

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

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

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Caro, MI 48723

Phone: 989-672-3700  
Fax : 989-672-4011

Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell  
Prayer – Commissioner Kirkpatrick  
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Trisch  
Roll Call – Clerk Fetting  
Adoption of Agenda  
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)  
Brief Public Comment Period  
Consent Agenda Resolution (None)  
New Business  
    -Medical Care Facility Small House Project (See Correspondence #2)  
    -Refinancing Nutt Branch Drain Notes  
    -Primary Road & Bridge Millage Transfer Requests  
    -2014 County Budget Development  
    -Appeal to State Tax Commission (See Correspondence #5)  
    -Water Softener  
Old Business  
Correspondence/Resolutions

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**KIRKPATRICK**

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works  
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  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
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BIERLEIN

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Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Tuscola 2020  
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Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
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ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board  
County Road Commission  
Board of Public Works  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
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Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative  
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BARDWELL

NACo  
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TRISCH

Board of Health  
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Human Services Collaborative Council  
Great Start Collaborative  
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Closed Session – Labor Negotiations

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 November 14, 2013 Full Board & Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
- #2 Medical Care Facility Small House Project Resolution
- #3 October 24, 2013 Road Commission Minutes
- #4 Coalition Against Bigger Trucks Correspondence
- #5 Response from State Tax Commission Appeal
- #6 November 2013 Health Department Monthly Report

*Draft*  
TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
November 14, 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 14th day of November, 2013 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Allen

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick (via Google Hangouts), District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Mark Ransford, Dick Ransford, John Bishop, Eearn Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Gretchen Tenbush, Steve Anderson, Margot Roedel, Tonya Hahn, John Axe (via phone), Bob Klenk, Donna Fraczek, Judge Nancy Thane, Sandy Erskine, Sheila Long, Adam Pavlik

13-M-224

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

13-M-225

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 31, 2013 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period – Mark Ransford and other area funeral directors received a letter from the Health Department. Mr. Ransford addressed the Board regarding the fees to be assessed by the Medical Examiner's Office. Mr. Ransford also stressed the importance of the office being open 5 days a week. Gretchen Tenbush spoke on behalf of the Health Department regarding this issue. A workgroup is to be formed to work with the Finance Committee to put together possible solutions.

Recessed at 8:20 a.m.  
Reconvened at 8:24 a.m.

## Consent Agenda Resolution - None

## New Business

-Medical Care Facility Small House Project - John Axe called in to give input regarding the financing for the revenue bonds for the Medical Care Facility and the requirements needed. Tonya provided update as to Chemical Bank's proposal. Tonya will continue to work with Chemical Bank regarding the final terms of the proposal.

## -Jail Food Cabinets

## 13-M-226

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that per the request of the Undersheriff that the 2013 equipment budget be amended by \$3,000 to purchase food service cabinets to replace the current cabinets which are too costly to maintain. Motion Carried.

## -Felony Court Appointed Attorney Contract

## 13-M-227

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that the one year agreement for 2014 for legal representation of indigents in the 54<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court be approved for an annual amount of \$165,000.00. Also, the chairperson be authorized to sign said agreement. Motion Carried.

## -District Court Indigent Contract

## 13-M-228

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that the one year agreement for 2014 for representation of indigent misdemeanants in 71-B District Court be approved for an annual amount of \$110,000.00. Also, the chairperson is authorized to sign said agreement. Motion and Support were *withdrawn* for further clarification from Court Administrator.

## -Probate Court Developmentally Disabled Contract

## 13-M-229

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the one year agreement for 2014 for legal representation for alleged developmentally disabled individuals in the Tuscola County Probate Court be approved for an annual amount of \$4,500.00. Also, the chairperson is authorized to sign said agreement. Motion Carried.

-Advertising for Vacant Boards and Commissions

13-M-230

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that the County Clerk be requested to advertise for all positions which terms are expiring or are vacant on Tuscola County Boards and Commissions. Motion Carried.

-Regional DWI Court Budget

13-M-231

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that a new fund be established to provide a system of accounting and budgeting to properly administer the Regional DWI Court Grant for the period of October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. Motion Carried.

-Tuscola/Huron Equalization Waiver Request - Senator Green has been in contact with Mike Hoagland regarding the waiver of Level 4 Director requirement.

