

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015 – 7:30 A.M.**

**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

7:30 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell  
Prayer – Commissioner Bierlein  
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Allen  
Roll Call – Clerk Fetting  
Adoption of Agenda  
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)  
Brief Public Comment Period  
Consent Agenda Resolution (See Correspondence #2)  
New Business  
    -Freezer Replacement for Senior Meals Program  
    -Community Health Profile  
    -Solid Waste Planning Committee Vacancy  
    -Michigan Renewable Energy Coalition Meeting 10:00 A.M.  
Old Business  
Correspondence/Resolutions

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BIERLEIN**

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works  
Human Development Commission (HDC)  
Tuscola 2020  
Recycling Advisory Committee  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
Great Start Collaborative Council  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Tuscola In-Sync  
MAC Board of Directors  
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Behavioral Health Systems Board

Animal Control

Solid Waste Management

Thumb Works

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 December 29, 2014 Full Board & Statutory Finance Minutes
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #3 January 12, 2015 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- #4 911 Authority Board Application
- #5 East Michigan Council of Governments
- #6 December 18, 2014 Road Commission Minutes

*Draft*  
TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
December 29, 2014 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 29th day of December, 2014 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Allen

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch (by phone and excused at 9:50 a.m.), District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Eean Lee, Lorraine Kurtansky, Hal Hudson, Register John Bishop, Sandy Nielsen, Jim Will, Linda Will, Clayette Zechmeister, Sean Smith, Sheriff Lee Teschendorf, Joe Bixler, Attorney John Axe, Heather Middleton, Jackie Gardner

*Adoption of Agenda -*

14-M-224

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*

M-14-225

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the Board of Commissioner's meeting, Organizational Meeting, and Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing held on December 17, 2014. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period -*

-Clerk Jodi Fetting presented a portion of a newsletter she receives titled "Battle of the Boards: Democrats, Republicans Fight to Virtual Draw in 2014 County Commission Races.

*Consent Agenda Resolution - None*

*New Business -*

-Affordable Care Act – Commissioner Health Insurance -

14-M-226

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that for the term of office for the years 2015 and 2016, and thereafter until further official action otherwise, the members of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners shall each be required to provide no more than an average twenty-nine (29) hours of service in such capacity per calendar week, and in no case shall any member of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners engage in more than Five Hundred Nineteen (519) hours of service in any period of ninety (90) consecutive days, nor more than One Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Nine (1,559) hours of service in any one (1) year period. Also, it shall be the responsibility of each member of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to ensure their own compliance with the hourly service limitations set forth herein.

Recessed at 8:09 a.m. (to allow for communication to Commissioner Trisch to be re-established)

Reconvened at 8:19 a.m.

Roll Call Vote - Allen - yes; Bardwell - no; Trisch - no; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

-Commissioner Compensation - Commissioners discussed transferring the currently received stipend into the Commissioners base salary pay. This transfer will maintain the current amount of salary received and will not increase the amount the Commissioners receive.

14-M-227

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the current \$2,000 stipend paid to county commissioners be rolled into the base commissioner compensation and the stipend for Commissioners be eliminated. The health insurance incentive for other eligible County employees will remain in effect. Roll Call Vote - Bardwell - no; Trisch - no; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Allen - yes. Motion Carried.

-Resolution Regarding County Commissioner Compensation -

14-M-228

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to accept the following resolution regarding County Commissioner compensation:

**Whereas**, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners (BOC) is the governing legislative body of county government and has demanding responsibilities of overseeing a budget of nearly \$50 million dollars and a workforce of approximately 350 employees and,

**Whereas**, beginning in 2003 the number of county commissioners was reduced from 7 to 5 placing greater demands on fewer commissioners and,

**Whereas**, Federal and State governments have added new mandates and responsibilities on counties increasing the requirements and responsibility of commissioner jobs and,

**Whereas**, the current Tuscola County BOC base compensation of \$6,950 is less than the compensation paid to many other county commissioners in the State of Michigan in similar size counties and,

**Whereas**, commissioner base pay is less than the pay provided to many local township and other local government elected officials within Tuscola County and,

**Whereas**, during recent times of tremendous financial difficulty, the Tuscola BOC sacrificed and eliminated health insurance for county commissioners which resulted in thousands of dollars in reduced costs and helped to balance the stressed county budget and,

**Whereas**, it has been approximately 33 years since Tuscola County Commissioners received an increase in base compensation resulting in significant inflationary compensation erosion from **\$6,950 in 1981 to a 2014 present value of only \$2,585** and,

**Now Therefore be it Resolved**, that effective January 1, 2015 base commissioner compensation be increased by \$2,000 for increased responsibilities, for comparability to compensation paid to commissioners in similar size counties, for comparability to wages paid to local officials in Tuscola County and for recovery of 33 years of inflation that has eroded actual compensation by approximately 63%. Also, appropriate 2015 budget amendments are authorized.

Roll Call Vote - Trisch - no; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Allen - yes; Bardwell - no. Motion Carried.

-Board Rules of Order - Board discussed amending the Board Rules of Order to have the Commissioners compensation be discussed prior to July of odd numbered years.

14-M-229

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick the Board Rules of Order be amended to include the following statement: Commissioner Compensation shall be reviewed at least once no later than July of election years to determine if compensation changes will be implemented for the Board of Commissioners taking office January 1st of odd numbered years. Roll Call Vote - Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Allen - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes. Motion Carried

-Closed Session - Opinion Letter from County Attorney -

14-M-230

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that the Board meet in closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider the opinion letter from the County Attorney. Roll Call Vote - Bierlein - yes; Allen - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes. Motion Carried at 8:54 a.m.

