

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017 – 8:00 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
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- 8:00 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young
Roll Call – Clerk Fetting
Adoption of Agenda
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)
Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only
Consent Agenda Resolution (See Correspondence #2)
New Business
 -Request for Appointments to Behavioral Health Systems Board (See
 Correspondence #3)
 -Terminating Concierge Corrections Contract (See Correspondence
 #4)
 -County Bond Rating Reaffirmed
Old Business
Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
MAC 7th District
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
TRIAD
Behavioral Health Systems Board
MAC Workers Comp Board

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
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BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Human Development Commission (HDC)
Recycling Advisory Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Great Start Collaborative Council
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
MAC Board of Directors
Human Services Collaborative Council
MAC Judiciary Committee
Tuscola County College Access Network
MAC Agricultural Committee

VAUGHAN

Board of Health
Planning Commission
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Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission Liaison
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
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MAC Economic Development & Taxation Committee
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Jail Planning Committee
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Region VI Economic Development Planning
Tuscola 2020

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 January 26, 2017 Full Board & Statutory Finance Minutes
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #3 Request for Appointments to Behavioral Health System Board
- #4 Termination of Concierge Corrections Agreement
- #5 January 12, 2017 Road Commission Minutes
- #6 February 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- #7 Bay County Resolution Regarding Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003

Draft
TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 26, 2017 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 26th day of January 2017, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick (via Google Hangouts), District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Tisha Jones, Tom Gilchrist, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray, Susan Jensen, Vicky Sherry, George Holmes, Julie Holmes, Steve Anderson, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Jim Mantey, Art Graff, Henry Wymore, George Mika, Register John Bishop, Rick Russell, Mitch Russell, John Cook, Steve Erickson, Brian Chapman, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Jan Daniels

Adoption of Agenda

17-M-018

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

17-M-019

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the January 12, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution -
17-M-020

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the January 23, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/23/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2016 Human Development Commission Audit be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/23/17
- Description of Matter:** Move to concur with the appointment of Commissioner Bierlein to the reactivated Michigan Association of Counties Agricultural Committee.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/23/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Recycling Coordinator be authorized to use a part-time recycling employee to temporarily work full-time (5 days per week) not to exceed 1,560 hours for a year while a full-time employee is out on Medical leave (This action is budget neutral).
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/23/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the County Clerk be requested to advertise to fill vacancies on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council as further explained in the January 17, 2017 communication from Region VII Area Agency on Aging.

New Business -

-Submittal of Amendment to Tuscola County Solid Waste Management Plan - Vicky Sherry explained the updates completed to the Solid Waste Management Plan. The Plan will now be sent for Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for approval. Upon DEQ approval, the Board will be able to adopt the Plan.

17-M-021

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that per the request of the County Economic Development Corporation that a letter be approved to be sent to the Department of Environmental Quality requesting amendments to the Tuscola County Solid Waste Management Plan. Also, said letter be authorized for signature. Motion Carried.

-Potential Incentive Program for Hiring Police Officers -
Sheriff Skrent serves on the Delta College Advisory Board. To increase candidate interest in a Department a suggestion was made to pay for the candidate's academy costs. The Sheriff would like to implement a form of an incentive program as suggested. He would like to provide an incentive program that after the candidate is employed with Tuscola County that the cost of the academy be reimbursed on a 3- year tier program. The Board would like to review this possibility further. Matter Tabled to next meeting.

-Economic Development Corporation Update Regarding Former Vassar Foundry -
Steve Erickson stated there is an interested party in the Vassar Foundry property. The groundwater needs to be tested for contamination. Steve is asking the Board to cover a portion of the costs to have the test completed. The portion that would be due by the County is \$2,500.00. The City of Vassar wants to work in collaboration with the county and will be paying for the additional costs of the test. The property is currently in bankruptcy court. Matter discussed at length.

17-M-022

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that per the request of the County Economic Development Corporation that the County pay \$2,500 to conduct an environmental assessment of the groundwater around the former Vassar Foundry to determine if there are environmental issues. (The City of Vassar will also pay \$2,500 as the other half of the cost for the environmental assessment. Information from this assessment will help prospective buyers determine if they will purchase the property which is currently in the foreclosure process). Motion Carried.