-2013 County Apportionment Report

13-M-232

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the 2013 Tuscola County Apportionment Report as presented by the County Equalization Director be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Tuscola County Senior Advisory Board - Margaret Wentz is requesting an appointment to the Tuscola County Senior Advisory Board. Clerk to advertise under previous motion.

-Correction to Water Softener Bid

13-M-233

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to rescind motion number 13-M-224 from the October 31, 2013 meeting that accepted the bid from Culligan in the amount of \$3,989.00 as the end date was not included in the original posting. Motion Carried.

13-M-234

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to rebid the replacement of the water softer at the Michigan State Police Post and establish a deadline to receive bids. (Past bidders to be notified). Motion Carried.

-Senior Citizen Birth Certificate Cost

13-M-235

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that in order to establish consistency with the State fee schedule that effective January 1, 2014 senior citizens (65 and older) birth certificates be increased from \$7 to \$14. Yeas - Allen, Bardwell, Bierlein, Kirkpatrick Nay - Trisch. Motion Carried.

-Courthouse Lawn Usage Request

13-M-236

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the Courthouse lawn be authorized for use from November 30, 2013 through January 4, 2014 per the November 12, 2013 letter of request from the Caro Interfaith Committee. Motion Carried.

13-M-237

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the one year agreement for 2014 for representation of indigent misdemeanants in 71-B District Court be approved for an annual amount of \$110,000.00. Also, the chairperson is authorized to sign said agreement. Motion Carried.

-Medical Examiner System - Matter to be forwarded to the Finance Committee for further discussion and possible solutions.

-2014 County Budget Development - Packet provided by Mike Hoagland regarding further information and detail for the 2014 Proposed Budget. Discussion held over the many items still outstanding on the 2014 budget. Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. to further review the 2014 budget.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions - None



**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS****BIERLEIN**

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - EDC is working on a special grant request with Huron County.

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Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment –

John Bishop spoke regarding the non-mandated services that Tuscola County provides.

Donna Fraczek provided information regarding the DWI grant that Tuscola County was awarded.

Thomas Bardwell provided information regarding the mock disaster that was held November 13, 2013 in Cass City. The training went great!

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

Statutory Finance Committee Minutes  
Thursday, November 14, 2013  
H.H. Purdy Building  
125 W Lincoln St, Caro MI

Called to order at 11:11 a.m.

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

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting

Claims and Per Diems were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

**Mike Hoagland**

**From:** Assistant to John Axe [johna@axelaw.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2013 1:46 PM  
**To:** mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org  
**Subject:** FW: New Notice of Intent Resolution  
**Attachments:** r-tus38.doc

Mr. Hoagland,

I spoke with Mr. Axe and he said the Notice of Intent Resolution is the only thing needed in the packet but if you wanted to put the email & timetable that was sent to you yesterday that would be fine.

Samantha A. Vormelker  
 Executive Assistant to John R. Axe  
 Axe & Ecklund, P.C.  
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**From:** Assistant to John Axe  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013 10:50 AM  
**To:** mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org  
**Cc:** 'Hahn, Tanya'; Margot Roedel (Margot Roedel) (mroedel@tcmcf.org); Maggie Root (mroot@tcmcf.org)  
**Subject:** New Notice of Intent Resolution

Mike,

After to speaking to Tanya this morning, she is in the process of trying to work out a cash flow projection with the Medical Care Facility which would permit the revenue bonds to be issued with projected revenues which are sufficient to retire the bonds in ten years.

Because she needs time to work this out with the Medical Care Facility and then to get the bank to agree to whatever changes may be necessary in their commitment letter, she and I think it would be appropriate if the Board of Commissioners were to approve the new Notice of Intent resolution which raises the maximum interest rate from 5% to 18% which should be sufficient to satisfy the bank if it were necessary for the bank to commit to purchase additional bonds with a maturity up to ten more years at the end of ten years. We would not insert the Notice in the paper until Tanya determines whether it would be possible to work out the revised projections and the bank is agreeable to make whatever changes are necessary in their commitment letter. If that can be arranged for next week, we will then prepare the necessary bond resolution for adoption by the Board of Commissioners, possibly at a special meeting (if one could be arranged for Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> or early the next week).