14-M-231

Motion by Allen, seconded by Allen to reconvene the regular Board of Commissioners meeting from closed session. Roll Call Vote - Allen - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried at 9:21 a.m.

Recessed at 9:21 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:28 a.m.

-Time Capsule – MSUE -

Joe Bixler and other members from MSUE revealed a few of the items from the time capsule. Some items included in the time capsule were a plat book, a 4-H wooden nickel, a butterfly handmade by a 4-H group and a 4-H club scrapbook. The time capsule will be presented to 4-H Leaders to complete the unpacking. They will look at placing the contents on display in their office and possibly at the fair. Also, they are looking at doing the time capsule project again to be opened in 2039.

-Sheriff's Forfeited Property -

Sheriff Teschendorf informed the Board that the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office has received \$40,000.00 in a property forfeiture settlement. The Sheriff explained how the forfeiture money will be dispersed to various departments.

14-M-232

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the Sheriff be allowed to disperse the money received in the forfeiture property settlement as outlined in his December 23, 2014 letter. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Trisch excused at 9:50 a.m.



-Geographic Information System – Potential Fee Structure -  
Eean Lee explained the fee structure model to the Board and the potential increase in revenue.

## 14-M-233

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that as provided by the Enhanced Access to Public Records Act and recommended by the County Information Systems and Equalization Directors, the following fee schedule for online access to the County Geographic Information System and current Property Tax Query system be adopted. This model is based on a bulk credit purchase that allows access to the system with costs as follows:

- 10 credits – for \$30 (\$3/credit)
- 50 credits – for \$125 (\$2.50/credit)
- 100 credits – for \$200 (\$2/credit)
- Credits are available for up to one year after date of purchase

Motion Carried.

-Year-End 2014 Finances -

Clayette Zechmeister explained to the Board the year-end 2014 finances.

## 14-M-234

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that the 2014 general fund activity budgets be amended as shown in the table to prevent actual year-end expenditures from exceeding budget and in order to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion Carried.

Expenditure Category/Department	2014 Amended Budget	2014 Projected Actual	Estimated Difference Under Budget (Over Budget)	2014 Year-End Amended Budget
Jury Commission	5,618	6,000	(382)	6,000
Clerk	408,380	430,780	(22,400)	430,780
Prosecutor	505,707	518,000	(12,293)	518,000
Register of Deeds	235,675	254,675	(19,000)	254,675
Treasurer	316,199	317,000	(801)	317,000
Building & Grounds	733,199	746,000	(12,801)	746,000
Human Svcs Bldg Maint	52,865	58,865	(6,000)	58,865
Drain Commission	191,374	197,874	(6,500)	197,874
Animal Control	150,500	155,310	(4,810)	155,310
Building Codes	376,000	380,000	(4,000)	380,000

Trans Out Capital	-0-	250,000	(250,000)	250,000
Trans Out Victim Svcs	-0-	6,000	(6,000)	6,000
Trans Out Equipt	209,000	213,000	(4,000)	213,000
Trans Out Remon	-0-	61	(61)	61
Trans Out Purdy Bldg	71,850	72,450	(600)	72,450

14-M-235

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen that the 2014 special revenue fund budgets be amended as shown in the table to prevent actual year-end expenditures/revenues from exceeding budget and in order to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion Carried.

Special Revenue Funds	11/30/2014 2014 Amended Budget	2014 Projected Actual Exp/Rev	Estimated Difference Under Budget (Over Budget)	2014 Year-End Amended Amount	Comments
County Parks Revenue	3,500	4,000	(500)	4,000	Revenue Amend
Voted Road Revenue	1,443,865	1,453,035	(9,170)	1,453,035	Revenue Amend
Expense	1,401,922	1,456,094	(54,172)	1,456,094	Expense Amend
Victim Services Revenue	63,550	69,550	(6,000)	69,550	GF Appropriation
Expense	63,550	69,550	(6,000)	69,550	Expense Amend
Equipment Fund Revenue	209,600	213,600	(4,000)	213,600	GF Appropriation
Medical Care Facility Expense	18,948,561	20,100,633	(1,152,072)	20,100,633	Use of Fund Balance
Soldiers Relief Expense	23,000	30,000	(7,000)	30,000	Use of Fund Balance
Veterans Trust Revenue	9,500	25,000	(15,500)	25,000	Revenue Amend
Expense	10,500	25,000	(14,500)	25,000	Expense Amend
Purdy Building Revenue	71,850	72,436	(586)	72,436	GF Appropriation
Expense	71,850	72,450	(600)	72,450	Expense Amend
Millington Sewer Debt Revenue	16,800	16,875	(75)	16,875	Revenue Amend
Expense	16,800	16,875	(75)	16,875	Expense Amend
Wisner Twp Water Debt Revenue	143,688	217,932	(74,244)	217,932	Revenue Amend
Expense	143,688	217,932	(74,244)	217,932	Expense Amend
Medical Care Debt Revenue	1,500,042	1,528,625	(28,583)	1,528,625	Revenue Amend

Expense	1,112,588	1,114,013	(1,425)	1,114,013	Expense Amend
Capital Improvements Revenue	3,000	253,000	(250,000)	253,000	GF Appropriation
Tax Foreclosure Fund Revenue	396,700	667,700	(271,000)	667,700	Revenue Amend
Expense	458,493	493,493	(35,000)	493,493	Expense Amend
Remonumentation Revenue	80,827	80,889	(62)	80,889	GF Appropriation

14-M-236

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that supplemental appropriations from the general fund as shown in the table be authorized to prevent the identified funds from finishing the 2014 fiscal year in a deficit situation and gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion Carried.

