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NACo Rural Action Caucus
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
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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 October 17, 2013 Full Board & Statutory Finance Minutes
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #3 Special Purpose Millage Fund Balances
- #4 Coalition Against Bigger Trucks Letter
- #5 October 28, 2013 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- #6 September 26, 2013 Road Commission Minutes
- #7 October 10, 2013 Road Commission Minutes
- #8 Letter of Support to Region 6 Regional Prosperity Plan Initiative
- #9 Renewable Energy Use Article
- #10 Invitation to Consumers Energy Tuscola County Ground Breaking Event
- #11 October 2013 Health Department Report
- #12 Bay County Resolution

Draft
TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 17, 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 17th day of October, 2013 to order at 5:32 o'clock p.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bierlein

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Mike Miler, Judge Nancy Thane, Sheila Long, Linda Strasz, Gretchen Tenbush, Kim Green, Henry Wymore, Carolyn Wymore. Nick Buggia

13-M-208

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

13-M-209

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 26, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period – None

Consent Agenda Resolution

13-M-210

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

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13

- Description of Matter:** Move that the Mosquito Abatement Restructuring Plan presented at the October 14, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting be authorized for implementation with an estimated cost reduction of over \$23,000 achieved by eliminating a Co-Director position and changing the Biologist to a seasonal position.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Mosquito Abatement Director that the seasonal Equipment Repair Technician be changed to a full-time status effective October 21, 2013. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that Richard Colopy be hired as a seasonal biologist at Mosquito Abatement beginning with the 2014 season and appropriate budget amendments are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the one year Consulting Services Contract Extension with MGT of America for an amount of \$3,000 for Child Care Fund Cost Allocation work be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the primary road millage transfer request of \$412,176.66 as identified by voucher #03-13 dated September 30, 2013 for the transfer of primary road millage to the Road Commission general fund.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the bridge millage transfer request of \$16,085.55 as identified by voucher #03-13 dated September 30, 2013 for the transfer of bridge millage to the Road Commission general fund.

- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the Sanilac and Tuscola County intergovernmental services agreement for animal control services for one year extension through the end of 2014 and the addendum to the agreement is authorized for signature. Also, the 2014 Tuscola County Animal Control budget incorporate the increased Tuscola County costs of \$5,500.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2014 Sheriff Department Police Services Contract with Vassar Township be approved and the Chairperson be authorized to sign.
- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2014 Sheriff Department Weigh Master Contract with the Road Commission be approved and the Chairperson be authorized to sign.
- Agenda Reference:** J
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13
- Description of Matter:** Move to authorize the Assistant Dispatch Director, Dee Ann Summersett, to carry over 7 vacation days beyond her anniversary date because of the extreme manning shortage in Central Dispatch.
- Agenda Reference:** K
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that dispatchers be allowed to accumulate vacation time in excess of the hours stipulated in the Dispatcher Contract per the letter of understanding with the union during the manning shortage.
- Agenda Reference:** L
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Tuscola County County-Wide Cost Allocation Plan Certificate of Indirect Costs be approved and authorized for signature.

- Agenda Reference:** M
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Tuscola County County-Wide Child Care Fund Cost Allocation Plan Certificate of Indirect Costs be approved and authorized for signature.
- Agenda Reference:** N
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/14/13
- Description of Matter:** Move that the following individuals be re-appointed to the Tuscola County Economic Commission and Brownfield Redevelopment Board: Thom Bardwell, Keith Baur, Kent Graf and John Tilt. Also, Mary Kulis be appointed as a new member to the Economic Development Corporation and Brownfield Redevelopment Boards.

New Business

- Court request to relocate Juvenile Probation to the former Prosecutor Offices

13-M-211

Motioned by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Juvenile Probation be authorized to relocate to the former Prosecutor's area in the lowest level of the Courthouse. Also, the 2013 capital improvement budget be amended by \$3,350 for painting and carpet cleaning costs involved in the move. Motion Carried.

- Medical Examiner System potential modifications - Tabled to future meeting.
- Personal Property Examiner status changes

13-M-212

Motioned by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen that because the Equalization Director has explained there are significant benefits to the County and local units of government from the services of a Personal Property Examiner and because there are cost advantages to hiring a part-time Personal Property Examiner rather than continuing the independent contractor agreement, Mike Krause be hired as a Personal Property Examiner in the County Equalization Department at a rate of \$40 per hour with an annual budget of \$2,400. Also, Mike Krause reimburse the county \$1,837.50 for the unexpended portion of the \$2,250 independent contractor agreement the county paid up front for 2013. Motion Carried.

- SAW Grant - Mike Hoagland and Craig Kirkpatrick provided an update. There is a presentation to be held at Spicer Engineering on October 28, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

-Arbela Township Police Services Contract

13-M-213

Motioned by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that the 2014 Sheriff Department Police Services Contract with Arbela Township be approved and the Chairperson be authorized to sign. Motion Carried.

-Parks and Recreation Vacancy

13-M-214

Motioned by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the County Clerk be requested to advertise for applicants to fill vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion Carried.

-Parks and Recreation Commission Mileage and Per Diem

13-M-215

Motioned by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the County pay \$25 per diem and mileage at the current rate for 4 meetings per year to the members of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Motion Carried.

-Oil & Gas News

13-M-216

Motioned by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen that a subscription to Oil and Gas News for an amount of approximately \$90 be authorized to be purchased from the Board of Commissioners Budget to gain more understanding and knowledge of the oil shale industry and developments in Michigan. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

- Mike Hoagland received a survey from U of M regarding a variety of topics.
- Mike Hoagland has had contact with Senator Green regarding the Equalization Director certification requirements.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BARDWELL

NACo - Committee Appointments are in the progress.