John R. Axe

11/21/2013

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COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in Caro, Michigan on November 25, 2013 at \_\_:\_\_ .m., Eastern Standard Time, there were

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING INSERTION OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE**  
**COUNTY OF TUSCOLA MEDICAL CARE FACILITY**  
**REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2013**

WHEREAS, the County of Tuscola (the "County") has determined that it is in the best interest of the County that the County's Medical Care Facility be improved and expanded as described in Exhibit A (the "Project") with the estimated cost of \$4,600,000; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to finance the Project from the proceeds of the County's revenue bonds to be authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the County has been furnished with an estimate of the cost and period of usefulness of the Project prepared by registered architects, which indicates an estimated total cost of \$4,600,000 and a period of usefulness thereof of not less than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, in order to finance the estimated Project costs, the County has determined it to be necessary and advisable to borrow money and issue revenue bonds pursuant to the authorization provided in Act No. 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, before such bonds may be issued it is necessary to insert a Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, MICHIGAN, as follows:

1. **Publication of Notice of Intent.** The County Clerk shall publish a notice of intent in the form attached to this resolution as APPENDIX B in the *Tuscola County Advertiser* which

is a newspaper having general circulation within the County, which advertisement shall be at least two columns by 6 inches in size which action is hereby approved.

2. **Bonds to be Issued After Expiration of 45 Day Period.**

The Revenue Bonds shall not be issued unless the provisions of Section 33 of the Act, with respect to the publication of such notice of intent and any petitions filed in accordance therewith, have been fully complied with or unless no such petitions have been filed (as required by said Section 33) within 45 days after the publication of such notice of intent.

3. **Filing with Municipal Finance Division:** If necessary the Chief Administrative Officer of the County is authorized and directed to:

- (a) apply to the Municipal Finance Division of the Michigan Department of Treasury for approval of the sale of the Bonds;
- (b) file with such application all required supporting material; and
- (c) pay all fees required in connection therewith.

4. **Severability.** If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the same shall not affect any other part of this Resolution.

5. **Conflicts.** All Resolutions and resolutions or parts thereof, insofar as the same may be in conflict with this Resolution, are hereby repealed.

A vote upon the foregoing Resolution was taken, and the results were as follows:

YES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

The Resolution was declared adopted.

**COUNTY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, hereby certifies that (1) the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout, (2) the original thereof is on file in the records of the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners in my office, (3) the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended), and (4) minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk

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**APPENDIX A  
TO  
RESOLUTION**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

See Attached Exhibit A

**PERIOD OF USEFULNESS OF PROJECT**

The period of usefulness of the project will be not less than twenty (20) years.

**ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT**

\$4,600,000

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project will consist of the construction of an approximately 28 foot x 36 foot central storage/vehicle garage to house the Community's larger passenger vehicles (a 12 passenger bus and a 4 passenger van) plus two approximately 9,200 square foot, one-story, elder healthcare "small houses". Each small house is designed to provide skilled nursing care to 10 residents. Each house will contain 10 private bedrooms with private baths for the residents, plus all the social gathering spaces of a residential home including: the family/great room, open kitchen, dining room, three season room, TV/den, a spa-tub room, a covered front porch and an outdoor enclosed rear garden area. The small houses represent a new model of skilled nursing care for our elders who need long term care services, and that model is person-centered care, which focuses on the specific needs, interests and lifestyles of the individuals who make the small houses their home. But, the homes must also be designed to provide the same level of skilled nursing as the main facility, and therefore must meet all building and fire safety codes as well as federal and state licensing requirements for skilled nursing facilities and long term care nursing homes. Each small house will be equipped with a lift system and generator backup power. Each small house will have an approximately 1900 square foot basement to house mechanical systems and provide extra storage; they will also each have their own garage with severe weather room/tornado shelter. These garages will be attached to the small houses via a covered walkway to provide residents continuous shelter from the elements when transferring in/out of vehicles or moving between the house and the severe weather room. Security monitoring systems and all electronic communication systems for the small houses will be connected to the Community's main building and business annex as well. Other site work will include providing a service drive and walking/bike paths connecting the two small houses and newly constructed garage with the main facility and the business annex, plus landscaping and preparation of former cropland for future development.

### **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

Land situated in the Township of Almer, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel 1:

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Tax Item No. 050-034-000-2110-00

Parcel 2:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, Almer Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 34; thence along the East line of said Section, South 275.00 feet; thence continuing South 482.5 feet; thence West 949 feet; thence North 484 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 54 seconds East 949.29 feet to the point of beginning, except the Easterly 57 feet thereof.