General Fund Appropriations	
Victim Services (236 Fund)	\$6,000
Purdy Building	\$600
Remonumentation	\$61

14-M-237

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to transfer the actual delinquent tax income to the General Fund and Capitol Fund as budgeted. Motion Carried.

14-M-238

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick to authorize staff after consultation with the county auditors to conduct further year-end financial transactions and make other adjustments as necessary to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion Carried.

-Byrne Justice Assistance Grant -

14-M-239

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein that the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant for the Thumb Narcotics Unit and sub-agreement with Lapeer County be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Labor Contracts Settled -

14-M-240

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that per the recommendation of the County Labor Attorney that all six collective bargaining agreements be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. (The County Labor Attorney has explained that all agreements are within the parameters previously established by the Board of Commissioners). Motion carried.

-Recycling Grant -

Mike Hoagland provided an update to the Board. Vicky Sherry will assist in the writing of the grant application if needed. Mike will contact Huron and Sanilac counties to determine their interest in a multi-county recycling program.

-Tri-County Meeting - Commissioner Bierlein would like to put a couple of potential dates together.

*Old Business - None*

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

- Health Department December 2014 Monthly Report.
- Road Commission December 4, 2014 minutes.
- Sheila Long has accepted the Court Administrator position.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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Caro DDA/TIFA - End of the year matters have been taken care of.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

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Board of Health - promoting flu shots.  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
Land Acquisition  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition  
MEMS All Hazards  
MAC-Environment Energy Land Use - Update Provided.  
Oil/Shale Work Group  
Cass River Greenways Pathway  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Tuscola In Sync - Meeting upcoming in January.  
NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use - Commissioner Kirkpatrick brought in a informational packet to make available to the other Commissioners.

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board  
County Road Commission  
Board of Public Works  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative  
Parks & Recreation - There was a fundraiser held a few years ago and Mike Hoagland will research what line item the profits from the fundraiser were placed into. The amount raised was \$700.00.  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRISCH - excused at 9:50 a.m.

Board of Health  
Planning Commission  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
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Behavioral Health Systems Board  
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MAC Board of Directors - Commissioner Bierlein asked Commissioner Bardwell for suggestions if not in full support of a proposed bill.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation

*Other Business as Necessary - None*

*Extended Public Comment -*

-Lorraine Kurtansky asked for an update regarding the Denmark Township water project. Commissioner Allen stated that the Board of Public Works has not received a request.

Commissioner Bierlein also stated that this Board has not been asked to take action.

-Sandy Nielsen explained the need to renew the contract with Motorola.

14-M-241

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to accept the agreement by Motorola to provide service on the radios. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk

Statutory Finance Committee Minutes  
December 29, 2014  
H.H. Purdy Building  
125 W Lincoln St, Caro MI

Meeting called to order at 10:51 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Allen, Bardwell, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: Trisch

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier

Claims and Per Diems were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

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**COUNTY OF TUSCOLA**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. local time.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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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 1/12/15

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 9, 2015 memorandum of request from the County Prosecutor that authorization is given to pay the invoices from Brevard Extraditions Inc. for extradition services of Mendoza, Starr and Timko. These invoices are to be paid as 2014 expenses and appropriate budget amendments are authorized.



**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/12/15

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the County Equalization and Information Technology Directors, the agreement with Amalgam LLC to provide digital parcel development for the Geographic Information system be approved for an amount of \$4 per parcel. Also, total expenditures shall not exceed the amount budgeted for this purpose in 2015.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

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Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

**DRAFT**  
**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**Monday, January 12, 2015 – 7:30 A.M.**  
**HH Purdy Building**  
**125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI**

Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell (excused at 9:51 a.m.),  
District 4 - Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 - Matthew Bierlein

Absent: District 3 - Christine Trisch

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Mike Miller,  
Gary Johnson, Vicky Sherry, Bill Bushaw, Ron Amend, Register John Bishop, Sandy  
Nielsen, Beth Aspberger

**Finance**

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Bierlein

**Primary Finance**

**1. Millage Planning Strategy Veterans and EDC -**

- **EDC (Video)** - EDC showed an informational video on the importance of Tuscola County Economic Development Commission. The video showed a few businesses that have recently benefited from the help of the EDC. EDC Board members are going into the community to help educate the public about the EDC.
- **Veterans** - Veterans are attending local meetings to inform the communities of the need of the Veteran's Administration. Ron will work on putting a talking point guideline to hand out to inform the public.
- **Absentee Ballots** - Clerk Fetting has absentee voter applications available in the County Clerk's office if anyone needs them.

**2. Draft County Parks and Recreation Plan Update** - Meeting on Wednesday to have the draft plan approved. The plan will then be open to the public for any comment before final approval.

**3. Solid Waste Planning Committee Vacancy** - They are entering into the amendment phase of the plan. Vicky does need a volunteer from the Cass River Greenways Committee to fill a vacancy on the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

Recessed at 8:25 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:32 a.m.

4. **Discussion of 2015 Grants and Potential Future Grants** - Mike Hoagland reviewed a list of potential areas that would benefit from grant funding. This will allow the County to work with the EDC in areas that could apply for grants.
5. **Next Steps 2015 Work Program** - Mike Hoagland reviewed 2015 goals for the County.
6. **MAC Platform** - The MAC 2014-2015 Economic Development, Labor & Tax Platform was reviewed. Commissioner Bierlein would like to have further Board discussion on the topics included.

Commissioner Bardwell excused at 9:51 a.m.