-Information Technology Services Agreement with Columbia Township -
Eean Lee is requesting approval to enter into a contract with Columbia Township to provide technology services to them.

17-M-023

Motion by Young, seconded by Bierlein that per the request of the Information Technology Director a County Information Technology Services Agreement with Columbia Township be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Recycling Committee Commissioner Liaison -
Mike Miller on behalf of the Recycling Committee would like clarification of the roll of the County Commissioner on the Committee. The question has been raised if the County Commissioner would be only a liaison with no voting rights or a member of the Committee with voting rights.

17-M-024

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that in the new Recycling Advisory Committee Bylaws that the assigned County Commissioner is listed as a voting member of the Committee. Motion Carried.

-Register of Deeds Request for Temporary Staffing -
Register Bishop is requesting the temporary staff member currently employed be offered a temporary position in beginning in March 2017 due to a staff member being on medical leave. The current temporary position she is employed in will be completed as of February 1, 2017. This is not a continuation of employment for the current temporary staff member as there will be a break in services.

17-M-025

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the Register of Deeds be allowed to employee temporary staffing assistance while an employee is on medical leave with the understanding this is a budget neutral arrangement. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

- The Public Officials conference will be held on March 31, 2017 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City.
- The Thumb Regional Sobriety Court Graduation will be held on February 3, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
- Henry Wymore is in agreement to serve on the Region VII Board again and this matter will be handled at the next Board meeting.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

KIRKPATRICK - No update.

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

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MAC Board of Directors - Committee breakdowns have been changed and Commissioner Bierlein is asking for guidance to which committee Commissioner Bardwell and Commissioner Young would like to serve on.

Human Services Collaborative Council

MAC Judiciary Committee

Tuscola County College Access Network

VAUGHAN

Board of Health - Meeting recently held and Board was very receptive.

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board - Meeting upcoming.
County Road Commission Liaison
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council
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Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Update provided during the meeting today.
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Behavioral Health Systems Board - Meeting tonight.
MAC Workers Comp Board - Update provided.

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

-Jan Daniels, Almer Township - Expressed concerns of comments expressed in the Advertiser that the wind issue is like the Hatfield's and McCoy's. She feels the Commissioners need to become more educated on the wind issue. Commissioner Vaughan explained the Hatfield's and McCoy's comment was taken out of context and was part of a conversation that was not in reference to the wind issue. He apologized as that was not the Board's intent.
-Jim Mantey, Almer Township - Thanked Commissioner Bardwell for attending local township meetings. He expressed that Almer Township welcomes economic development in the township.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
January 26, 2017
H.H. Purdy Building
125 W. Lincoln St. Caro MI

Meeting called to order at 9:22 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, Bierlein

Commissioners Absent: Kirkpatrick

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Art Graff, Jim Mantey

Claims and Per Diems were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 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 9th day of February, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. local time.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

It was moved by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____ that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted:

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/6/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2016 Treasurer Report be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/6/17

Description of Matter: Move that the Human Development Commission proposal to provide assistance to homeowners to prevent property foreclosure be approved and \$3,000 be authorized for payment from the County Foreclosure Fund for said services. (County Treasurer agrees with funding for this service).

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/6/17

Description of Matter: Move that the resolution of appreciation for Deputies Roland and Ramirez be approved.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/6/17

Description of Matter: Move that Henry Wymore be re-appointed as the Tuscola County representative to serve on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging for a term that expires 12/31/18.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk



TUSCOLA

Behavioral Health Systems

February 6, 2017

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
125 West Lincoln, Suite 500
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Commissioners,

As you are aware, the current terms of several members of the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board of Directors will be expiring as of March 31, 2017. Current contact information is enclosed.

At its regularly scheduled Board Meeting of January 26, 2017, the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board of Directors unanimously resolved, to recommend to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, the re-appointments of Ms. Paula Cavanaugh, Mr. Daniel Grimshaw, Ms. Joann Helmbold, and Mr. Kenneth Partridge to our Board of Directors for a three year term.

As always, we appreciate your strong support of our efforts and thank you in advance for your consideration of these recommendations.