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**APPENDIX B**  
**COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION OF THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA TO ISSUE  
REVENUE BONDS AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO  
PETITION FOR REFERENDUM THEREON**

TO ALL ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF  
THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan (the "County"), will approve a bond Resolution (the "Resolution") authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for the purpose of constructing improvements and additions to the County's Medical Care Facility located as follows: Improvements described as follows: **[SEE EXHIBIT A]**; (the "Project"). The Resolution provides that the County will finance part of the total cost of the Project by the issuance of revenue bonds secured by the net revenues from the operation of the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility (the "Bonds") pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 94, Michigan Public Acts of 1933, as amended ("Act 94"). The maximum amount of Bonds to be issued shall not exceed \$4,600,000, the term of the Bonds shall not exceed 20 years and the Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates that will result in a net interest cost of not more than 18% per annum.

THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND TAXING POWER  
OF THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA WILL NOT BE PLEDGED

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in the Resolution the County pledges that the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable from the net revenues from the County's Medical Care Facility, including future improvements, and that there shall be created a statutory lien in favor of bondholders. The full faith and credit of the County will not be pledged for the making of such bond payments.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to the electors and taxpayers of the County to inform them of the right to petition for a referendum on the question of issuing the Bonds. The County intends to issue the Bonds without a vote of the electors thereon, but not until 45 days after publication of this notice. If, within such 45 day period a petition for referendum requesting an election on the Bonds, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors of the County, whichever is less, has been filed with the County Clerk, the Bonds shall not be issued unless and until approved by a majority of the electors of the County voting thereon at a general or special election.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Commissioners pursuant to Act 94. Further information may be obtained at the office of the County of Tuscola County Clerk, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, Michigan 48723.

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Jodi Fetting  
County Clerk

DATED: [date of publication]

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## **TIMETABLE FOR PREPARATION OF BOND RESOLUTION**

### **ACTION**

### **DATE**

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|--|---|
| 1. Axe & Ecklund receives revised commitment letter from Chemical Bank   | Friday, November 22, 2013                   |
| 2. Axe & Ecklund sends out first draft of Bond Resolution to:<br>a. Maggie Root & Margot Roedel<br>b. Tanya Hahn<br>c. Chemical Bank | Wednesday, November 27, 2013                |
| 3. Axe & Ecklund receives comments from all parties  | 11:00 a.m. on<br>Monday, December 2, 2013   |
| 4. Axe & Ecklund sends out final Bond Resolution   | 3:00 p.m. on<br>Wednesday, December 4, 2013 |
| 5. Special meeting of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to consider adoption of Bond Resolution                              | Monday, December 9, 2013                    |

**Mike Hoagland**

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**From:** Assistant to John Axe [johna@axelaw.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 9:19 AM  
**To:** mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org  
**Cc:** Hahn, Tanya; mroedel@tcmcf.org; mroot@tcmcf.org  
**Subject:** County of Tuscola Medical Care Facility Revenue Bonds, Series 2013  
**Attachments:** tt-tus38-bond resolution.doc

I have received an email from Tanya Hahn indicating the outline of a new bank proposal which would result in there being sufficient funds on deposit each year so that by December 1, 2023, there would be \$2,895,000 on deposit which would be enough to pay off the bonds by that date if the County had not issued a new revenue bond issue or the Medical Care Facility had not already retired the bonds.

Based on that, I am recommending the following:

1. I will ask Tanya to obtain a revised commitment letter from the bank utilizing the outline which she forwarded yesterday. When I receive that, I will finish a draft of the proposed bond resolution which will be forwarded to the bank and Tanya for their comments. Assuming that this proceeds satisfactorily, you have indicated that the Board of Commissioners can schedule a special meeting for December 9, 2013, at the close of their Committee of the Whole meeting on that date, at which meeting, the Board of Commissioners can consider approval of the bond resolution.
2. In the meantime, just in case some problem comes up which would mean that we would need to have a different backup system in place, you have agreed to have the Board of Commissioners adopt the new Notice of Intent Resolution which has an 18% default rate limit in it at a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners next Monday after the Committee of the Whole meeting. **THE NOTICE WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER UNTIL AN UNLESS IT IS APPARENT TO EVERYONE THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY.**
3. Once the bank, Tanya and the Medical Care Facility have agreed on the language set forth in the proposed bond resolution, it will be forwarded to you for submission to the Board of Commissioners. In order to permit the Commissioners to review the document, we will forward it to you no later than Wednesday, December 4, 2013.
4. In order to make sure that we can have a final document to you by Wednesday, December 4, 2013, I have prepared a timetable for the various steps involving the preparation and review of the bond resolution which is attached hereto.