7. **Prosecutor Request for Extradition Payments** - Prosecutor Reene is requesting extradition costs for Defendant Starr and Defendant Timko. The extradition costs have or will be ordered as restitution for the Defendant to repay. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
8. **Connections Human Services – Guardianship Services** - Letter was received from the Director, Sandra Hurst. Commissioner Bierlein would like to bring up at the Tri-County Meeting.
9. **Amalgam Digital Parcel Agreement** -Mike Hoagland reviewed the request from Amalogram Director, David Nichol. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
10. **LEAD Tuscola** - Clerk Fetting expressed what a great opportunity this program is. She informed the Board of the current LEAD class project in getting the message of "You Saw My Picture Where?" out to the parents and students of our local school districts. Mike Hoagland will forward the application to the Department Heads for any employees that may be interested in participating.

#### On-Going Finance

1. Review the Potential of Borrowing to Fund MERS
2. Denmark Water Project
3. County Solid Waste Management Plan
4. Road Commission Financial Follow-up - Mike Hoagland will send a letter inviting them to an upcoming meeting.
5. Potential Acquisition of State Property
6. Review of Bank Accounts without County Treasurer Signature - Finance Committee will meet with Treasurer Donovan-Gray for an update.
7. Abused, Neglected and Delinquent Children Needs Planning
8. Recycling Planning – State Funding Potential
9. Shared Equalization Director Huron/Tuscola 2-Year Extension
10. Proposed Gun Board Changes

## **Personnel**

Committee Leader-Commissioner Trisch

**Primary Personnel - None**

On-Going Personnel - None

## **Building and Grounds**

Committee Leader-Commissioner Allen

**Primary Building and Grounds - None**

On-Going Building and Grounds - None

## **Other Business as Necessary**

1. Thank you to Enbridge for Safe Communities Grant - Steve Anderson sent a letter of appreciation.
2. Human Services Coordinator Council - Meeting to be held on January 13, 2015 at 8:15 a.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center.
3. Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative - Meeting will be held on January 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center. Wind Farm matter discussed by the Board. No Board action needed at this time.
4. Tri-County Meeting – Meeting will held in Sandusky on January 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
5. Cass River Greenways Annual Report - 2014 Year in Review provided to the Board.

## **Public Comment Period -**

-Gary Johnson asked if the Board of Public Works has a presence on the County Webpage. Commissioner Bierlein said they are on the webpage under the Departments tab.

-Clerk Fetting informed the Board she will not be at Thursday's meeting as she will be attending LEAD. Cindy McKinney-Volz will be at the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Print Form

June 2014

Please return this questionnaire to the County Clerk's Office, Attention: Appointments Division, 440 N. State St., Caro MI 48723; by email to [appoint@tuscolacounty.org](mailto:appoint@tuscolacounty.org); or by fax at (989) 672-4266  
Please submit your resume with this application.

Boards/Commissions for which you would like to be considered:

911 Authority Board

Boards/Commissions for which you would like to be considered:

First Name\*

TED

Middle Initial\*

J

Last Name\*

GAMET

Have you ever used, or have you ever been known by any other name?  Yes  No

If yes, provide names and explain:

Home Address

326 EMERSON ST

City

VASSAR

Zip

48768

Township

City of VASSAR

County

TUSCOLA

Employer Name:

Retired - Delphi Corp

Employer Address

City

Zip

Position Title

Work Number\*

(10 digit)

N/A

Home Number\*

(10 digit)

989 823 8944

Cell Number

(10 digit)

989 387 3158

Email

tedfire01@hotmail.com

(email is the preferred method of contact, please provide if available)

Are you a United States Citizen?  Yes  No

EDUCATION (Include degree and dates; if answered in full on your attached resume, please indicate):

High School Diploma - VASSAR High School 1967  
Associate's Degree - DELTA College 1972  
Fire Officer Classes - DELTA College and Oakland Community College 1996-2000

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (if answered in full on your attached resume, please indicate):

- ① 39 1/2 YEARS AT Saginaw Steering Gear (Delphi Corp.); 15 of those YEARS AS SUPERVISOR. The rest of the time was production (1967-2006)
- ② HANDED FUNERAL HOME as a part-time worker (2006-present)

Do you hold any professional licenses? If so, please include numbers:

N/A

What special skills could you bring to this position?

I have training in negotiations, conflict resolution, leadership, team building, community relations, incident command and NIMS.

Previous government appointments:

currently serving second term on VASSAR City Council

Please provide us with the names of your:

State Senator JOEL GORGAN

State Representative MIKE GREEN

County Commissioner MATT BIERLEIN

The following optional information is elicited in order to ensure that this administration considers the talent and creativity of a diverse pool of candidates. In addition, specific backgrounds or qualifications are legally required for appointment to some boards and commissions. You may, therefore, wish to provide this information in order to ensure that you are considered for relevant boards and commissions.

Age 66

Political Affiliation N/A

Military Service Army 1968-1970

Spouse or Partner's Name CONNIE GAMET

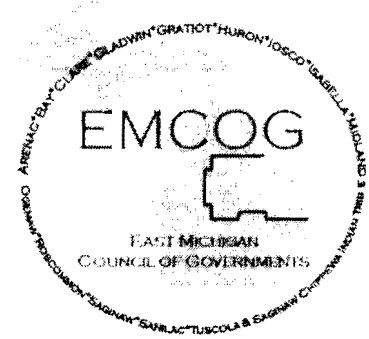
CONSENT AND CERTIFICATION

I, TED J. GAMET (please print name), hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I, the undersigned applicant, have personally completed this application. I understand that any misrepresentation, falsification or omission of information on this application or on any document used to secure employment shall be grounds for rejection of this application or immediate discharge if I am employed, regardless of the time elapsed before discovery.

