that the employee is responsible to pay both the employee and employer costs. Also, all appropriate paper work is approved for signature.

- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the 8/1/13 correspondence from attorney Bill Horton that of the total \$9,243 recovered for the McKesson class action lawsuit that 10% be approved for legal costs by Bill Horton and the balance be paid to the county.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/13/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the County Clerk be requested to advertise to fill the vacancy on the County Planning Commission created by the resignation of Keith Kosik.

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: Bardwell, Allen, Bierlein, Kirkpatrick, Trisch

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

New Business

-Grant Application for Emergency Services Plan Update

13-M-177

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch that per the request of the Emergency Services Director, that authorization is given to apply for grant funds to update the Hazard Analysis and Mitigation Plan with the understanding that a 25% local match is required (some of the local match can be a soft match). Motion Carried.

-Primary Road and Bridge Millage Transfer Requests

13-M-178

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch to approve the primary road millage transfer request of \$545,767.92 as identified by voucher #02-13 dated August 5, 2013 for the transfer of primary road millage to the Road Commission general fund. Motion Carried.

13-M-179

Motion by Trisch seconded by Allen to approve the bridge millage transfer request of \$45,824.44 as identified by voucher #02-13 dated August 5, 2013 for the transfer of bridge millage to the Road Commission general fund. Motion Carried.

-Dispatch Group Purchasing - Bob Klenk provided an update.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions - Mike Hoagland reviewed the correspondence received.

7:30 A.M. Closed Session Labor Negotiations

13-M-180

Motion by Bierlein seconded by Kirkpatrick at 7:33 a.m., that the board convene into closed session under section 8(h) section 2 of the Open Meetings Act to consider the legal opinions and memorandum of our attorneys which are exempt from public disclosure under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Roll Call Vote: Yea – Allen, Bardwell, Trisch, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein. Nay – None. Motion Carried.

Open Session Reconvened at 8:47 a.m.

Meeting Recessed at 8:47 a.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:52 a.m.

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Other Business as Necessary - Annual Farm Bureau Meeting August 22nd at Zwerk Farms at 5:00 p.m.

Extended Public Comment - Caro Community Hospital Golf Outing September 12, 2013

Meeting Adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

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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 29th day of August, 2013 at 7:30 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 8/26/13

Description of Matter: Move that a resolution be sent to appropriate state officials in opposition to fee increases for licensing, training and other functions of local emergency service operations and personnel.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13

Description of Matter: Move that the Controller work with the Sheriff to develop a multi-year repayment schedule for the \$52,500 appropriation made in 2013 from the General Fund to the Road Patrol Fund. This funding was necessary in 2013 to meet bare minimum operating costs of the road patrol after several years of decline in property tax revenue and a failed request for a millage increase to operate the police road patrol.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13

Description of Matter: Move that an ad-hoc workgroup consisting of Dennis Stein, Walt Schlichting, Michael Hoagland, Craig Kirkpatrick and John Bishop be formed to plan and prepare for shale/natural gas mining in Tuscola County including appropriate assessing and tax structure.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13

Description of Matter: Move that Barbara Gaul be appointed to the Tuscola County Planning Commission to complete the remaining term of Keith Kosik who recently resigned.

Agenda Reference: E

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13

Description of Matter: Move that per the August 16, 2013 request from Susan Rickwalt-Holder that the Courthouse Lawn be authorized for use during the 2013 pumpkin festival. Also, to allow an entertainment tent on the lawn with the understanding alcoholic beverages will not be served because of county insurance restrictions.

Agenda Reference: F

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/26/13

Description of Matter: Move that per the August 16, 2013 request from Susan Rickwalt-Holder that art pieces are authorized to be displayed at the Purdy Building and/or County Courthouse with the understanding the county is not responsible for any damages or theft that could occur to the art.

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:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

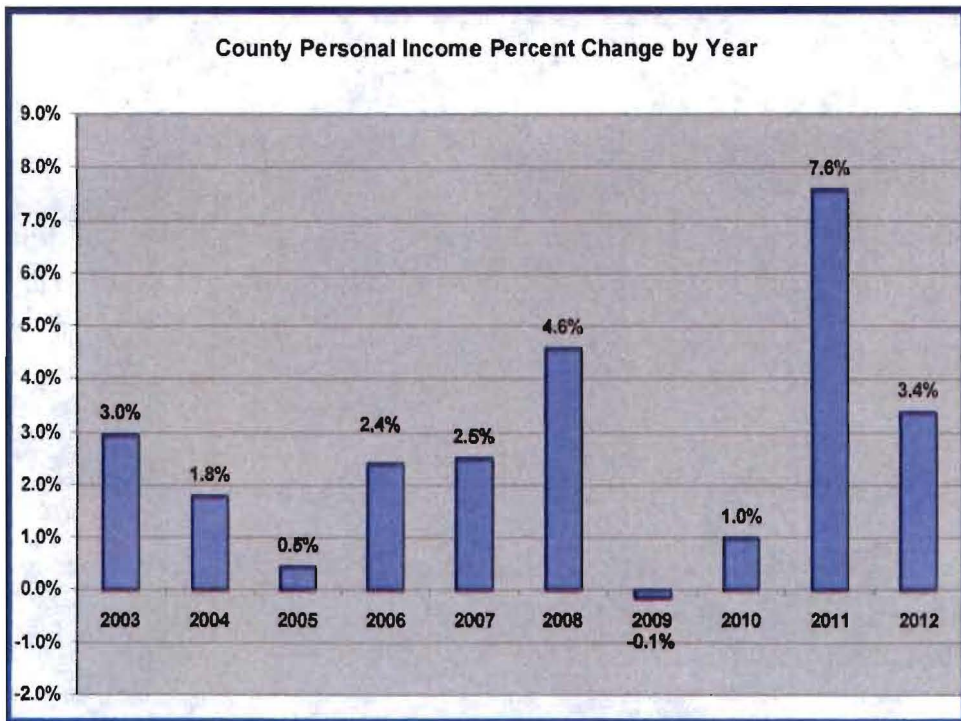
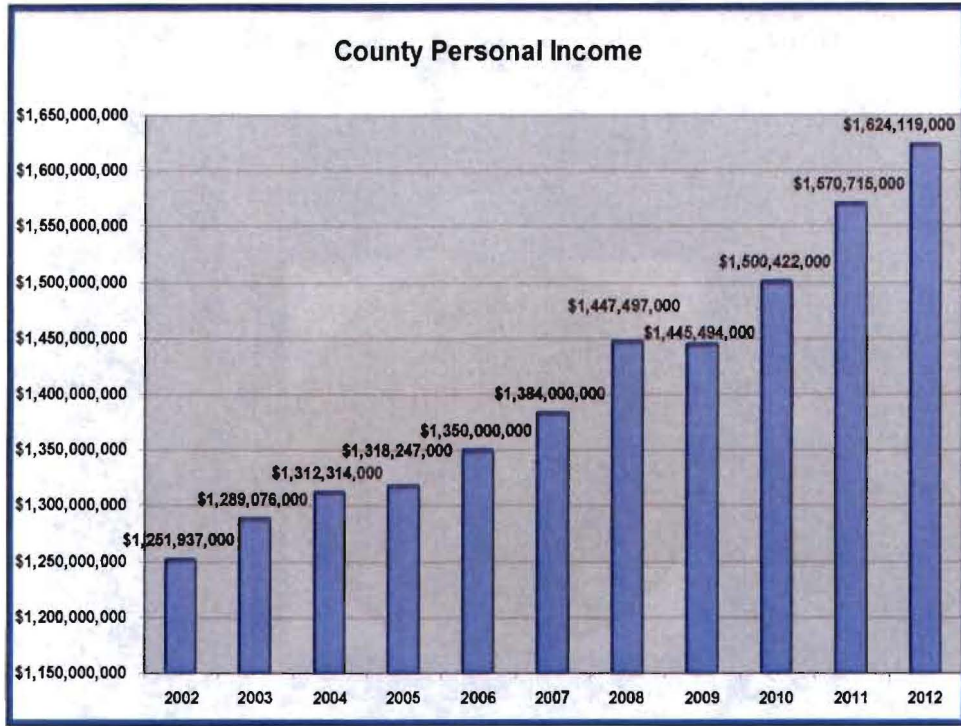
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Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