Sincerely,

Sharon Beals
Chief Executive Officer

SB/clm

Enclosure

cc: Jody Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk



TUSCOLA

Behavioral Health Systems

A Michigan Community Mental Health Authority

**RECOMMENDED RE-APPOINTMENTS FOR
TUSCOLA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Paula Cavanaugh
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February 7, 2017

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS; and
VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: m_white@conciergecorrections.com

Concierge Corrections, LLC
Attn: Melissa White, VP
2869 Jolly Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Dear Ms. White:

This Firm represents the Tuscola County Jail ("County"), with respect to the Asset Recovery & Management Agreement, dated August 25, 2015 (the "Agreement") between the County and Concierge Corrections, LLC ("Concierge"). We therefore provide this correspondence on behalf of the County.

This letter shall serve as notice of termination of the Agreement, pursuant to its Article 2.7. It is our interpretation that the effective date of termination will be Tuesday, May 9, 2017. If you disagree with this effective date, please contact me in writing as soon as possible.

Pursuant to the Business Associate Agreement between the County and Concierge, please return all Protected Health Information to the County as soon as possible after May 9, 2017, and please also provide your certification that any Protected Health Information which cannot be returned to the County has been destroyed.

Please coordinate directly with the County to arrange progress meeting(s) and to provide all status reports appropriate to facilitate a smooth transition in this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
DRAFT

CLAYTON J. JOHNSON
Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner P.L.C.

Cc: -- Glen Skrent, Tuscola County Sheriff
Michael Hoagland, Tuscola County Controller

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January 12, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 8:00 A.M.

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

Absent: Road Commissioner Pat Sheridan.

Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey called the meeting to order.

Nominations were opened for Chairman of the Board.

John Laurie was nominated by Gary Parsell and seconded by Julie Matuszak.

John Laurie was unanimously elected.

Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey turned the meeting over to Chairman Laurie.

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Gary Parsell was nominated by Julie Matuszak and seconded by Mike Zwerk.

Gary Parsell was unanimously elected.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the December 29, 2016 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$116,116.29 and bills in the amount of \$178,764.62 covered by vouchers #17-01 and #17-02 were presented and audited.

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

Brief Public Comment Segment:

None.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the December 29, 2016 closed session of the Board be approved. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk to grant the request from Consumers Energy to diagonally bore under the intersection of Rick Road and Ackerman Road in order to install a collector line, with the specifications and terms included in the R.O.W. Permit. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 8:15 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2017 Cold Patch:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Specified Material</u>	<u>Price</u>
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Unique Paving Materials Corporation	UPM – to Caro	\$ 95.15 p/ton
Unique Paving Materials Corporation	UPM – to Vassar	94.30 p/ton
Unique Paving Materials Corporation	UPM – to Deford	95.85 p/ton
Unique Paving Materials Corporation	UPM – to Akron	95.15 p/ton
Lakeland Asphalt Corp.	CP-6	95.00 p/ton
Ace-Saginaw Paving Company	QPR	90.00 p/ton
KMI Road Maintenance	UPM	130.00 p/ton
HEI-WAY, LLC	HEI-WAY Premium	131.00 p/ton
HEI-WAY, LLC	HEI-WAY General	129.00 p/ton

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak that the bids for 2017 Cold Patch be accepted and awarded to Ace-Saginaw Paving Company for the QPR specified material. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman Laurie reported to the Board an update of the plans for hosting the next Blue Water Highway Council Meeting.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to approve the employee health insurance contribution rates for the year 2017 for all Tuscola County Road Commission employees as follows: Single plans at \$54.34 bi-weekly, Two-Person plans at \$128.58 bi-weekly, Family plans at \$164.24 bi-weekly; all in accordance with the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 8:30 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2017 Portland Cement Concrete:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Concrete-3500</u>	<u>Concrete-4500</u>	<u>Cement</u>
Rock Products Company	\$117.00 / cyd	\$123.00 / cyd	\$13.92 per 94 lbs.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that the bids for 2017 Portland Cement Concrete be accepted and awarded to Rock Products Company. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zawerucha discussed with the Board a proposed Road Agreement with Consumers Energy for the next phase of the Cross Winds Energy Park Wind Turbine Project. The Board will further review and discuss the proposed Road Agreement.

County Highway Engineer Zawerucha reported to the Board an update of the fixed object and tree removal safety grant project.