NACo Rural Action Caucus

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Bus tour will be held on October 18, 2013 to showcase many local businesses.

Caro DDA/TIFA

MAC Economic Development/Taxation - Meets on October 18, 2013.

Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors - Next meeting is December 13, 2013

MAC 7th District - Region will be updated to 6th District. Next meeting will be in

December in Lapeer.
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRISCH

Board of Health - Meets on October 18, 2013
Human Development Commission (HDC) - Potential lay-offs due to the Federal funding issue.
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KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - There will be a new director coming on board.
Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
MI Renewable Energy Coalition
MEMS All Hazards
Cass River Greenways Pathway - Chairperson for this project will be Jared Olsen the City of Caro manager.
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In Sync - Committee is beneficial to the county.

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
Planning Commission
Behavioral Health Systems Board
Tuscola 2020 - Cass City is also exploring the GIS program.
Recycling Advisory Committee - Saturday Recycling will be suspended at the end of the year as it is not being utilized by the community.
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
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ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council - Next meeting will be October 23, 2013
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Dental Clinic for Indigents
Parks & Recreation
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - Village of Akron, City of Caro and City of Vassar will have an election on November 5, 2013.

Extended Public Comment - Henry Wymore questioned accessing the survey.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 17, 2013
H.H. Purdy Building
125 W Lincoln St, Caro MI

Called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Allen, Bardwell, Trisch, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Mike Miller, Tisha Jones and Nick Buggia.

Claims and Per Diems were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.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 31st day of October, 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 10/28/13

Description of Matter: Move that per the recommendation of the Board of Health, Medical Examiner fees be removed from the Health Department Fee Schedule.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/28/13

Description of Matter: Move that per the recommendation of the Board of Health, that a death certificate fee of \$40 be established and the current cremation fees be increased from the current \$15 to \$35. These fee changes are made to help defray part of the cost of increasing the health department employee involved in issuing permits from 4 to 5 days per week.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/28/13

Description of Matter: Move that authorization be given to replace Julie Strasz's hand bag for an amount of \$47.65. This bag was damaged while passing through security equipment at the Courthouse.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/28/13

Description of Matter: Move that the Veteran Affairs 2012/2013 Annual Report be received and placed on file.

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.

Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Special Purpose Millage Fund Balance and Potential Use of Fund Balances

Special Purpose Millage Funds	1/1/2013 Fund Balance	Potential Use of Fund Balance	2013 Millage Levy	2013 Revenue Estimate	Millage Expires
Bridge and Streets	\$1,311,098	Road commission has a policy of leaving a minimum balance of approximately \$1 million reserve for the just in case unanticipated bridge that may fail and has to be repaired or replaced	0.4807	\$660,000	2015
Senior Citizens	\$44,741	Fund balance only 15% of budgeted 2013 expenditures	0.2000	\$275,000	2017
Medical Care	\$1,153,237	Used for equipment - capital improvements and conversion of former Davenport University for Medical Care admin. and construction of additional resident facilities along with Maintenance of Effort payments	0.2500	\$344,000	2018
Road Patrol	\$139,637	Fund balance closely monitored - funds owed to the general fund	0.9000	\$1,237,000	2017
Roads and Streets	\$132,683	In most years the fund is fully expended but for 2012 some funds were carried over beacuse larger planned projects in 2012	0.9657	\$1,328,000	2015
Mosquito Abatement	\$625,129	Portions of balance for truck and other equipment replacement in addition to the potential construction of a pole building for vehicle storage and maintenance along with appropriate pesticide storage - policy of minimum of \$250,000 for potential disease outbreak	0.6316	\$867,000	2013
Recycling	\$374,900	May eventually have to move to continue to offer current and potential additional recycling programs - need some reserve for years when value of recycled products are down	0.1500	\$207,000	2016
Medical Care Construction/Debt	\$1,880,646	May be used to retire remaining debt early or reduce the levy in future years - expires in 2016 - review restructuring	1.0000	\$1,393,000	2016
Total Special Purpose	\$5,662,071		4.5780	\$6,311,000	
General Fund Operating	\$1,024,692		3.9141	\$5,855,000	
Grand Total	\$6,686,763		8.4921	\$12,166,000	

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Mike Hoagland

From: Brian Shuford [bshuford@cabt.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 5:34 PM
To: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Subject: Coalition Against Bigger Trucks
Attachments: CABT Resolution.doc; Tuscola County Commision Letter.docx

Mr. Hoagland,

As we discussed I am attaching a draft letter and a resolution for the County Commissions review and consideration. Please feel free to change letter around to better localize it. I would ask that if the Commission does approve the letter that you forward me signed copy for my records. Please let me know if you have any questions

Respectfully,

Brian D. Shuford
Coalition Against Bigger Trucks
State Director
bshuford@cabt.org
direct: 571-480-5477
cell: 941-914-1325
fax: 571-480-5478
www.cabt.org



The Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) is a national grass roots organization that opposes efforts at all levels of government to make trucks longer and heavier. CABT includes state and local law enforcement agencies, state, county and local government leaders, safety organizations, business groups and other community leaders throughout the United States.