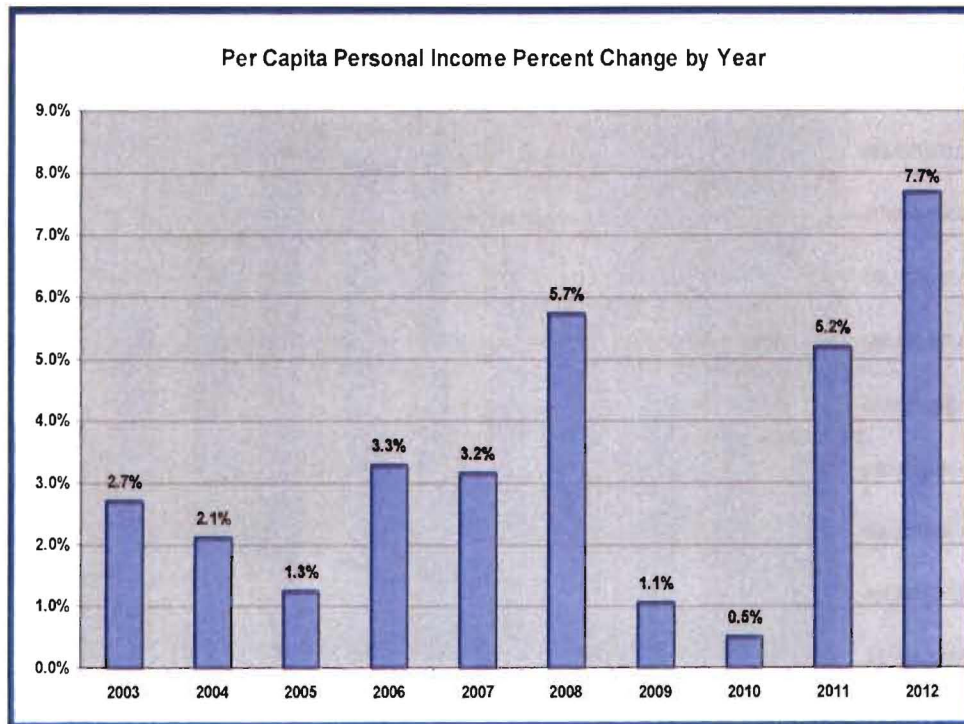
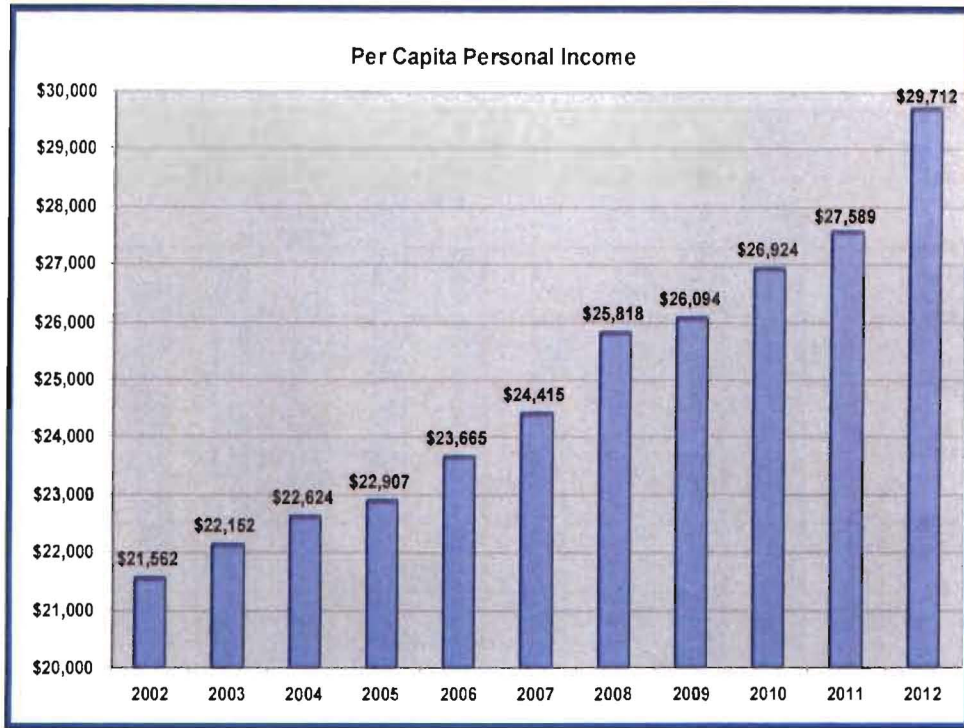
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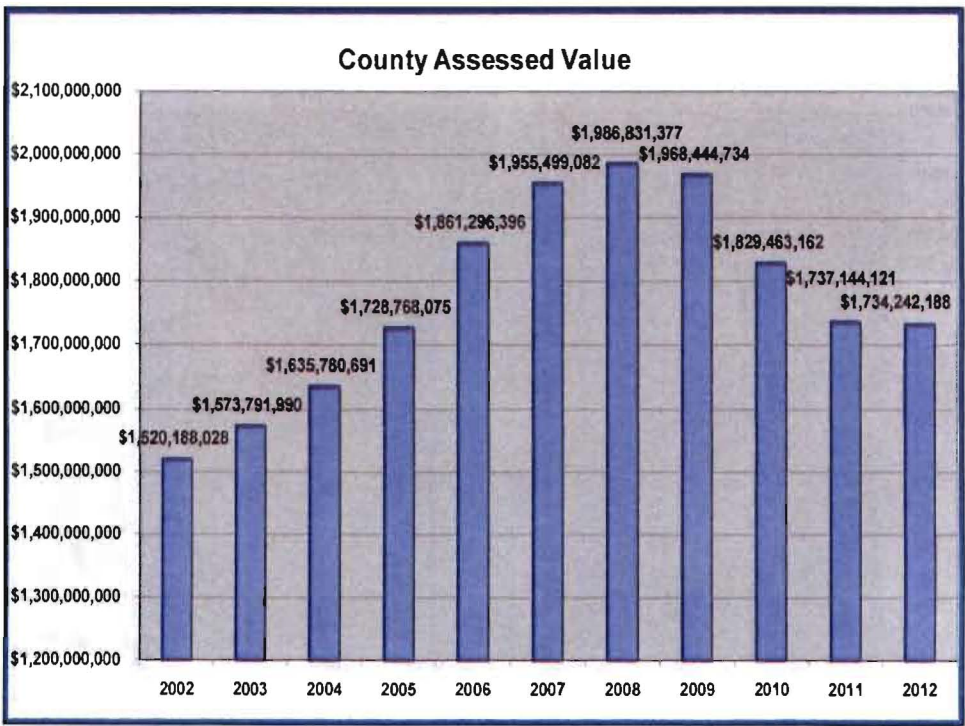
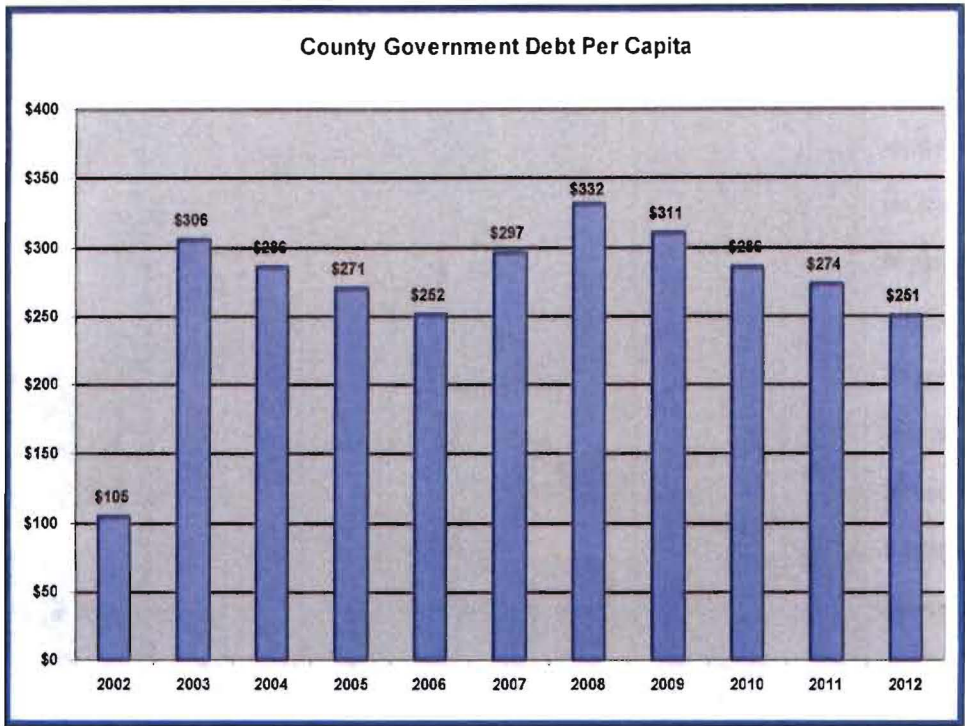
Tuscola County Dashboard Social and Economic Indicators