Ted Gamet  
Signed By

# EAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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EMCOG Full Council Meeting  
Friday, November 7, 2014  
10:00 a.m.  
Mt. Pleasant City Hall  
Mt. Pleasant, MI

DRAFT Minutes

**Presiding: William Rhode, Chairperson**

**The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Chair.**

**The roll was called and a quorum was present.**

**Introduction of Guests**

Frank Starkweather and Don Hamilton were in attendance.

**Public Comment Period**

No one wish to be heard.

**Approval of September 12, 2014 Full Board Minutes**

Motion by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Moffit to approve September 12, 2014 minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Reports**

**Chairperson's Report** – The Chair reported that some counties have experienced budgetary troubles at the end of the year. Gladwin was one of those counties and there was some discussion of Gladwin not paying their dues. Responding to this, he took a copy of the dues invoice and a 3 page letter to the board. He reported that there was some discussion of what EMCOG was doing for them and it was agreed at that meeting to pay the dues. The dues have been paid for this next year.

The Chair urged all members that if they believe their county will question EMCOG's benefits; they should give them a copy of the role EMCOG plays as well as all that is done for them and/or on their behalf to help them understand.

The Chair asked C/Dworzecki to determine if the existing officers wish to remain as officers, if there are any desired changes and if there are others that would like to run for office. The Chair may also be contacted in this regard. He did note that at least informally, Bob Moffit (current 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and RED Team Chair) and Kathy Methner (currently 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair) have agreed that he will step down from RED Team Chair and Kathy Methner has agreed to accept the position if offered.

**Director's Report** – The Director reported that:

- She had completed two weeks of Jury duty and it had been an interesting and informative experience.
- Work has been concentrated on the Regional Prosperity Initiative and its 5-year plan development. Jane will have more information as part of her report.
- A newsletter was prepared and placed on our website that focused on the RPI. This information is for everyone participating in Prosperity Region activities, whether it is to the north, south or here. As RPI meetings are subject to Open Meetings, we attempted to ensure that the public is informed at all times.
- We did receive a few comments regarding including articles on upcoming events in their areas as well. The next Newsletter will not be restricted to primarily the RPI so if you would like to submit an article, please send it to me.
- The M-15 Heritage Route Corridor Management Plan has been completed and sent on down to the State. We will be continuing our management of the M-15 process as per our work program and part of those activities includes development of a new website.
- EMCOG's Revolving Loan Fund will be making a loan to a Bay City based business. The closing will occur in early December.
- The Revolving Loan Fund's semi-annual report was completed and submitted.
- The EDA semi-annual report with financials will be done early next week.

**Treasurer's Report**

Motion by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Mrdeza to accept the treasurer's report as presented.  
Motion carried

**Program Reports**

**Transportation** – Presented by Sue Fortune

Dave is taking a well-deserved vacation. He continues to work local road commissions on the Rural Task Force Program and attempting to resolve the remaining program issues. MDOT is currently in a state of transition on the program and there are a number of items that have needed clarification.



**Hazard Mitigation** – Presented by Bill Ernat. Bill reported that in the past few months he has been to all of the counties at least once if not twice. Meetings are being held on a regular basis and at this time work in all of the counties is primarily centering on the second and third phase of each plan by identifying priorities, goals and objectives. Additionally he has been reviewing plans and editing and reformatting the community profiles. Notices have also been sent to counties with expired plans to let them know we would be willing to work with them.

**RPI** – Presented by Jane Fitzpatrick.

Jane reported that we've been very busy with RPI. A copy of the status report of activities to date, including Plan development for the 8 counties of PR-5 for which EMCOG is the program manager, was distributed. She also reviewed the application for 2<sup>nd</sup> year funding submitted last week.

**Highlights:**

- This has been a very brisk fast process. We had our 4<sup>th</sup> collaborative meeting, which we call our Strategic Management Team meeting, the day before yesterday, 22 people were there plus 3 calling in and we couldn't get them to leave. It was an incredibly robust discussion and everyone is extremely happy.
- Michigan Works, DNR, DEQ, EDC's, local governments and transportation representatives were there all talking about different things.
- We are now reviewing and commenting on drafts for the report.
- We will have our plan reviewed by the whole group on December 16<sup>th</sup>, with a large public roll out to everyone who's participated on the process on either the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.
- To date, our consultants have met with well over 200 people or groups.
- Jane is also meeting with a variety of economic development based boards including but not limited to EDC Boards, Mid-Michigan Development Corporation Board, etc. She will be attending the Gladwin EDC board meeting next week
- This process/plan overlaps with our CEDS and our RED Team very well. She has also attended some of the RPI -6 meetings. Their draft will come out soon.
- The draft plan for RPI 3, which is our northern prosperity region, is out. We believe it was approved. Roy Spangler sent an email that it was approved.
- There is funding for 2015 but we do not know about future funding so we are being very cautious and conservative on how we apply for funds and what we are using the funds for. We are not going to use it for something that would not sustainable if the funds are cut off. We aren't going to hire somebody then have to lay them off because we don't have the funds for that. Our collaborative came together in September and went over priorities for the next year and the priority they selected was a feasibility of a center of excellence bringing together higher education and other groups to further develop our plan and determine how we are going to move forward together as a region. This can go beyond the 8 county region for future activities. If we are funded, we will continue on with our consulting firm TIP Strategies because the learning curve has been established there and they have been a very good group to meet and work with. We also programmed in my time, Sue's time, Lynne's time and Dave's time; for

staff support for both the Collaborative meetings which will still be monthly meeting and also for support for the center for excellence convening this group. We also have some money in there for a student intern to assist us with dash board, data updates, web-site and just writing up our materials on what we're doing.