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING
TRUCK SIZE OR WEIGHT INCREASES**

WHEREAS, the _____ is concerned with the welfare of motorists and the quality and reliability of our nation's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, large trucks have a fatal crash involvement rate 40 percent higher than that of passenger vehicles, according to the National Highway Safety Administration; and

WHEREAS, every crash imposes both human and economic costs as well as a significant clean-up burden that can require many hours and impede other traffic; and

WHEREAS, the estimated costs to society for each fatality is \$7.24 million and the cost for each injury crash is \$321,000 per injury;

WHEREAS, allowing heavier or longer trucks would threaten the safety of other motorists as well as law enforcement officers because heavier and longer trucks would be more difficult to control, take longer to stop, and increase crash severity; and

WHEREAS, nearly 20% of commercial vehicles inspected are taken out of service for mechanical problems, which are most commonly brake issues, and trucks with out-of-service braking conditions are 1.8 times more likely to be assigned crash responsibility; and

WHEREAS, government studies have raised questions about the safety of equipment modified to haul heavier loads; and

WHEREAS, more than half the bridges on the National Highway System are more than 40 years old and nearly 27% of bridges in North Carolina are rated as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete; and

WHEREAS, trucks heavier than 80,000 pounds also raise concerns related to the nation's deteriorating infrastructure because they are likely to accelerate the deterioration of road surfaces and bridges; and

WHEREAS, government highway cost allocation studies have shown that the damage done to our roads and bridges by heavy trucks in legal operation today is not covered by their payments; and

WHEREAS, the payments by other motorists effectively subsidize the operation of heavy trucks in legal operation today; and

WHEREAS, government highway cost allocation studies show that increases in truck size and weight would exacerbate the existing underpayment of heavy trucks and the inequity between the payments of other motorists and heavy truck operators;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ opposes any increase in truck size or weight at all levels of government.

October 30, 2013

The Honorable Candice Miller
United States House of Representatives
320 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Miller:

It is our belief that the health and safety of our nation's residents should be a primary concern of Congress. It is the Tuscola County Commission's belief that HR 612 could endanger the lives of our nation's commuters due to the increased safety risks that these larger vehicles pose.

We are already encountering severe problems with our infrastructure; putting heavier trucks on the road will only make the situation worse. Heavier trucks would have increased control and stability issues resulting in a greater risk to motorists' safety. Here in Tuscola County, we currently have trucks weighing almost 165,000 pounds in the county because of local industries. If H.R. 612 were to pass trucks on our nation's interstates would cause increased damage to our local roads because trucks coming from neighboring states will weigh 97,000 versus the current 80,000. Our roads and motorists cannot handle even heavier trucks.

The Commission also believes that increasing the length of tractor-trailers is not prudent because studies have shown that double and triple trailers have an 11% more likely to be in a fatal accident than single trailer trucks

In the summer of 2014, the USDOT will finish a comprehensive analysis that will better determine the effects of increasing truck size and weight. We feel you should wait until the results of the study are known before supporting legislation such as HR 612.

Sincerely,

Tuscola County Commission

October 30, 2013

The Honorable Carl Levin
United States Senate
269 Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Levin:

It is our belief that the health and safety of our nation's residents should be a primary concern of Congress. It is the Tuscola County Commissions belief that S. 767 from the previous Congress could endanger the lives of our nation's commuters due to the increased safety risks that these larger vehicles pose.

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Sincerely,

Tuscola County Commission

October 30, 2013

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
United States Senate
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Sincerely,

Tuscola County Commission

DRAFT
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, October 28, 2013 - 7:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Mike Miller, Tisha Jones, Clayette Zechmeister, John Bishop, Brian Shuford

Finance
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Trisch and Kirkpatrick

Primary Finance

- 1. **2014 County Budget Development** - 2014 projected budget reviewed

Guest Presentation: Coalition Against Bigger Trucks, Brian Shuford - Presentation opposing the proposed bigger truck configurations being presented to Congress.

Thomas Bardwell excused at 8:51 a.m.

Recessed at 8:51 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:58 a.m.

- 2. **Death Certificates and Cremation Permits** - Move to the Consent Agenda.
- 3. **Geographic Information System Presentation 10-28-13 1:00 P.M.** - All Department Heads have been invited.
- 4. **Digital Parcel Mapping – Financing Plan** - Mike Hoagland continuing to work on.
- 5. **Personal Property Damaged by Security Equipment** - Move to the Consent Agenda.
- 6. **Office of Veterans Affairs Annual Report** - Report submitted by Ron Amend. Move to Consent Agenda.

On-Going Finance

- 1. Dentist Program for Indigent - Mike Hoagland will contact attorneys.
- 2. Potential Re-Use of former Camp Tuscola - No new update.
- 3. Denmark Township Litigation Update - Potential progress is being made with a new water project.
- 4. Register of Deeds Land Transaction Recordings Regarding Wind Energy - John Bishop is still working on.
- 5. Medical Care Facility Certificate of Need for Small House Project Update - No update.
- 6. BC/BS Access Fees Lawsuit - No Update.
- 7. Health Insurance Affordable Care Act - Mike Hoagland is working to making sure the County is in compliance.
- 8. Requirements to Receive Full State Revenue Sharing - Mike Hoagland is working on.

9. Per Diems and Mileage for Boards and Commissions - No update.
10. eCivis Grant Writing Service - No update.
11. Joint Service Delivery Ideas - Continue to look at avenues to join services.
12. Tuscola "In Sync" – County Web Site, Micamp and GIS Review - Meeting scheduled on October 30, 2013.
13. Natural Gas/Shale Resource Workgroup - Continuing to work on.
14. Update DTE Fire Run Payments to Fire Departments - Progress has been made.
15. 911 Radio Purchases - More Information to come.
16. Medical Examiner Police Chiefs Proposed Changes - Mike Hoagland is working on.
17. Road Patrol Repayment for General Fund Appropriation - Mike Hoagland is working on.