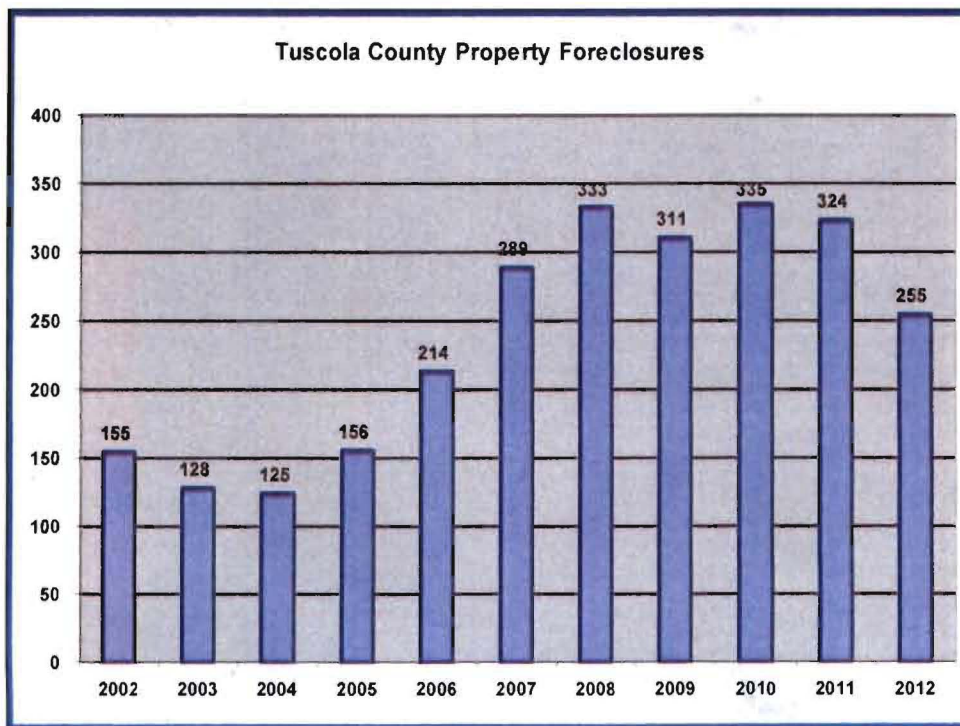
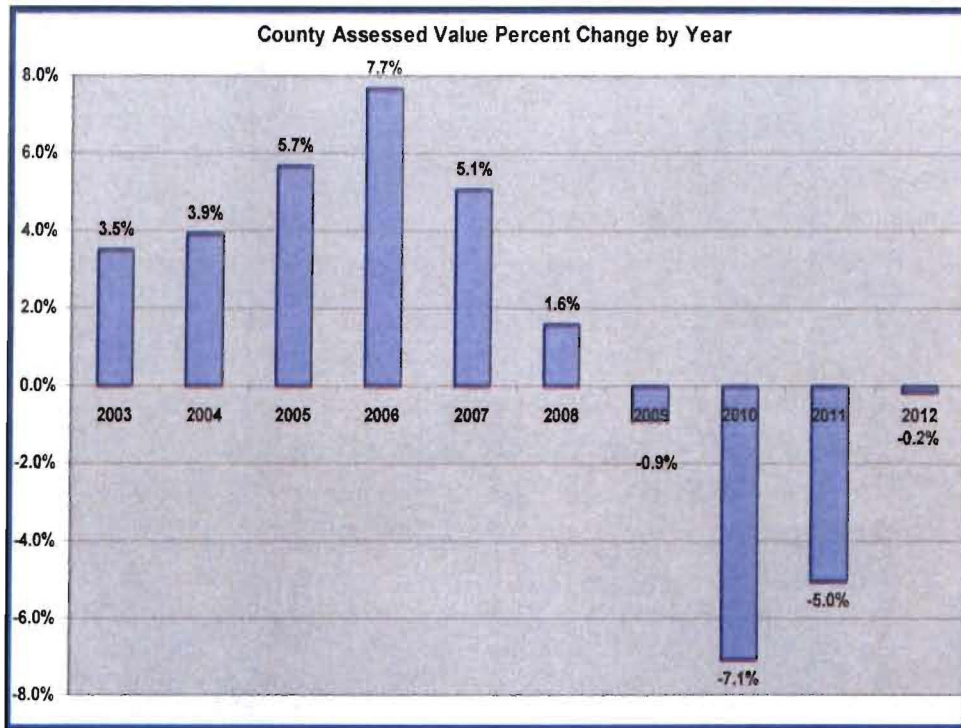


ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL				
Measurement Factors	Prior Period	Current Period	Positive Trend	Negative Unfavorable Trend
Total Personal Income (Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis - 2011 to 2012)	\$1,570,715,000	\$1,624,119,000		
Per Capita Personal Income (Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis - 2011 to 2012)	\$27,589	\$29,712		
County Gov. Debt Per Capita (Source: County Financial Reports - 2011 to 2012)	\$274	\$251		
County Assessed Value (Source: County Equalization - 2011 to 2012)	\$1,737,144,122	\$1,734,242,188		
Property Foreclosures (Source: County Register of Deeds - 2011 to 2012)	327	255		
County Bond Rating (Source: Standard and Poors)	A+	A+		





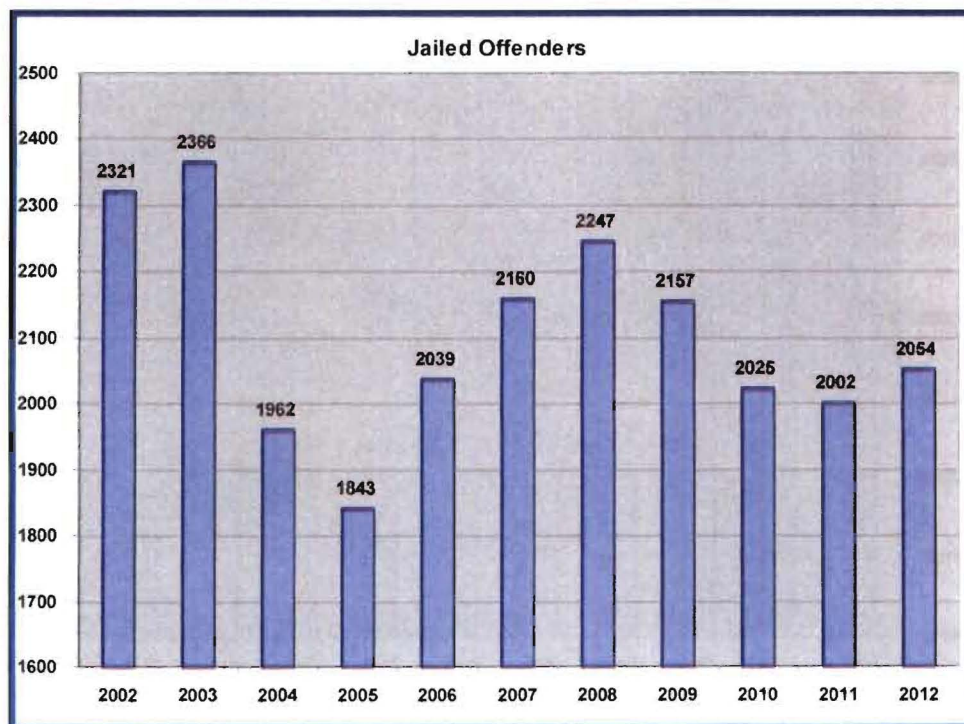
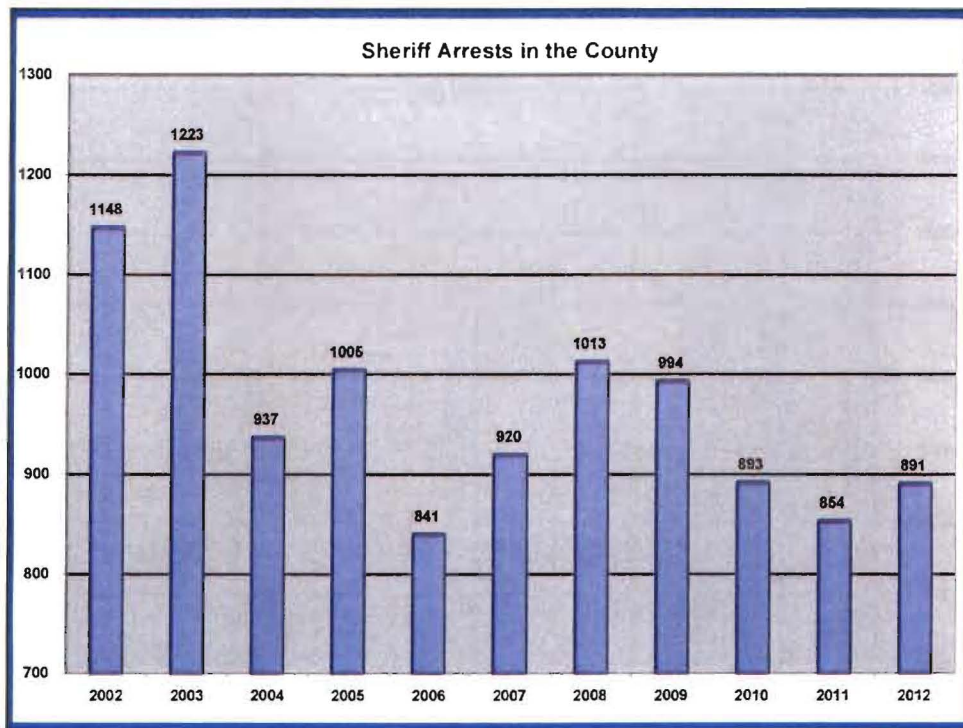