**Director's RPI comments:**

The State may not fund us at the level we requested even at Tier I. They were encouraging all of the 10 regions to not apply for the maximum amount. Most likely will apply for the maximum (or close to it) and therefore individual regional appropriations will become the decision of the State Review Committee. One thing of note – the application deadline was before the completion of our plan.

General discussion followed. It is expected that if the Governor is reelected, there will be a continuing commitment to this process as well as the streamlining of governments services via the 10 Prosperity Regions up to and including the potential for funding to be tied to participation in the Prosperity Region activities.

**Presentation of Saginaw Bay Water Trail Alliance** - Presented by Frank Starkweather and Don Hamilton. Mr. Starkweather and Mr. Hamilton provided an overview of work completed to date on the Arenac County Water Trail plan as well as support for the proposed Saginaw Bay Water Trail.

Motion by C/Moffit, seconded by C/Dworzecki to provide a Letter of Support for Saginaw Bay Water Trail. Motion carried by roll call.

**New or Unfinished Business**

**Clare Promise Zone:**

Motion by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Myers, to authorize a resolution of Support for Clare County Promise Zone Application. Motion carried by roll call.

**TLAG Committee name change:**

Motion by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Moffit to support a name change for TLAG Committee from Transportation, Land Use and GIS to Transportation, Logistics & GIS. Motion carried.

**2015 Meeting Schedule:**

Motion by C/Moffit, seconded by C/Mrdeza to accept the 2015 established meeting schedule. Motion carried.

**Michigan Federal Project Review**

Motion by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Moffit to approve project reviews for member projects for consistency thus authorizing their submission of the applicants and granting agencies. Motion carried.

### Any other Business/Commissioner Comments

Chairperson Bill Rhode:

Asked that letters of appreciation be sent to those Council members who will not be serving in 2015.

Moved by Moffit seconded by C/Munson to provide a letter of appreciation to departing commissioners. Motion carried.

Bob Moffit:

C/Moffit briefing noted that he had been the Council's RED Team Chair for 7 years officially and 8 unofficially. He has asked that the Council considering allowing he and C/Methner to switch positions. This will be decided at the January 2015 elections.

He also thanked departing Council member David Munson for his service.

Bill Mrdeza:

C/Mrdeza welcomed the council to Mt. Pleasant and the new City Hall. He also provided an overview of how the building was renovated, retrofitted and redeveloped.

Highlights:

The building used to be a Borden Creamery. It sat vacant for probably 40 or 50 years. Approximately six years ago the city and a private developer out of Midland began working together on a funding plan and the existing facility is a result of those efforts

Tony Kulick, who many of you know as past chair of EMCOG, was instrumental in putting a lot of the funding packages together. The funding was a combination of many things including historic rehab credits, brownfields and some bonds. The city was able to sell its former City Hall to Isabella Bank and use that as a portion of the funding for this particular facility. The vacant parcel next door immediately to the west was originally a part of this development and was to help pay the taxes off that parcel. It was to help pay for the bonds and commitments on this particular parcel. That parcel is still vacant so we're actively pursuing a development on that particular parcel so that we can generate tax revenue off of that to help pay some of the commitments here.

There were 2 floors; 20,000 sq. ft. per floor, pretty much a clear span with some support structures. There are photographs around the building that show various stages of either construction or past life here. City Hall has been in here about 6 years. This is the only single parcel in the city registered as a Historic District. The City in the process of having a Federal Historic District designated for downtown, which will allow the opportunity for those building owners that are interested to take advantage of the historic tax credits, should they wish to.

Steve Erickson

The EDC just completed a ribbon cutting ceremony for Consumers Energy on the Crosswinds Park. There are now 62 additional turbines and since there were already 231, it is a vigorous Park. It is possible that the Thumb may also end up with more.

The EDC also recently received an \$8,000.00 grant for a food hub study from USDA.

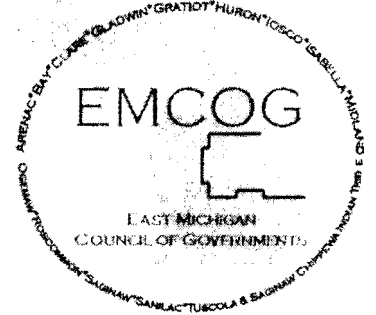
There being no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Lynne Parker  
Recording Secretary

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Date: January 8, 2015

## FULL COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Meeting date: Friday, January 16, 2015

10:00 a.m.

The Bancroft Building

107 S. Washington

Saginaw, MI

989-776-9000

Free parking is across  
(Washington) from the  
Bancroft.



## AGENDA

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call and determination of a quorum
- C. Introduction of new members and guests
- D. ***Welcome to the City of Saginaw***
- E. Review of November 2014 minutes for approval – will be sent prior to meeting
- F. Public Comment Period
  
- G. Program Updates
  - 1. Transportation, Logistic & GIS – Dave Engelhardt
  - 2. Hazard Mitigation Plans – Bill Ernat
  
- H. **REPORTS**
  - \* Chairman's Report
  - \* Director's Report – (will be sent week of January 12th)
  - \* Financial Report – C/Dworzecki
  
- I. **INSTALLATION OF 2015 OFFICERS (Chairperson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and Committee assignments): Reminder that each county is entitled to have two representatives and should have two alternates! (See attached)**

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J. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Authorization of appropriate signatories to all EMCOG legal documents, checks, contracts, bank signature cards, etc. *Action item*
2. Authorization for staff to review, prepare and apply for USDA grants in 2015 if applicable. *Action item*
3. Authorization for staff to review, prepare and apply for DEQ/DNR grants in 2015 if applicable. *Action item*
4. Authorization of RED Team to finalize and submit the 2014-2015 CEDS annual update to EDA Chicago with copies to be provided to Full Board after submission for review, filing and distribution. *Action item*
5. Recommendation for EMCOG Council to accept the ECM PR-5 (representing eight (8) EMCOG counties) Prosperity Plan as approved by the ECM PR-5 Collaborative. *Action item*
6. Review of draft Resolution 15-03 regarding proposed Canadian Nuclear Waste Repository near Lake Huron – This is a discussion item – The Resolution has been prepared if the Council wishes to act upon this.