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Trisch

Primary Personnel

On-Going Personnel

1. Court Personnel Policy Revisions - Human Resources will continue to work on.
2. Equalization Waiver Request - County is trying to retain the Level 4 director waiver.
3. Labor Negotiations - Mike Hoagland is continuing to meet with Unions.

Building and Grounds

Committee Leader-Commissioners Allen and Bierlein

Primary Building and Grounds

On-Going Building and Grounds

1. Cass River Greenway - Jared Olson will chair M-46 to Caro project.
2. Dead Ash Trees Roadway Problems/Concerns - Road Commission is reviewing how the project can be handled.
3. Fixed Asset Inventory - Mike Hoagland is working on.
4. Jail Bed Addition Update - Project is close to completion.
5. Update to the County Solid Waste Management Plan – EDC - Continue to monitor.
6. State Police Post - Project is close to completion.
7. Office Relocations Lowest Level Courthouse - Project is underway.

Other Business as Necessary - None

Public Comment Period - None

Closed Session - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

September 26, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 8:00 A.M.

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

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the September 12, 2013 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$93,630.87 and bills in the amount of \$494,533.30 covered by vouchers #13-33 and #13-34 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:
None.

Management and the Board further discussed the Cross Winds Energy Park Project and the proposed Road Agreement with Consumers Energy. County Highway Engineer Zawerucha presented to the Board the latest revised version of the Road Agreement. After further review and discussion, the following three motions were introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to approve the proposed Road Agreement between the Tuscola County Road Commission and Consumers Energy for the Cross Winds Energy Park Project, and authorize Chairman Laurie to sign the Road Agreement. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Tuscola County Board of Road Commissioners has entered into a Road Agreement with Consumers Energy for the Cross Winds Energy Park Project in Akron Township and Columbia Township, and

WHEREAS, Consumers 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 sixty-two (62) wind turbines to be installed in Akron Township and Columbia Township, 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.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Parsell to approve the recommendation of Management by appointing Akron Division Foreman Dave Davidson as Inspector of the Cross Winds Energy Park Project, with the approval of overtime on an as needed basis. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:15 A.M. a public hearing was held for the proposed improvements to Ormes Road from Vassar Road to M-15 in Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32 of Vassar Township. County Highway Engineer Zawerucha presented the plans for the project. 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 Parsell to close the public hearing and to proceed with letting the Federal Aid Project for the proposed improvements to Ormes Road from Vassar Road to M-15 in Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32 of Vassar Township. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the bids for the Culvert Installation on Colwood Road over the King Drain in Elmwood Township taken and accepted at the last regular meeting of the Board be awarded to the low bidder, Marlette Excavating Company. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Pat Sheridan seconded by Julie Matuszak to authorize Chairman John Laurie and Vice Chairman Gary Parsell to sign the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract #13-5450 for the culvert replacement and extension, recessed pavement marking, and permanent sign upgrading along East Dayton Road from Bevens Road to M-24 and all together with necessary related work. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell to cast a ballot approving to amend the County Road Association of Michigan Constitution and Bylaws to acknowledge the Vacationland Council's action to approve a name change to the East Central Council. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:30 A.M. a public hearing was held for the proposed improvements to Vassar Road from the Vassar City Limits to M-46 in Section 1 of Tuscola Township, Section 36 of Denmark Township, Section 6 of Vassar Township, and Section 31 of Juniata Township. County Highway Engineer Zawerucha presented the plans for the project. 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 Sheridan seconded by Zwerk to close the public hearing and to proceed with letting the Federal Aid Project for the proposed improvements to Vassar Road from the Vassar City Limits to M-46 in Section 1 of Tuscola Township, Section 36 of Denmark Township, Section 6 of Vassar Township, and Section 31 of Juniata Township. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed the repaving of Dutcher Road west of Bradford Road in Gilford Township by Saginaw Asphalt Paving Company. Chairman Laurie reported that Saginaw Asphalt Paving Company will be making the necessary improvements to that section of Dutcher Road at their expense.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak to approve a one-year extended 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 for the fiscal year 2014, all in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the agreement. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha reported to the Board of road damage caused in conjunction with a R.O.W. Permit issued to I.T.C. and MJ Electric. The Board recommended that Management review the issue with legal council, and bill MJ Electric for the road repairs. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell authorizing Management to pursue resolving the issue of road damage caused in conjunction with a R.O.W. Permit issued to I.T.C. and MJ Electric. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha presented to the Board an Engineering Study of the intersection of Bray Road and Ormes Road. After the review, it was recommended to install "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" plaques on the existing Stop Signs on Ormes Road and to install Yellow Retro-Reflective Sign Post Panels on the existing Stop Ahead Signs. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak to approve the installation of "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" plaques on the existing Stop Signs on Ormes Road at Bray Road, and the installation of Yellow Retro-Reflective Sign Post Panels on the existing Stop Ahead Signs; as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board reviewed and discussed the Road Commission's current financial status and Local Road Funding. Discussions included the Michigan Transportation Fund distribution, winter maintenance for the 2013-14 season, future routine maintenance, township allowances, and capital equipment needs. After further discussion, the following two motions were introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan that Management report back to the Board with data, information, and options regarding the Road Commission's truck fleet. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan that the Tuscola County Road Commission intends to offer each township the \$25,000.00 matching allowance for Preservation Improvements and the \$2,500.00 matching allowance for Preventive Maintenance toward the 2014 construction season in accordance with the Local Road Improvement and Maintenance & Township Allowance Policy, all pending the outcome of the 2013-14 winter maintenance expenses. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan that the Prime & Double Chipseal project on Lewis Road between Barnes Road and Millington Road in Arbela Township be postponed this season, and that the current charges be billed to Arbela Township in consideration of completing the project next season. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman

October 10, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 8:00 A.M.