John R. Axe

Samantha A. Vormelker  
Executive Assistant to John R. Axe

11/21/2013



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October 24, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, October 24, 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 October 10, 2013 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$92,200.50 and bills in the amount of \$425,031.70 covered by vouchers #13-37, #13-38, #13-39, #13-41 and #HRA-10 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) Tuscola County Commissioner Craig Kirkpatrick appeared before the Board to further discuss the removal of dying ash trees along Tuscola County roadways. Mr. Kirkpatrick thanked the Board for reviewing funding alternatives to address this issue. Almer Township Supervisor Jim Miklovic stated that the funding from the county-wide primary road millage should be used toward major road improvements instead of routine maintenance.
- (2) Mr. John Bulloch with Consumers Energy appeared before the Board to discuss the Cross Winds Energy Park Project. Mr. Bulloch requests that Sheridan Road south of Cass City Road be added to the haul route in accordance with the Road Agreement for this wind turbine project. After discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk to approve that Sheridan Road south of Cass City Road be added to the haul route in accordance with the Road Agreement between the Tuscola County Road Commission and Consumers Energy for the Cross Winds Energy Park Project. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell to approve the signing of the title sheet for the Vassar Road Federal Aid Project, and to proceed with the Michigan Department of Transportation letting the project. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to acknowledge the expiration of the agreement between Lee Wood Contracting, Inc. and the Tuscola County Road Commission allowing Designated and Special Designated All-Season loads on Ambrose Road from its establishment west to Leix Road, and that this portion of Ambrose Road return to normal loading limits (Class B loading). Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Director of Finance Michael Tuckey presented to the Board the 2014 renewal rates for the group Blue Cross & Blue Shield health insurance plan. Discussion included compliance with the Health Care Reform Affordable Care Act and Public Act 152.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan to approve the request from NextEra Energy Resources for advanced payment toward road repairs in the 2014 season in accordance with the Road Agreement for the Tuscola Wind II Project. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed road damage caused in conjunction with a R.O.W. Permit issued to I.T.C. and MJ Electric. I.T.C. will be responding back to the Road Commission by November 1, 2013.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent/Manager to initiate the hiring process and background investigations on candidate finalists Nick Linzner and Troy Hecht to fill two (2) hourly job openings within the Laborer classification. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Novesta Township Supervisor Ralph Zinnecker appeared before the Board to discuss the Road Commission's gravel pit on Kelly Road.

Management and the Board discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement for Mechanic Repair Services between the Road Commission and the City of Caro.

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

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Chairman

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Secretary-Clerk of the Board

#4

**Mike Hoagland**

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**From:** Brian Shuford [bshuford@cabt.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 10:24 AM  
**To:** mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org  
**Subject:** Truck Amendment

Mr Hoagland:

As I mentioned on the phone an amendment has been filled onto the National Defense Reauthorization Act to increase the maximum length of double trailers from 28.5ft to 33ft. If you could call Senator Levin's office and ask for Allison his transportation LA or Dillion who is another legislative assistant and ask the Senator to oppose Senate Amendment 2312 by Senator's Alexander and Begich on Senate Bill 1197. Senator Levin's phone number is (202) 224-6221. The primary message from the county's perspective would be the infrastructure damage that could occur. The other message would be the amendment is not germane to the bill and that congress should wait for the results of the USDOT study as dictated in MAP-21 before voting to increase truck weights.

Thanks,

**Brian D. Shuford**  
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*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.*

**Mike Hoagland**

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**From:** Brad Roseberry CABT [broseberry@cabt.org]

**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2013 11:33 AM

**To:** mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org

**Subject:** Help Stop the Push for Longer Trucks

Even with the congressionally-mandated USDOT Truck Size and Weight (TSW) Study currently under way, proponents of longer and heavier trucks continue to push ahead. There is a new threat in the Senate for making trucks even longer. And it is happening right before Thanksgiving break, when proponents believe no one is paying attention.

An amendment has been filed in the Senate that will increase the length of current 28.5' double-trailer trucks to 33 feet – an overall length increase of 10 feet. This is one of the provisions that was rejected in 2012 by Congress. Instead, Congress asked USDOT to study this and other TSW increases. And for good reason!