At 8:45 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2017 Liquid Calcium Chloride:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Continuous</u>	<u>Intermittent</u>	<u>Livingston Storage</u>
Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales	\$.516 p/gal	\$.526 p/gal	\$.420 p/gal
The Wilkinson Corporation	alternate bid	alternate bid	alternate bid
Michigan Chloride Sales	alternate bid	alternate bid	alternate bid

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the bids for 2017 Liquid Calcium Chloride be accepted and awarded to Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to approve the necessary repairs to the Livingston Brine Well, as recommended by the Superintendent/Manager. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 9:15 A.M. the following bids were opened for the Graf Road & Wiscoggin Drain Re-Alignment Project:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
Nicol & Sons, Inc.	\$ 108,911.20
Monchilov Excavating, Inc.	137,368.85
Kappen Excavating, LLC	139,861.50
Bilacic Trucking	157,000.00
Marlette Excavating Company	186,048.54
Worth Construction, Inc.	198,115.00
L.J. Construction, Inc.	249,776.00
Bourdow Contracting, LLC	349,600.20
Heystek Contracting, Inc.	357,020.00

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the bids for the Graf Road & Wiscoggin Drain Re-Alignment Project be accepted, reviewed by Management, and tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zawerucha reported to the Board that the Watertown Township Board has requested reviews of the intersection of Fostoria Road and Millington Road, and the T-intersection at Brown Road and Fostoria Road. After review and discussion, the following two (2) motions were introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to approve changing the configuration of the intersection at Fostoria Road and Millington Road in Watertown Township to a 4-Way Stop Intersection, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak to not change the configuration of the T-intersection at Brown Road and Fostoria Road in Watertown Township, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 10:00 A.M. the Board met with invited new Township Supervisors to discuss Road Commission policies and procedures.

The following Township Supervisors were present for the discussions: Ellington Township Supervisor Russell Speirs, Vassar Township Supervisor Bruce Foether, and Watertown Township Supervisor Frank Worvie.

The following agenda topics were discussed: Township maps and road classifications, local road P.A.S.E.R. Ratings, Local Road Improvement and Maintenance & Township Allowance Policy, procedures for a successful local road project, Work Request Forms, and Township Agreements.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 A.M. Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board

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DRAFT
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, February 6, 2017 – 8:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 - Matthew Bierlein

Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones, Lieutenant Brian Harris, Heidi Chicilli

Finance
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Bierlein

Primary Finance

1. **County Treasurer's Investment Report** - Mike Hoagland provided an overview of the Investment Report covering the time period 2012 - 2016. Board discussed matter. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. **Bonding for Health Department Pension Obligations – Bond Rating January 26, 2017** - Mike Hoagland provided an update to the Board. Mike and Clayette have a scheduled conference call today.
3. **HUD Proposal for Homeowner Assistance Regarding Foreclosure Prevention** - Brian Neuville is requesting funding in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2017 year to assist homeowners facing foreclosure. Mike Hoagland has discussed with Treasurer Donovan-Gray as the funds come from the Foreclosure Fund. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. **Termination of Concierge Contract** - Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the request from the Sheriff's Department for the termination of the contract. Lieutenant Harris explained to the Board the issues that have arose in the billing aspect with Concierge Services. Concierge Services is not authorizing payment for services in a timely manner. The contract has been forwarded to the County Attorney for review of the termination clause in the contract. Matter to be tabled until the opinion from the Attorney has been received.

On-Going and Other Finance

1. Jail Planning Committee
2. Millage Renewal Planning - The Senior Services and Road Patrol mileages will need to be placed on a ballot in 2018 if not before in order to receive funding in 2019.
3. Monitor Wind Turbine Development and Assessing/Taxation Dispute
4. Evaluate Benefit/Costs of CDBG Programs
5. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs - Commissioner Young met with Representative Canfield. Representative Canfield stated legacy costs is a priority of the Legislature for this session.
6. Audit Comment Regarding Bank Account - Update provided.

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioner Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. **Health Department Model of Quality Management/Employee Relations** - Ann Hepfer will attend the March 13, 2017 meeting to discuss the model used at the Health Department.
2. **Notice of Vacancies on Region VII Area Agency** - Board discussed the re-appointment of Henry Wymore. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. **Resolution of Appreciation** - Deputies Steven and Jonathon Ramirez assisted a motorist and the Board would like to recognize their efforts. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. **Sheriff Hiring Incentive Proposal** - Board discussed the Incentive Proposal. Matter to be referred to the County Attorney for review.