Present: Road Commissioners John Laurie, Mike Zwerk, Julie Matuszak, and Pat Sheridan; County Highway Engineer Michele Zawerucha, 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 September 26, 2013 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$93,183.23 and bills in the amount of \$480,069.59 covered by vouchers #13-35 and #13-36 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:

(1) Tuscola County Commissioner Craig Kirkpatrick appeared before the Board to discuss the dying emerald ash trees along the roadways of Tuscola County, particularly the south end of the county. Also in attendance was Tuscola County Commissioner Roger Allen, Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland, Millington Township Supervisor Terry Jones, Watertown Township Clerk Barbara Tanks, and Watertown Township Treasurer Patricia Frenzel. All members in attendance were allowed the opportunity to speak regarding this issue. Mr. Kirkpatrick urged the Road Commission to address this issue, and remove the dying trees within the road R.O.W. for safety concerns. Funding alternatives were discussed, including a report presented by Mr. Hoagland of the estimated millage revenue increases from the wind turbine projects in the county. Furthermore, Almer Township Supervisor Jim Miklovic reported that the dying ash trees are not a problem in the northern part of the county, and would rather see the Road Commission invest its funding toward resurfacing the primary road system. After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Laurie reported that the Road Commission recognizes the issue, and will further review funding alternatives to address the removal of dying ash trees along the roadways.

(2) Mr. John Bulloch with Consumers Energy gave an updated report of the Cross Winds Energy Park Project.

Management and the Board further discussed the Road Commission's Local Road Funding and capital equipment needs.

Management and the Board reviewed the proposed 2013-14 C.R.A.M. Legislative Priorities. The proposed 2013-14 Legislative Priorities will be further discussed at the next Blue Water Highway Council Meeting.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak granting Scott Sholes a Medical Leave of Absence through November 4, 2013, all in accordance with the Union Agreement. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Sheridan to grant Fremont Township a variance of the Local Road Improvement and Township Allowance Policy for the 2013 season approving to add a crushed gravel patching project immediately, and waive the required initial deposit in order to complete the project yet this season. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Zwerk to approve the Road Commission change to its winter operating hours effective Monday, October 28, 2013; as recommended by the Superintendent/Manager. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman Laurie was excused from the meeting at 9:30 A.M.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Sheridan that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk --- Carried.

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board

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{Insert Date}

Genesee, Lapeer, Shiawassee Region V
Planning and Development Commission
Attention: Derek Bradshaw
1101 Beach Street, Room 223
Flint MI 48502-1470 •

RE: Letter of Support and Commitment to Region 6 Regional Prosperity Plan Initiative

Dear Derek,

On behalf of {Insert company/agency name}, I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Region 6 Regional Prosperity Plan Initiative. This initiative has the potential to better align our strategies and priorities in the areas of economic development, adult and higher education, workforce development, and transportation across our seven-county region.

As a {Insert organization type i.e. economic development, adult and higher education, workforce development, or transportation} agency in {insert county}, we are committed to participating in this planning process and to potentially implementing pilot programs that advance our collective goals and objectives in these areas.

We strongly support the Genesee, Lapeer, Shiawassee Region V Planning and Development Commission's application to the State of Michigan for this project. We see opportunity to drive economic prosperity through regional collaboration and will work together to respond to opportunities and address our needs that are unique to our region. Thank you for your leadership in this initiative.

Sincerely,

{Insert official's Name}

{Insert official's title}

Region 6 Opportunities and Challenges Matrix

	Economic Development	Workforce Development	Adult Education	Higher Education	Transportation Infrastructure
Partnerships	Expanded Regional Economic Development Partnership	Shared staffing across related businesses	Industry/Private Sector Consortia	K-12 Collaboration	Restructuring of existing regional transportation planning efforts
	Industry/Private Sector Consortia	Employer input on job descriptions and seminar needs	K-12 Collaboration	Regional Consortium of Higher Education Institutions	Relationships with funders (federal and state) essential able to support regional efforts
		Collaboration across MWAs	Regional Councils of Transportation and Infrastructure		Metropolitan Transportation Authorities
		Collaboration with other regions			
Projects/Initiatives/Strategies	Expansion and enhancement of rail	Identify common profiles for industries	Create training program that respond to common industry profiles	Create training programs that respond to common industry profiles	Expand the Public Transit
	Utilization and enhancement of fiber network	Identify program models that can be replicated across the region to meet common needs	Strategies for better connectivity and bandwidth with responsible providers	Better prepare students at a younger age for higher programs and responsibilities	Explore new water development opportunities
	Better understand and differentiate the regional opportunities around agriculture, Green Buildings, clean-making strategies, and infrastructure and support policies	Standardize programs across region	Coordinate across the region to share resources and expertise	Review existing GED process and test and improve it	Streamline energy building construction and operational costs and projects in the region
	Promote and business and find new resources to improve the sector	Review and replicate entrepreneurial support programs	Professional education - the best practices	Streamline course work for industry or job-specific degrees	Expand the regional water management
	Access to capital - Regional Revolving Loan Fund	Link participants with resources throughout the region (i.e. kitchen incubators and training)	Programs for small and medium businesses	Strategies to improve degree completion	Improve regional infrastructure
	Model and replicate kitchen incubators		Expand programs to help with education, energy, health and family	New trade skill teaching institutions	Strategies for all energy needs and to improve throughout the region
	Waste water treatment plants			Promote advanced manufacturing jobs and degrees	Improve the ports
	Develop strategies for better use of transportation/infrastructure resources (including transportation costs)				Need North-South transportation in western border county
	Need for transportation loading facilities				
	Expansion of grants capacity				
	Promote and implementation programs and resources				
	Leverage engineering/manufacturing assets to increase company efficiency and productivity				
	Establish a global vision for the region				
New Consumers Energy facility					
Concentration of large regional hospitals					