**PRESENTATION:**

Alignment of Veteran's Affairs Coordination of Services with the Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI) Regions – Emily N. Rissman, Community Analyst, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

- K. **MICHIGAN FEDERAL PROJECT REVIEW – No projects received as of this date – If any are received copies will be provided**
- L. Commissioner comments, reports, items of concern, etc. (Can be deferred to RED Team if desired).
- M. Any Other Business
- N. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Fortune  
Executive Director

**NOTE: RED TEAM TO FOLLOW FULL COUNCIL after a lunch break. We will be ordering off of a provided menu by the Bancroft. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A QUORUM AT THIS MEETING. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE PRIOR TO THE MEETING.** Thank you. If there are additional agenda items, a revised agenda will be available at the time of the meeting. If there is seriously inclement weather, the meeting will be rescheduled. See **EMCOG 2015 Meeting schedule – next page -**

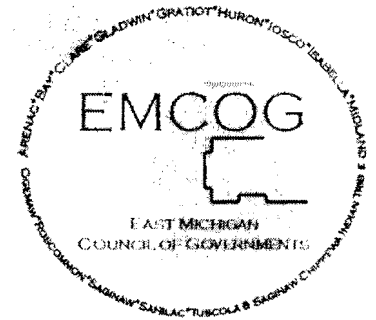


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## APPROVED 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	TYPE	TIME	LOCATION
January 16, 2015 (January 23 <sup>rd</sup> – backup date if there is inclement weather)	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Historic Bancroft-Eddy Building/Saginaw
March 6, 2015 (March 13 <sup>th</sup> – backup date if there is inclement weather)	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Bay City Hall – Room 317
May 1, 2015	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Gladwin - Riverwalk
July 10, 2015	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Iosco County
September 11, 2015	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Roscommon County
November 6, 2015	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Tuscola County EDC offices

All Council meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. with the RED team following at 12:30. There will be a short lunch break between meetings.

**NOTE: Members of the public are always welcome at any EMCOG Council meeting.**

## **EMCOG COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

### **A. Executive Committee**

The officers shall serve as the Executive Committee of EMCOG. The Executive Committee assists the Executive Director in preparation of agenda items and business to come before the EMCOG Council.

### **B. Budget/Finance and Personnel Committee**

The Budget/Finance and Personnel Committee shall be a standing committee reporting directly to the Council. The purpose of this Committee is to:

1. Assist in the development of the annual budget including recommendation of the annual membership appropriation amount.
2. Review the annual Regional Work Program budget.
3. Review issues of Personnel and internal administration
4. Address and recommend resolution to operating staff grievances and discipline to the Council.
5. Assists the Executive Director in interviewing candidates and in recommending them to the EMCOG Council for employment.

**The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall serve as the Chair of the Budget/Finance and Personnel Committee.**

### **C. Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee shall be a standing committee reporting to the Council. The Committee shall consist of three (3) to five (5) members from the member units and will be appointed at the last Council meeting of the year by the EMCOG Chairperson. The proposed candidates for Council officers will be presented at the Organizational meeting in January. Additional nominations will also be accepted from the floor at that meeting.

The Committees *advising* the Council on critical program areas are:

#### **1. Regional Economic Development (RED) Team**

The RED Team shall be a standing committee reporting to the Board of Directors and the Executive Director. The purpose of the RED Team shall be to:

- A. Promote, communicate and facilitate discussion on issues of economic development, which have a mutual interest to member units.
- B. Serve as the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee.
- C. Collect necessary member information for completion of the annual CEDS to Council Economic Development staff.
- D. Be comprised of one (1) representative from each member unit.
- E. The Strategy Committee must represent the main economic interests of the Region and must include Private Sector representatives *as a majority of its membership; i.e., 51%* representation from the business/private sector including but not limited to: workforce development boards, chambers of commerce, community colleges, etc.
- F. Work with the EMCOG TLAG committee on issues of mutual interest and concern;



EMCOG shall retain authority to determine those agencies that will be invited to serve on the RED Team. At all times, the RED Team business/private sector membership component shall be consistent with the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration rules and regulations governing CEDS board composition.

**The RED Team shall be chaired by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson of the Council. The RED Team shall be staffed by the Economic & Community Development Program Coordinator.**

**2. Transportation, Logistics and GIS (TLAG) Committee:**

The TLAG Committee shall be a standing committee reporting to the Council and the Executive Director. The purpose of the TLAG Committee is to provide a partnership of groups and/or individuals working for a sustainable East Central Region. Activities will include but not be limited to:

- A. Create a region with healthy, vibrant, walkable communities that provide all residents with transportation choices, affordable housing, land use-zoning solutions and geographic information systems data assistance;
- B. Analysis of local, county and regional policies, work with the State, work with community groups to develop alternatives and coordination of grassroots efforts;
- C. Advise and assist EMCOG and its member units on elements related to local and regional planning Acts;
- D. Encourage public participation and engagement in the local and regional planning process;
- E. Coordinate the information provided by staff and the subcommittees to create a sustainable Regional Land Use Plan that incorporates the desires of the communities as a whole;
- F. Partner with the EMCOG RED Team committee on issues of mutual interest and concern;
- G. Partner with ECM PR-5 on all matters and issues of mutual interest and relevance.
- G. Engage appropriate EMCOG staff in the execution of the Committee's purpose;
- H. EMCOG shall retain authority to determine those agencies that will be invited to serve on the Committee.