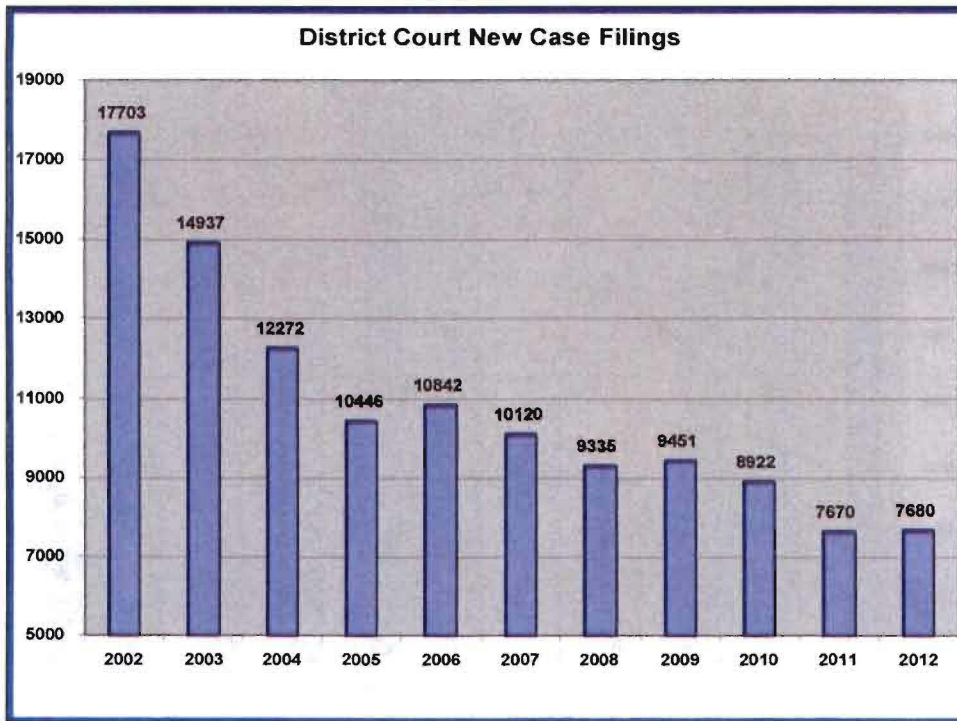
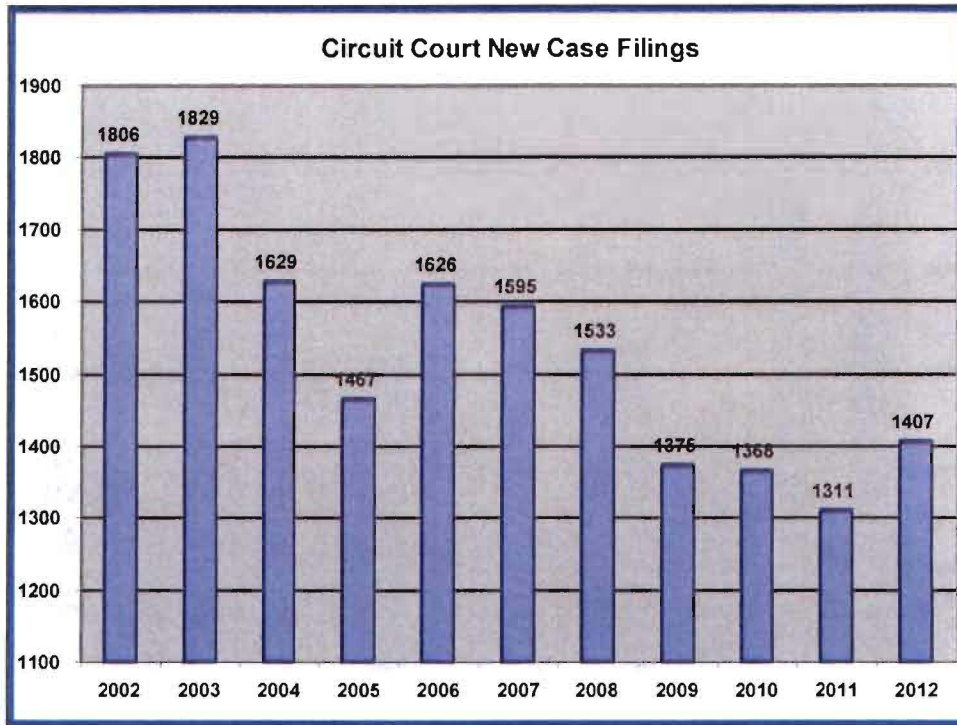


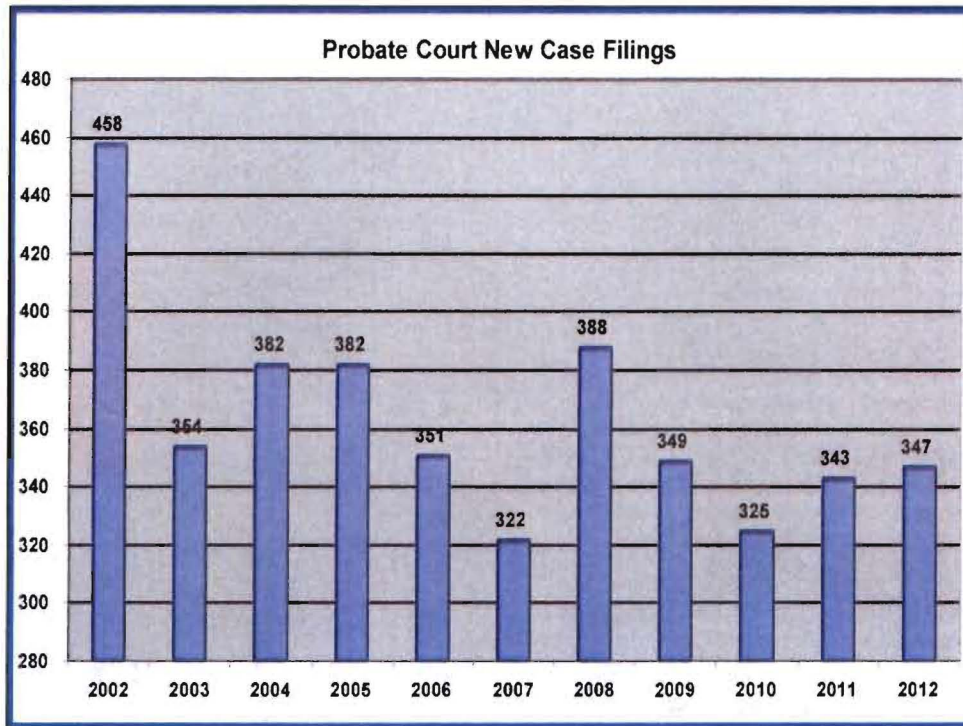
Recap Financial Dashboard Indicators

- Favorable financial factors
 - Personal income continues to increase 3.4% collective – 7.7% per capita from 2011 to 2012
 - County has low debt and it continues to decline
 - Although still concerning, property foreclosures continue to decline after several years of major increase
 - County bond rating remains stable with an A+ S&P rating
- Unfavorable financial factors
 - County assessed value has declined over the last four years and continued to decline from 2011 to 2012

LAW ENFORCEMENT/JUDICIAL				
Measurement Factors	Prior Period	Current Period	Annual Reported Value	Negative Unfavorable Trend
Sheriff Arrests (Source: Sheriff Annual Report - 2011 to 2012)	854	891		
Jailed Offenders (Source: Sheriff Annual Report - 2011 to 2012)	2,002	2,054		
Circuit Court New Case Filings (Source: State Court Administrators Office 2011 to 2012)	1,311	1,407		
District Court New Case Filings (Source: State Court Administrators Office - 2011 to 2012)	7,670	7,680		
Probate Ct. New Case Filings (Source: State Court Administrators Office - 2009 to 2010)	343	347		