Report: State can do better with renewable energy use

No technical barriers to triple current standard

BY JAY GREENE
CRAIN'S DETROIT BUSINESS

Environmentalists, utility companies and energy experts had different takes on a draft report released last month on increasing Michigan's renewable energy portfolio standard.

The 90-page report concluded there are no technical problems to increasing the standard to as much as 30 percent of electricity production in the state by 2035 from the 10 percent standard that is on schedule to be met by 2015.

A final report will be released Nov. 4.

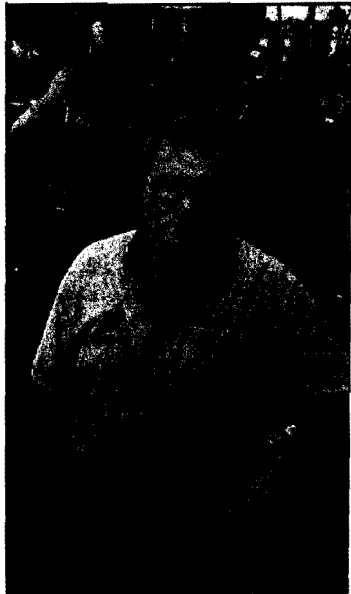
Gov. Rick Snyder, who ordered the study after voters rejected a ballot proposal that would have

added a 25 percent renewable energy standard by 2025 to the state constitution, will issue legislative policy recommendations in December when he gives his annual energy report.

"The governor wanted to know how well the RPS law is working, how much has been invested (by utilities and customers), what other states are doing before the governor and legislators draft legislation," said Steve Bakka, director of the Michigan Energy Office, which along with the Michigan Public Service Commission developed the report.

Two other draft environmental reports are expected to be released in the next several weeks. On

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JOE WILSENS

Larry Kimmen, president of Top Craft Tool in Clinton Township: "After the recession of the past four or five years, nobody wants to stick their neck out."

Choke point?

Tool shop shortage could stall auto biz

BY LINDSAY CHAPPELL
CRAIN NEWS SERVICE

In the little corner of the car business where skilled machinists repair broken dies through the wee hours of the night and perfect the tools that will turn out smooth body panels, an alarm bell is ringing.

The American tool and die industry is shrinking. But having adequate tooling support is crucial for the recovering industry to keep production and sales strong.

Over the past eight years, one-fifth of North America's tool and die shops have disappeared, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. And the sector focused on automotive needs may have declined by as much as a third, according to another estimate.



In 2010, the Dortch family purchased the Halo Burger chain from the Thomas family. Pictured, from left, outside the Halo Burger restaurant in Grand Blanc Township: Louis Dortch Sr., chairman of Dortch Enterprises LLC; President Louis Dortch Jr.; and Polly Dortch, director of marketing of Dortch Enterprises.

BRUCE EDWARDS

Eat to grow

Burger chain looks to surround region with Halo havens

BY NATHAN SKID

within the state boundaries. But we think within a short period, maybe a year or two, we

Renewable: Can it grow?

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Oct. 15, a draft report on consumer electricity choice will be released, followed on Oct. 22 by a draft report on energy efficiency. All final reports, including a fourth report on additional energy areas, are expected to be released before Thanksgiving.

While the draft report concluded there are no technical barriers to increasing the renewable portfolio standard from 15 percent by 2020 to 30 percent by 2035, the report noted two factors that could limit success of any plan.

First, local government rules could restrict through zoning regulations the siting of wind towers, solar panels, hydro, biomass or other renewable sources. Second, legal challenges under the federal Commerce Clause could pose a danger to a future renewable energy mandate.

Irene Dimitry, vice president of marketing and renewable energy

with **DTE Energy Corp.**, said DTE is still studying the report. However, she said the siting problem noted in the report is real.

"We support renewables, and we have said when we get to 10 percent we will talk about going higher," Dimitry said. "At a certain point, there is a question of what people are comfortable having in their communities. ... As more gets built, there might be a saturation point. We don't know what that is."

Howard Learner, executive director of the **Environmental Law and Policy Center**, said increasing Michigan's renewable portfolio standard is critical if the state wants to create jobs and enjoy such environmental benefits as cleaner air and water.

"Does Michigan want to be a leader or left behind by other states that have higher standards?" said Learner, who said the governor's

report is a good start toward increasing renewable energy.

Mark Barbeau, director of the **University of Michigan Energy Institute**, said the report states a strong case for Michigan to increase its standard.

"Michigan's target was fairly low compared with other states nationally," Barbeau said. "The report makes the case that renewable energy portfolio tends to be higher in states where electricity prices higher or states that have higher energy resources."