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Initiate Turnover and Wage Survey to Minimize Vulnerability to Loss of Critical Positions - Update provided.
2. Present County Health Department Model of Quality Management/Employee Relations
3. Update Personnel Policies with Federal Changes such as ACA, Exempt/non-Exempt Employees - Update Provided.
4. Develop Parameters for 2017 Labor Negotiations
5. Review Re-Establishment of Judicial Committee Meetings - Commissioner Bardwell would like to set a meeting date. Commissioner Bardwell will contact Judge Gierhart to discuss the opportunity.
6. Review Formation of Quarterly Meetings with Senior Leaders and Road Commissioners - Commissioner Bardwell provided an update.

7. Develop a Method to Communicate County Concerns to State Senator and Representative - Board discussed hosting a meeting.

Building and Grounds

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Vaughan

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **Update Regarding Dairy Farmers of America in Cass City** - Commissioner Young provided an update regarding the Phase II of the Dairy Farmers of America. Steve Erickson is working on scheduling a meeting to discuss the potential implementation of Phase II. Board discussed the matter.
2. **Matching Funds for Vanderbilt Park Grant** - Mike Hoagland provided an update regarding the match for the grant.
3. **Jail Plumbing, Electrical and Window Rebidding** - Mike Miller updated the Board that a walk-through with interested contractors has been completed and bids are to be submitted soon.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. Update 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan - Update provided.
2. Continue Work with Jail Planning Regarding Potential Jail Renovation and Additional Jail Bed Space for Holding Cells and Potential Revenue Generation - Update provided.
3. Implement 2017 Budgeted Capital Improvement Projects - Update provided.
4. Fire Safety Planning - State Court Administrator's Office has completed a building review.
5. Security/Safety Committee – Methods to Enhance Security – Next Steps

Other Business as Necessary -

-Mike Hoagland distributed the Michigan Association of Counties 2017 State Priorities.

-Commissioner Bardwell is wondering how many times the County video has been viewed. Eean Lee said he would have to do a request for the analytics of the video from the company that produced it.

-Commissioner Bardwell expressed concern of trying to make the Tuscola County Economic Development Commission (EDC) self-funded. A concern of his is it would no longer be "Tuscola County" EDC. Matter discussed by the Board.

-Commissioner Bardwell would like Mike Hoagland to resend the communication regarding the Village of Cass City fund balance. Mike will send out.

-Commissioner Bardwell received communication regarding the Census and he provided to Mike Hoagland for review.

- Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding possible grant opportunities for the Recycling Center.
- Commissioner Bierlein received a request from Enbridge for an informal meeting to discuss any concerns that Tuscola County may have.
- Commissioner Vaughan updated the Board the Indianfields Township has appointed Cristi Smith as the Clerk upon resignation of Christine Trisch.
- Commissioner Kirkpatrick questioned the procedure for public comment and time-frames to be allowed at the Board meeting on February 9, 2017.
- Commissioner Bardwell requested Mike Miller to report the maximum number of people the Board of Commissioner's Board room can hold.
- Commissioner Bardwell shared an email request received from Norm Stephens for Townships that have wind turbine leases where a lease is held by a Township Official. Matter discussed by the Board.

Public Comment Period -

- February 2017 is Eean's employment anniversary and thanked the Board the opportunity to work with Tuscola County for 7 years. On Friday, his team was able to recover data that had been lost within a Department. The data was quickly recovered and restored. Man-hours were saved due to the disaster recovery efforts that have been implemented.
- Tisha Jones recognized two local young men that were State Champions in cross-country this year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

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From: The Bay County Board of Commissioners

Date: January 25, 2017

Re: Revision to Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003

Attached please find resolution no 2017-16, sponsored by Bay County Commissioner Kim Coonan, 4th District, calling for revision of the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003 to allow for negotiating lower drug prices and importation of identical and cheaper drugs from Canada and elsewhere.