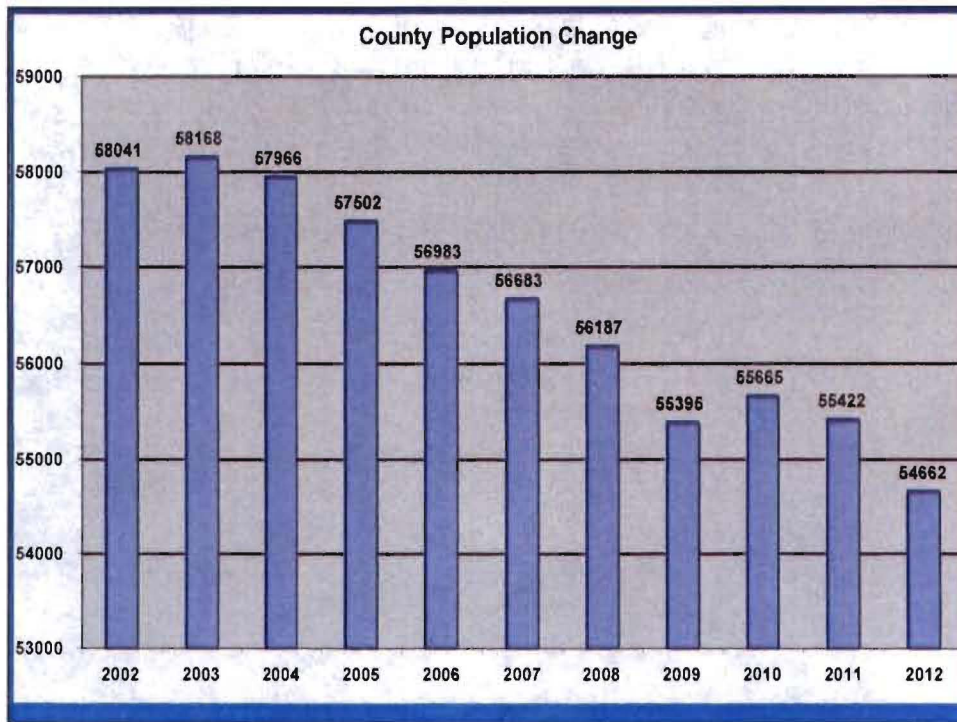


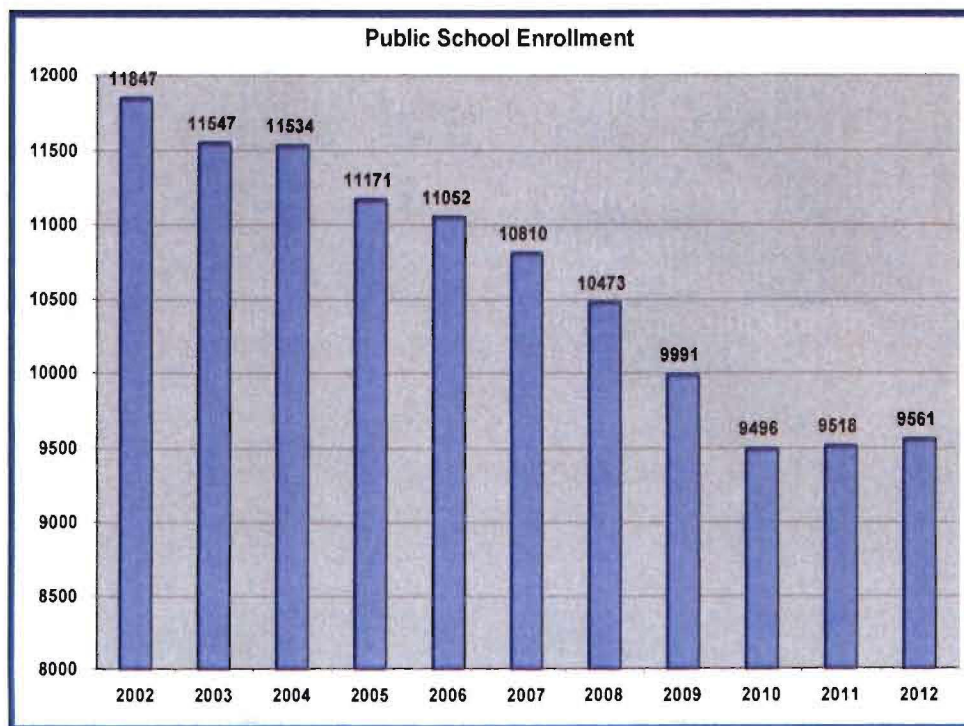
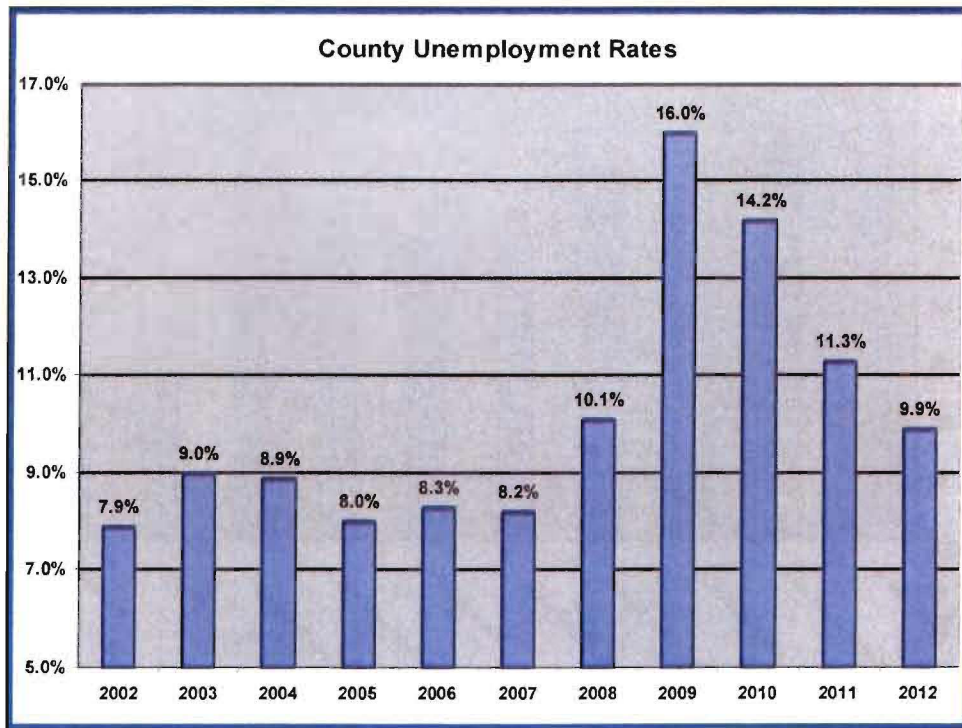