The report said Michigan's renewable standards are less aggressive than most of the other 29 states that have standards. All other states, except for Wisconsin, have higher standards than 10 percent.

Brad Klein, a staff attorney with the environmental policy center, said the report fully documented how well Michigan has done in developing renewable sources and driving down production costs.

For example, the cost to develop wind power — that accounts for about 94 percent of renewable energy in Michigan — decreased dramatically to about \$45 per megawatt-hour this year from more than \$100 in 2009, the report said.

By the end of this year, consumers will have paid about \$675 million in utility bill surcharges to meet the renewable standard.

Last summer, DTE Energy proposed lowering the monthly surcharge on residential customers to 43 cents from \$3 and **Consumers Energy Corp.** proposed eliminating entirely its 52-cent surcharge on residential customers.

"This report demonstrates that renewable energy costs are dropping significantly with the surcharges becoming moot," Learner said. "Customers are getting savings while jobs are being created and pollution reduced. This is a formula for going forward."

Jay Greene: (313) 446-0325, jgreene@crain.com. Twitter: @jaybgreene

Invest Detroit hires MEDC executive Dober as VP

Martin Dober, a seven-year veteran of the **Michigan Economic Development Corp.** and most recently senior vice president of entrepreneurship and innovation, left the MEDC to join **Invest Detroit** last week as vice president.

Dober said he will focus on help-

ing said. "I want to be more of an implementer now, and work directly with companies. I want to be the MEDC's partner in Detroit, where there are just so many opportunities right now."

Invest Detroit manages \$110 million in several investment funds

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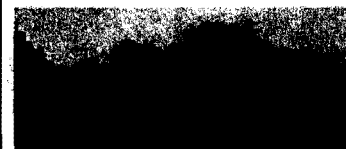
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Mike Hoagland

From: DENNIS H. MARVIN [DENNIS.MARVIN@cmsenergy.com]
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 10:05 AM
To: tbardwell@tuscolacounty.org; beetman95@yahoo.com; Mike Hoagland
Cc: Mary A. Kulis
Subject: Consumers Energy Ground Breaking Event
Attachments: CWEPGroundBreakInvite-Final1.pdf

Good morning Gentlemen:

As you likely know, Consumers Energy received approval from both Akron and Columbia Townships of the Special Use Permits necessary to begin construction of the Cross Winds Energy Park. We also executed an approved road use agreement with the Tuscola County Road Commission, as well as, various permit approvals from other county agencies. We certainly appreciate the cooperation from everyone at both the County and Township levels.

To commemorate the beginning of construction, we are hosting a "ground breaking" celebration on Friday, November 1, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at our laydown yard location on Clark Road, just south of Cass City Road. I have attached an electronic copy of an invitation for your consideration.

In addition, should you be able to attend, we welcome Chairman Bardwell and Commissioner Allen to offer brief comments during the ceremony. If you agree, please let me know so we can be sure to include your participation in our program agenda.

Please contact me if you have any questions (please note the RSVP on the card refers you to my colleague, but please respond directly to me). Thank you very much for your consideration.