**An EMCOG Board member shall serve as Chairperson of the TLAG Committee. The Committee will be staffed by the Transportation Program Manager.**

**Section 2. Ad Hoc (Special) Committees:**

Special (Ad Hoc) committees may be appointed by the EMCOG Chair to perform specific tasks for the Council and are dissolved upon task completion.

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December 18, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, December 18, 2014 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.

Also present: County Commissioner Roger Allen.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the December 4, 2014 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$97,395.96 and bills in the amount of \$273,205.83 covered by vouchers #14-65, #14-66, and #14-67 were presented and audited.

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

**Brief Public Comment Segment:**

- (1) Almer Township Supervisor Jim Miklovic thanked the Board for the township's roadwork completed this season.
- (2) County Commissioner Roger Allen asked the Board who was cutting the dead ash trees in the county. Mr. Allen also thanked the Board for the gravel applied to Bay Park this season.

County Highway Engineer Michele Zaverucha reported to the Board an update regarding a proposed Road Agreement with Consumers Energy for the Cross Winds Energy Park Project.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell to deny the request from Dayton Township for the installation of Deer Crossing Specialty Signs on Hurds Corner Road, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

**BUDGET HEARING**

At 8:15 A.M. a budget hearing was held to hear any comments regarding the proposed 2015 Budget for the Tuscola County Road Commission. Director of Finance Michael Tuckey presented the proposed 2015 Budget. After hearing comments from the public, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan that the proposed 2015 Budget for the Tuscola County Road Commission be adopted as presented. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

The Board further discussed the issue of mud on county roads during the harvest season. Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf and Tuscola County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Reene were in attendance at the meeting. The Board reiterated that most of the farming community cooperates with clearing mud from the roads during the harvest season, but there are a few that neglect the problem and leave the roadway in an unsafe condition. Commissioner Julie Matuszak presented excerpts from Michigan Law regarding this issue. Prosecutor Reene will further review the law and report back to the Board in order to proactively address this issue.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to grant Dustin and Cindy Dinsmoore a variance of Road Commission policy and approve a R.O.W. Permit for a ditch clean-out on Sheridan Road in Vassar Township without adjoining property owner's permission, all with the understanding that Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmoore obtain approval from the Vassar Township Board certifying that the adjoining property owner cannot be found. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the structure on Millington Road east of Reese Road over the Dead Creek in Arbela Township be posted for a maximum gross weight of twenty-two (22) tons for a straight truck, thirty (30) tons gross weight for a semi, and fifty-five (55) tons gross weight for a double-bottom, as recommended by Great Lakes Engineering Group. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak that the structure on Bradford Road south of Akron Road over the Northwest Drain Outlet #2 in Gilford Township be posted for a maximum gross weight of forty-two (42) tons for a straight truck, fifty-three (53) tons gross weight for a semi, and sixty-nine (69) tons gross weight for a double-bottom, as recommended by Great Lakes Engineering Group. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Parsell that the structure on Loomis Road west of M-25 over the Wiscoggin Drain in Akron Township and Columbia Township be posted for a maximum gross weight of twenty-six (26) tons for a straight truck, thirty (30) tons gross weight for a semi, and forty (40) tons gross weight for a double-bottom, as recommended by Great Lakes Engineering Group. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the structure on Snover Road west of M-24 over the Beach Drain in Fremont Township be posted for a maximum gross weight of forty-two (42) tons for a straight truck, sixty-one (61) tons gross weight for a semi, and seventy-six (76) tons gross weight for a double-bottom, as recommended by Great Lakes Engineering Group. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak that the structure on Cass City Road east of Vassar Road over the Southgate Drain in Akron Township be posted for a maximum gross weight of twenty (20) tons for a straight truck, twenty-seven (27) tons gross weight for a semi, and fifty (50) tons gross weight for a double-bottom, as recommended by Great Lakes Engineering Group. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the Road Commission notify the surrounding school districts with a listing of the weight limit posted bridges in Tuscola County. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Parsell to approve the proposal from M & M Pavement Marking, Inc. to extend their 2014 bid prices for Pavement Marking to the 2015 season, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

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

THAT Michael Tuckey or Jay Tuckey is authorized to enter into a 48-month Commercial Loan Agreement with Signature Bank to obtain:

One (1) 2015 Western Star Tandem Axle Dump Truck (VIN: 5KKHAXDV7FLGL0783)

for the total bid price of \$223,657 in accordance with the Commercial Loan Agreement attached hereto, and made a part hereof.

THAT the Clerk is hereby directed to attest to the authorized official's signature.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.

Michael Tuckey

Votes by Governing Body:

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Michael Tuckey, Authorized Signatory

1. Yes: John Laurie
2. Yes: Gary Parsell
3. Yes: Mike Zwerk
4. Yes: Julie Matuszak
5. Yes: Pat Sheridan

Jay Tuckey

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Jay Tuckey, Authorized Signatory

Attest:

Michael Tuckey

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Tuckey, Clerk of the Board

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak to approve and sign the title sheet for the preventive maintenance work on the Caine Road Bridge over the Cass River in Vassar Township, the Dodge Road Bridge over the Cass River in Ellington Township and Novesta Township, and the East Dayton Road Bridge over the Cass River in Indianfields Township Federal Aid Project; and to move forward with letting the project. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan to update the road signs in Dayton Township changing the incorrect name of Gilford Road to the correct name of Gifford Road. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

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

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Chairman

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Secretary-Clerk of the Board