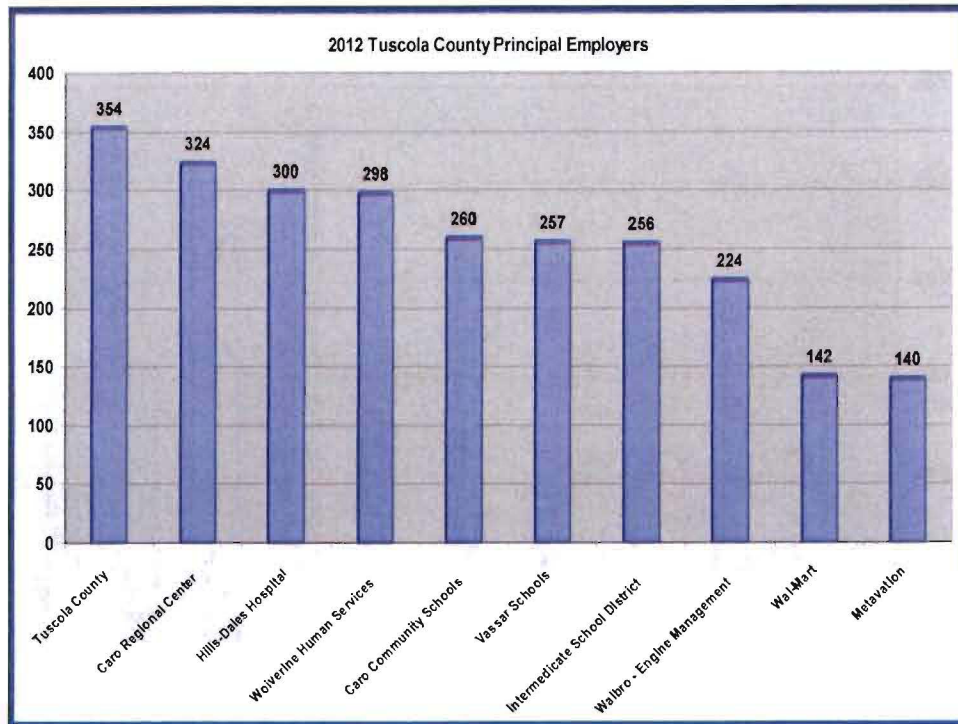
Recap Law Enforcement/Judicial

- Favorable law enforcement/judicial factors
 - For many years court case loads have been declining
- Unfavorable law enforcement/judicial factors
 - Sheriff arrests have begun increasing
 - Number of jailed offenders increased from 2011 to 2012
 - Short term case loads in all three courts show small increases

Demographics				
Measurement Factors	Prior Period	Current Period	Negative Favorable Trend	Negative Unfavorable Trend
Population Change Long-Term (Source: U.S. Census - 2002 to 2012)	58,041	54,662		
Population Change Short-Term (Source: U.S. Census - 2011 to 2012)	55,422	54,662		
Unemployment Rate (Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics - 2011 to 2012)	11.3%	9.9%		
Public School Enrollment (Source: Michigan Department of Education 2011 to 2012)	9,518	9,561		







Recap Demographics

- Favorable demographic factors
 - Annual average unemployment rate has continued to decline since 2009
 - Although small, public school enrollment increased from 2011 to 2012
- Unfavorable demographic factors
 - County population continues to decline

Tuscola County Health Department
Board of Commissioners Monthly Report for August 2013
Prepared by: Gretchen Tenbusch, RN, MSA, Health Officer

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Outcomes for the Month:

- Ann Hepfer has prepared and sent the Abstinence Grant renewal application to MDCH for review. We have applied to the United Way for \$10,000 through a mini-grant application to assist clients in applying for state benefits such as food stamps, housing, and Medicaid.

Issues under consideration by the Local Health Department:

- Dr. Bush and Ann worked on a case investigation for Hepatitis A with MDCH. It was rather involved and ended up with 86 people as contacts all out of our county. No cases of additional infection occurred related to the index case.
- Five dog bite investigations, two cat bite investigations, two bats sent to MDCH for rabies testing with negative results, and two raccoon investigations one resulted in the head being sent to MDCH but was not testable so the person was started on rabies treatment and the second one raccoon tested negative.
- The Family Planning Program underwent a federal audit on July 17th as part of the State's audit. The auditors found very few things and stated our Family Planning was exemplary.
- Not having Medical Examiner Secretarial support on Mondays is still creating some difficulties.

Issues to be brought to Board of Commissioners:

- None.

Bi-National Blue Water Regional Collaboration Conference

October 2, 2013 • Double Tree by Hilton, Port Huron, Michigan • 8:30 AM—5:00 PM

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Cross-border dialogue about economic issues that impact trade, transportation, investment and job creation in the Blue Water region of Ontario & Michigan

Panel Focuses:

- Bi-National Agri-Food Production
- Strategic Approaches to Immigrant Attraction
- Regional Logistics Solutions
- Green Chemistry Innovations
- Joint Marketing



August 1, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 8:00 A.M.

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

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the July 18, 2013 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$91,376.19 and bills in the amount of \$531,538.96 covered by vouchers #13-23, #13-24, and #13-25 were presented and audited.

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

Brief Public Comment Segment:

- (1) Almer Township Supervisor Jim Miklovic asked the Board about the Michigan Department of Transportation's request for a detour route including Dickerson Road at the last regular meeting of the Board. Chairman Laurie reported that MDOT will not be using a detour route during the M-25 road construction project.
- (2) Watertown Township Trustee Frank Worvie asked the Board about the road grading schedule in Watertown Township. Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey explained the Road Commission's road grading policy and procedure. Mr. Worvie also reported to the Board of receiving complaints regarding the intersection of Brown Road and Fostoria Road. County Highway Engineer Zaverucha reported the recent work and sign changes at that intersection. The Board recommended that any additional signs must be requested from the Watertown Township Board.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Tuscola County Board of Road Commissioners has entered into a Road Agreement with NextEra Energy Resources for the Tuscola Wind II Turbine Project in the Townships of Fairgrove, Gilford, Akron, and Wisner, and

WHEREAS, NextEra Energy Resources and G.E. Energy will be contracting various trucking companies to transport the wind turbine components into Tuscola County, and

WHEREAS, The Tuscola County Board of Road Commissioners considers this a "Special Project" and that the transported wind turbine components are defined as a "Super Load", thus requiring a variance of the Road Commission's normal blanket permit procedures, and

WHEREAS, these various contracted trucking companies will be transporting the wind turbine components at a rate of eight (8) oversize/overweight "Super Loads" for each of the fifty-nine (59) wind turbines to be installed in the Townships of Fairgrove, Gilford, Akron, and Wisner, and

WHEREAS, The Tuscola County Board of Road Commissioners desires to streamline the permitting process during this "Special Project" and in order to be consistent with the fees and procedures of other County Road Commissions and the Michigan Department of Transportation regarding projects with "Super Loads".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Tuscola County Board of Road Commissioners grants a variance of the Road Commission's normal permitting procedures and will allow faxed permit applications from the various contracted trucking companies for the designated hauling route on a daily basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tuscola County Road Commission establishes a permit fee of \$25.00 for each transported "Super Load" during this "Special Project" and will invoice the permit fees to the various contracted trucking companies on a weekly basis.

Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha presented to the Board a request from NextEra Energy Resources and Atwell, LLC to use the Tuscola County Road Commission as the permitting authority for the crane crossings on M-138 during the Tuscola Wind II Project. Mr. Dave Newlin with Blattner Energy explained MDOT's permitting policy and the plans for the crane crossings during the project. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to approve an agreement between the Tuscola County Road Commission and Blattner Energy to use the Tuscola County Road Commission as the permitting authority for the crane crossings on M-138 during the Tuscola Wind II Project, all pending a legal review by the Road Commission's attorney. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

The Board read a letter from the Tuscola County Central Dispatch thanking the Road Commission for assistance during a severe thunderstorm on July 19, 2013.

At 8:30 A.M. the following bids were opened for Grader Blades (Item A - 3/4" x 8" x 6' single bevel curved, through hardened; Item B - 3/4" x 8" x 7' single bevel curved, through hardened):

Bidder	Item A Unit Price	Item B Unit Price
St. Regis Culvert, Inc.	\$ 85.20	\$ 99.40
Tupes of Saginaw	96.21	112.24
Michigan Cat	76.71	88.52
Truck & Trailer Specialties	96.13	112.21
Winter Equipment Company	91.03	106.21
Shults Equipment	96.21	112.24

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

Management and the Board further discussed the water drainage and a driveway culvert installation on North Grove Road. County Highway Engineer Zaverucha presented to the Board a letter to Mr. Joe Gerulis regarding her review of the location. After discussion, the Board agrees with the engineering review and considers the issue resolved.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Parsell to approve the promotion of Paul Hawley and Marc Southworth from the Laborer job classification to the Light Equipment Operator job classification, as recommended by the Superintendent/Manager. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey presented to the Board a letter from the Teamsters Union requesting that the Highway Maintenance Foreman position be included in the Tuscola County Road Commission Hourly Employees Association. Tuckey explained that the position includes all the duties from the old State Highway Foreman position, and that the position is considered supervisory. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Zwerk to deny the request from the Teamsters Union to include the Highway Maintenance Foreman position in the Tuscola County Road Commission Hourly Employees Association, and that the position is considered supervisory. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan that the agreement between Michigan Aggregate Products, LLC and the Tuscola County Road Commission allowing Designated and Special Designated All-Season loads on Snover Road from its establishment east to Leix Road be extended for two (2) years with the conditions specified in the agreement. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Parsell to approve the request from the Cass River Greenway Trail Committee for the Road Commission's continued participation in the control of phragmites along the road right-of-ways draining into the Cass River, at a maximum expense of \$2,500.00.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak to deny the request from the Cass River Greenway Trail Committee for the Road Commission's assistance in improving and maintaining a canoe launch on the Cass River. Sheridan, Matuszak, Parsell, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed the line of railway and the railroad crossings between the City of Caro and the Village of Colling. County Highway Engineer Zaverucha reported that the Michigan Department of Transportation's Office of Railways has responded that the railroad crossings are in good condition, and that the approaches could be lowered. Zaverucha also reported of receiving a letter from the Almer Township Board regarding the poor condition of these railroad crossings. The Board recommended that the Columbia Township Board and Vita Plus send a letter to the Road Commission regarding this line of railway.

Management and the Board discussed the Tuscola County Weighmaster's duties and responsibilities. The Board recommended that Commissioner Matuszak meet with the Weighmaster for additional training.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board

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Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, August 26, 2013 - 7:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

Commissioners Present: Thomas Bardwell, Christine Trisch, Craig Kirkpatrick, Matthew Bierlein

Commissioners Absent: Roger Allen

Others Present: Mike Hoagland, Caryl Langmaid, Mary Drier, Mike Miller, John Bishop, and Adam Pavlik

Finance

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Trisch and Kirkpatrick

Primary Finance

1. **2014 County Budget Development** – Mike Hoagland presented timeline
2. **County Financial Assessment** – Mike Hoagland provided update
3. **Bids for the 2013 County Audit** - Matter discussed, Mike Hoagland to follow up
4. **Nextera Tax Appeal Status** – Mike Hoagland provided update
5. **Animal Control Agreement** – Mike Hoagland provided update
6. **Requirements to Receive Full State Revenue Sharing** – Mike Hoagland provided update
7. **Per Diems and Mileage for Board and Commissions** – Matter discussed – On hold
8. **Tuscola “In Sync” – GIS Considerations** – Matter discussed, Additional information to be gathered
9. **Child Care Fund Budget Amendment Approved by State** – Mike Hoagland provided update
10. **House Bill 4785 Emergency Medical Service Operations** –To be placed on Consent Agenda
11. **eCivis Grant Writing Service** – Mike Hoagland provided update
12. **Potential Recover of GF Appropriation to Road Patrol** – Mike Hoagland provided update
13. **Natural Gas/Shale Resource Workgroup** – To be placed on Consent Agenda
14. **Medical Examiner** – Commissioner Trisch provided update, Commissioner Trisch to follow up with Debra Kranz from Kranz Funeral Home
15. **Potential Child Care Cost Reduction**
16. **Pure Michigan Advertisement Use by Counties** – Mike Hoagland provided update

On-Going Finance

1. 2012 Audit Presentation – 8/29/13
2. Dentist Legal Cost – Request for County Cost Sharing
3. Potential Re-Use of former Camp Tuscola
4. Denmark Township Litigation Update
5. Register of Deeds Land Transaction Recordings Regarding Wind Energy
6. Medical Care Facility Certificate of Need for Small House Project Update
7. BC/BS Access Fees Lawsuit

8. Tuscola "In Sync"
9. Health Insurance Affordable Care Act
10. ORV Ordinance Final Steps

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Trisch

Primary Personnel

1. **County Planning Commission Vacancy** – To be placed on Consent Agenda
2. **Labor Negotiations** – Mike Hoagland provided update
3. **Notice of MAC 7th District Meeting** – September 23, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting to be cancelled, Clerk to post notice.

On-Going Personnel

1. Court Personnel Policy Revisions
2. Equalization Waiver Request

Building and Grounds

Committee Leader-Commissioners Allen and Beirlein

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **Bids for Building Entry Way Mats** – Mike Miller provided bids and will follow up on bids
2. **Jail Bed Addition Project Update** – Mike Miller provided update, Waiting on DOC for inspection
3. **Request to use Courthouse Lawn for Pumpkin Festival** – To be placed on Consent Agenda
4. **Request to Display Art at Courthouse and Purdy Building** – Matter discussed, Mike Miller to follow up
5. **Dead Ash Trees Roadway Problems/Concerns** – Mike Hoagland provided update, Commissioner Kirkpatrick to follow up
6. **Cellular Telephone Locker System at the Courthouse** – Matter discussed, Mike Hoagland to follow up
7. **Fixed Asset Inventory** – Mike Hoagland provided update

On-Going Building and Grounds

1. Cass River Greenway
2. State Purchase of Private Land in Tuscola County
3. State Police Post Update
4. Completion of 2013 Budget Equipment/Capital Improvement Projects
5. Update to the County Solid Waste Management Plan – EDC

Other Business as Necessary – Gym Membership for Deputies discussed, Mike Hoagland and Commissioner Bierlein to follow up

Public Comment Period - None

Closed Session – If Necessary - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Caryl Langmaid
Deputy Clerk