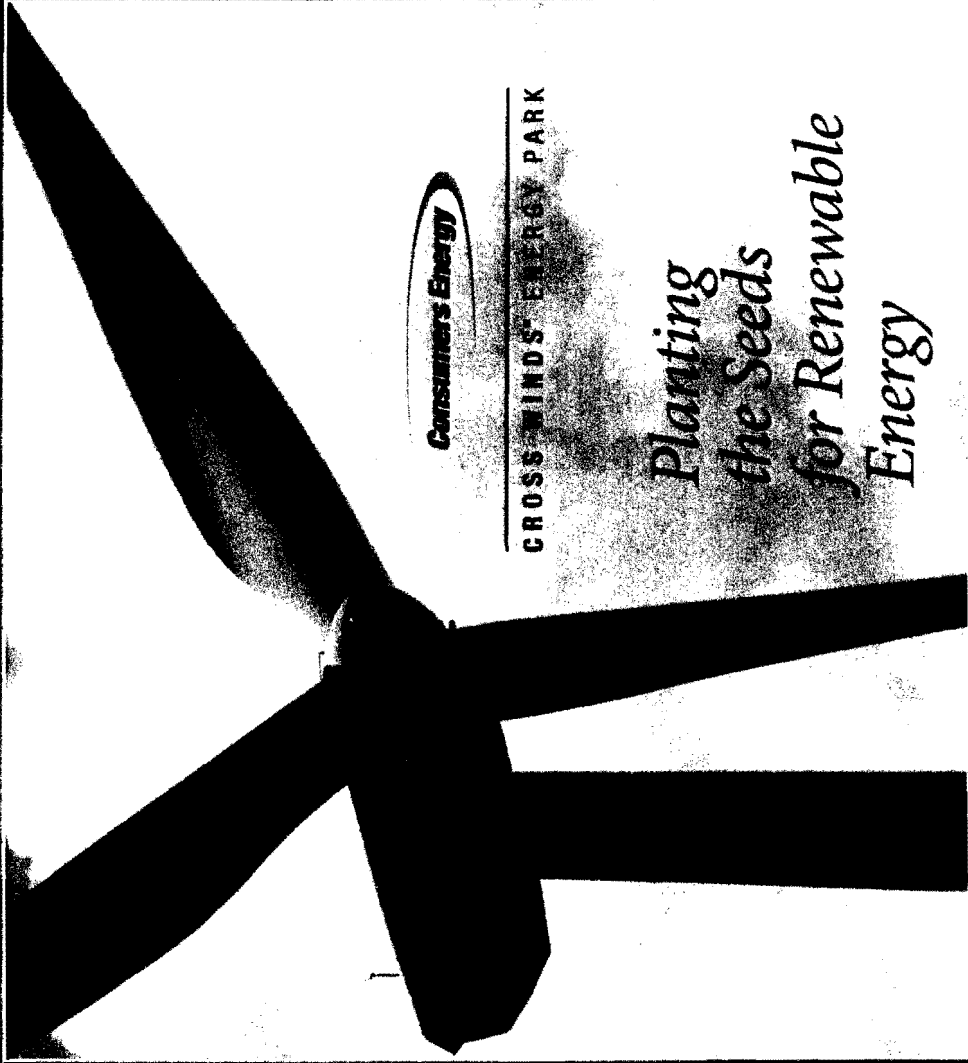


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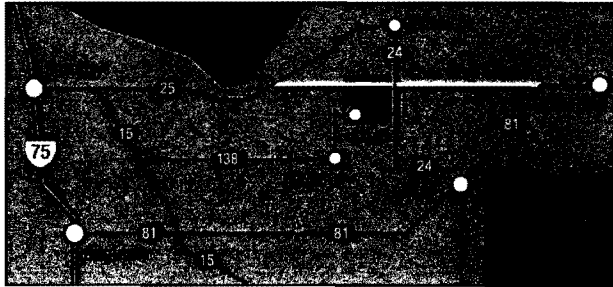
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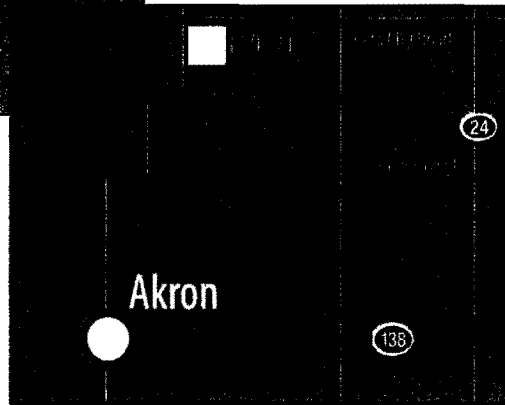
Come join us!

YOU MAY KNOW that Consumers Energy is building the Cross Winds Energy Park, a 105-megawatt wind farm, in Tuscola County.

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You're invited to join us at 11 a.m. on November 1 at the project lay down yard located north of the Village of Akron on **Clark Road south of Cass City Road** to celebrate the beginning of construction.

Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for an outdoor event .

We'd love to see you there.

Please RSVP to CHRISTINE.HENGESBACH-MORRALL@cmsenergy.com by October 25 or call (888) 599-9698 to leave a message.

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Tuscola County Health Department
Board of Commissioners Monthly Report for October 2013

Prepared by: Gretchen Tenbusch, RN, MSA, Health Officer

Visit our website at www.tchd.us

Outcomes for the Month:

- As another example of collaborative efforts between counties, the Huron County Health Department and the Tuscola County Health Department have signed an agreement to share MIHP staff during unexpected vacancies or extended staff leaves.

Issues under consideration by the Local Health Department:

- We have been told the State has enough funds to keep programs running until the end of October. After that, programs may see funding withheld.
- We have only received a small amount of our private flu vaccine but we have enough to keep up with the public demand. There are no announced shortages of flu vaccine.
- We have had one bat test positive for Rabies in the Kingston area. The exposure was at a licensed kennel. We worked with MDCH and Animal Control on safety measures as not all the dogs in this kennel were vaccinated. Vaccination and quarantine measures of the animals were put into place.
- Health Delivery, Inc., will no longer be providing prenatal services in Tuscola County. They closed their clinic at the Health Department on October 14th as there has been a lack of clients using the services.

Issues to be brought to Board of Commissioners:

- None.

No. 2013-192

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

10/8/13

RESOLUTION

BY: BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Representative Charles M. Brunner has Introduced House Bill 4194 which would amend Public Act 30 of 1978 to increase the cap on local government budget stabilization funds from 15 percent to 20 percent of the most recent general fund budget, or the average of the five most recent general fund budgets, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, Currently under the law, the governing body of a "municipality" i.e. a county, township, city, or village, that creates a budget stabilization fund (or "rainy day fund") can, by ordinance or resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members elected and serving, appropriate to the fund all or part of a surplus in the general fund resolution from an excess of revenue in comparison to expenses. A municipality may not raise taxes to provide for money to make appropriation to the fund; and

WHEREAS, The law now caps the amount of money that local officials can set aside for the rainy day fund at 15 percent of the most recent general fund budget, or the average of the five most recent general fund budgets, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, The 15 percent cap on municipal budget stabilization funds prevents local governments from increasing their reserves in good years in order to prepare for years when revenues decline due to changes in the local economy; and

WHEREAS, The Bay County Executive, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the Michigan Townships Association all support H.B. 4194; Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners offers its wholehearted support of H.B. 4194 and commends Rep. Charles M. Brunner for introducing this important piece of legislation; Be It Further

RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our area legislators, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan counties.

ERNIE KRYGIER, CHAIR
AND BOARD

HB 4194

MOVED BY COMM. Tilley

SUPPORTED BY COMM. Herek

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
BRANDON KRAUSE	✓			KIM J. COONAN	✓			MICHAEL E. LUTZ			✓
ERNIE KRYGIER	✓			THOMAS M. HEREK	✓						
VAUGHN J. BEGICK	✓			DONALD J. TILLEY	✓						

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