While the resolution is detailed and self-explanatory, it cannot be emphasized enough that rising prescription drug costs have been the primary reason for the increase in health benefit costs. A resounding 83% of Americans believe that the Government's Health and Human Services Agency should be allowed to negotiate prices of drugs. The costs associated with prescription drugs also affect those who are still working and not yet receiving Medicare.

In Michigan, employer health benefit costs for active employees increased in 2016 by 3.2%. That number is expected to increase to 3.6% in 2017. Employers in Michigan report that the drug benefit cost rose approximately 7.4% and expect that number to rise to 7.9% at the next renewal.

Michigan employers are forced to attempt to negotiate with drug companies individually, a very time consuming effort. The time spent on the vast duplication of negotiation efforts by Michigan businesses could better be spent on further development of their companies resulting in bettering Michigan's overall economy.

Please do not sit idly by but take action and pursue efforts to correct a situation that impacts everyone.

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 17, 2017

RESOLUTION

- BY: PERSONNEL/HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (1/17/17)
- WHEREAS, Health care costs continue to rise for all Americans and, for some Americans, this increase can be devastating; and
- WHEREAS, Medicare is the focus of many lawmakers who portray it as an "entitlement" program that costs the Treasury too much money. Technically, the term "entitlement" is correct but it has an unfortunate connotation; and
- WHEREAS, Medicare is an essential medical plan that millions of seniors and disabled individuals depend upon to stay alive. Medicare is not a gift, as the term "entitlement" suggests. Many of the beneficiaries have worked their entire adult life and paid into the system in order to receive this crucial medical plan; and
- WHEREAS, Due to spiraling costs largely associated with the price of prescription medications, our elected officials find themselves passing on increased costs to those who can least afford that increase, namely senior citizens and disabled individuals who are on Medicare's Part D drug program; and
- WHEREAS, When congress enacted Medicare Prescription Drug Bill they enacted a law that does not allow Medicare to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for drug price the way Medicaid and the Veterans Administration does; and
- WHEREAS, One economist, Dean Baker, estimates that Medicare could have saved approximately \$332 billion dollars between 2006 and 2013 (approximately \$50 billion a year) had the Department of Health and Human Services been permitted to negotiate prices of drugs with the drug companies, as federal agencies do in other programs; and
- WHEREAS, Rising prescription drug costs have been the primary reason for the increase in health benefit costs; and
- WHEREAS, The increasing cost of prescription drugs and outrageous profits made by pharmaceutical companies is a systemic problem that significantly affects our state and our nation. It deserves non-partisan effort; and
- WHEREAS, We must prevent our elected officials from balancing the budget on the backs of those who can least afford it, the elderly and disabled. Increases in premiums and drug costs are unacceptable ways to deal with a flawed Medicare Prescription Drug Bill; and
- WHEREAS, We must preserve the Medicare program as it currently exists and to do so requires immediate action to cut unnecessary costs, particularly in the area of prescription drug coverage; and
- WHEREAS, We must revise the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003 to allow negotiating lower drug prices and the importation of identical, cheaper, drugs from Canada and elsewhere; and
- WHEREAS, We cannot allow the previously approved bill to stand as adopted at the risk of having the Medicare program be the cause of a staggeringly increasing deficit which will require tax increases or cuts to the rest of the government, nor can we allow the continuance of price increases to our citizens cause many to contemplate discontinuing medically necessary drugs in order to pay their bills, heat their houses and have food on the table; Therefore, Be It
- RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners goes on record urging our Legislators to immediately commence the process of revising the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003 to allow negotiating lower drug prices and the importation of identical, cheaper drugs from Canada and elsewhere; Be It Further
- RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our area Federal and State Legislators, the National Association of Counties, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other Michigan counties.

TOM RYDER, CHAIR
AND COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION AUTHORED AND INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONER KIM COONAN, 4TH DISTRICT

Coonan - Revision to Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003

MOVED BY COMM. RYDER

SUPPORTED BY COMM. DURANCZYK

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
MICHAEL J. DURANCZYK	X			KIM J. COONAN	X			MICHAEL E. LUTZ	X		
ERNIE KRYGIER	X			THOMAS M. HEREK	X						
VAUGHN J. BEGICK	X			TOM RYDER	X						

VOTE TOTALS:
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VOICE: X YEAS 7 NAYS 0 EXCUSED 0

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