Studies have shown that 28.5' doubles have a higher fatality rate when involved in an accident when compared to single trailer trucks. USDOT, in 2000, found that these configurations had an 11% higher fatality rate. This year, the Rahall Appalachian Transportation Institute looked at these trucks and found a 15.5% higher fatality rate. These trucks put people's lives at risk. Adding 10 feet to the length of these trailers will only make them more dangerous.

Please contact your Senators today and tell them to oppose the Alexander/Begich Amendment (SA 2312) to the National Defense Authorization Act (S. 1197). That bill is on the floor of the US Senate now and this amendment could come up for a vote any time now. Tell your Senator to oppose the bigger truck amendment and let the USDOT finish its work. You, your family and your friends should not have to share the road with bigger trucks that are more dangerous.

Thank you,

Brad

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#5

RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY  
LANSING

ANDY DILLON  
STATE TREASURER

September 20, 2013

Clark Elftman, Chair  
Huron County Board of Commissioners  
250 E. Huron Avenue, Room 305  
Bad Axe, MI 48413

Thomas Bardwell, Chair  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
440 North State Street  
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Mr. Elftman and Mr. Bardwell:

The State Tax Commission has received a request for a waiver of certification level requirements for Huron and Tuscola Counties for 2014. This waiver would allow Walter Schlichting, MAAO (3) to serve as Equalization Director in both Tuscola County and Huron County. In 2014, Tuscola County will require an MAAO (3) level Equalization Director. Beginning in 2014, Huron County will require and MMAO (4) level Equalization Director.

The Commission's Certification Advisory Committee has reviewed this request and denied it based on adopted State Tax Commission guidelines. Adopted guidelines indicate that ad valorem state equalized value (SEV) of greater than \$1,927,000,000 in 2013 requires the expertise of an MMAO (4) Equalization Director in 2014. The 2013 combined ad valorem SEV of Huron and Tuscola Counties is \$4,475,437,364. Adopted guidelines indicate that combined SEV of the commercial and industrial real and personal classifications, including utility and special acts properties of greater than \$385,000,000 in 2013 requires the expertise of an MMAO (4) Equalization Director in 2014. The 2013 combined SEV of the commercial and industrial real and personal classifications, including utility and special acts properties for Huron and Tuscola Counties is \$958,456,673. Additionally, Bulletin 9 of 2013 states "No waivers will be approved for assessors and equalization directors to allow assessment of multiple local units or counties."

The State Tax Commission commends Huron and Tuscola Counties in their efforts to cooperate in sharing an Equalization Director and encourage the Counties to continue their partnership into the future. However, such a partnership requires the expertise of a properly certified Equalization Director. Property values have increased significantly in Huron and Tuscola Counties and now exceed the limits for an MAAO (3) Equalization Director by more than 100%. The State Tax Commission believes that the training and experience necessary to attain the MMAO (4) designation is required to ensure that property owners in Huron and Tuscola receive

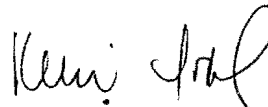
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equitable and fair treatment afforded them by the General Property Tax Act and the Michigan State Constitution.

If you wish to appeal this decision to the State Tax Commission, you must notify us no later than November 27, 2013 as the last meeting of 2013 is scheduled for December 16.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelli Sobel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kelli" being more prominent than the last name "Sobel".

Kelli Sobel, Executive Director  
State Tax Commission

Cc: Walter Schlichting, Equalization Director

#6

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

Visit our website at [www.tchd.us](http://www.tchd.us)

**Outcomes for the Month:**

- We had two cases of Salmonella Poona in two school-aged children. Our investigation revealed that the parents purchased turtles from a local pet store. One child was hospitalized for his illness but both children are now recovered. These Salmonella Poona cases are part of a national outbreak related to small turtles.

**Issues under consideration by the Local Health Department:**

- We are in the process of gathering information on the MI Dental Varnish program. This would allow the Health Department to do fluoride treatments 4 times a year on children ages 0-2, once they turn three they would no longer be eligible. This is a preventative treatment that can be done under the supervision of Dr. Bush. We are working on the details.
- We continue to offer flu vaccine.
- We sent two bats for testing this month and both tested negative for rabies. In both cases the bats were in bedrooms when the client woke up.
- Health Delivery, Inc., will be establishing an Federally Qualified Health Center in Huron County. Tuscola residents may access this clinic. One of the required services is dental for indigent and Medicaid recipients.

**Issues to be brought to Board of Commissioners:**

- None.