

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018 – 8:00 A.M.

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

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- 8:00 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Commissioner Bierlein
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kirkpatrick
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
 -Update Regarding Jail Repairs
 -Legislative Update from Michigan Township Association and
 Michigan Association of Counties (See Correspondence #3)
 -Request to Fill Vacant Dispatcher Position (See Correspondence #4)
 -Update Regarding Airport Zoning Board of Appeals
Old Business
Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

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/Tourism Committee

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
MI Renewable Energy Coalition
MEMS All Hazards
MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair
Cass River Greenways Pathway
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use
Jail Planning Committee
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Tuscola In-Sync
Region VI Tourism Discussions

BARDWELL

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

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission Liaison
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Board of Health
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

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 11, 2018 Full Board & Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #3 MI Township Association & MI Association of Counties Updates
- #4 Dispatch Request to Fill Vacant Position
- #5 January 22, 2018 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- #6 January 19, 2018 Tuscola Health Department Report
- #7 Wexford County Resolution Opposing HB 5096-5098
- #8 December 28, 2017 Road Commission Minutes

Draft
TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 11, 2018 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 11th day of January 2018, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Young

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioner Absent: District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Caryn Michalak, Ann Hepfer, Deb Cook, Nancy Laskowski, Register John Bishop

Adoption of Agenda -
18-M-001

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
18-M-002

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 27, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None

Consent Agenda Resolution -
18-M-003

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the January 8, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/8/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Sheriff, county hiring practices be temporarily modified and the Sheriff be authorized to offer employment as soon as possible to candidates after graduating from the police academy, to be able to offer timely employment to the top candidates. This approval is granted contingent upon satisfactory background checks and physicals. Also, all hiring record keeping will continue to be coordinated with the Human Resource Coordinator and official board action is taken at a later date to concur with the hiring.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/8/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Director that one of the boilers in the Jail, which is not functioning, be replaced with the purchase of a new boiler from Johnson Controls for an amount of \$42,360.00. Also, the 2018 capital improvement budget be amended through the use of fund balance to pay for the new boiler.

New Business -

-Health Department Plan for Using Cost Based Reimbursement Funds - Ann Hepfer and Deb Cook explained to the Board how the cost base reimbursement funds are received by the Health Department. There are restrictions to how the funds can be spent as they can only be used in the program that earned the funds. Funds not used in the year earned are placed in a restricted fund account. Deb explained how some of the rollover funds were spent in 2017. Ann explained how the 2018 rollover funds are being proposed to be used.

-Draft 2018 Work Program -

Mike Hoagland presented the work program at the January 8, 2018 Committee of the Whole. Board had no additional items to be placed on the work program.

18-M-004

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the 2018 County Work Program be received and placed on file and put on the county web page. Motion Carried.

-Jail Office Window Bids -

-Mike Miller opened the one bid received from Dave's Glass located in Caro. Bid was open and it is in the amount of \$27,700.00.

18-M-005

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the 2018 budgeted Jail Office window replacement be awarded to Dave's Glass who was the sole bidder for an amount of \$27,700.00. Motion Carried.

-MAC Update Potential Opioid Lawsuit -

-Mike Hoagland would like to table matter to allow Commissioner Bierlein to provide report from Michigan Association of Counties.

-Airport Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments -

Mike Hoagland reviewed the need to reappoint the Board as it has not met in recent years. Clerk Fetting contacted the current members to determine if they were interested in continuing to serve. Four of the five members expressed an interest and willingness in continuing to serve. Clerk Fetting advertised for the vacant position and received applications from four interested people.

18-M-006

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that Keith Kosik, Paul Hoose, Don Clinesmith and Jonathan Blasius be reappointed to the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately. Motion Carried.

Nomination of Fifth Member to Airport Zoning Board of Appeals-
Commissioner Bardwell opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick nominated William Campbell.

Commissioner Bardwell nominated Joshua Heinlein.

No other nominations were offered.

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young to close nominations. Motion Carried.
Clerk Fetting requested a Roll Call Vote.

Nominee Campbell - Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bardwell - no.

Nominee Heinlein - Vaughan - no; Kirkpatrick - no; Young - no; Bardwell - yes.

William Campbell appointed to the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals.

Clerk Fetting drew names in random order for appointment to the staggering terms on the Board.

18-M-007

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the length of term for members appointed to the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals be as follows.

- William Campbell – 3 year term expiring December 31, 2020
- Keith Kosik – 3 year term expiring December 31, 2020
- Don Clinesmith – 2 year term expiring December 31, 2019
- Paul Hoose – 2 year term expiring December 31, 2019
- Jonathan Blasius – 1 year term expiring December 31, 2018

Motion Carried

-Indigent Defense Plan Update -

-Judge Gierhart has been notified that Tuscola County's Plan has been denied and needs to be corrected within 30-days. Judge Gierhart and Mike Hoagland have both tried to reach out to Barb Klimaszewski for further information and have been unsuccessful. More information to follow once received.

-Information Regarding Solar Power -

Mike Hoagland has reached out to Joe Bixler from MSUe for assistance on gathering information to provide to the local jurisdictions.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Huron County Resolution in opposition to HB 5096-5098.

-Road Commission minutes reflect that a \$300,000 additional payment be made to M.E.R.S. of Michigan pension plans this year.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

VAUGHAN

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission - Mike Miller stated Pam Shook has been made aware of the new fees implemented.

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

BIERLEIN - absent

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Recycling Advisory Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council

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BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
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Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Ellington Township Board is considering joining the Airport Authority Board.
TRIAD
Behavioral Health Systems Board
MAC Workers Comp Board

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission Liaison
Board of Public Works - No 2018 projects are currently scheduled.
Senior Services Advisory Council
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Local Unit of Government Activity Report - This is the 21st year that Commissioner Bardwell has participated in the LEAD program.
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee
Strategic EDC Planning Committee
Jail Planning Committee
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Region VI Economic Development Planning - Update provided.
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Other Business as Necessary -

-Mike Hoagland is trying to stay on top of the Vassar Foundry property and Dental Clinic. He will update the Board as he receives information.

Extended Public Comment -

-Nancy Laskowski, Juniata Township -

Nancy believes that the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals was not available when people needed to file an appeal. She also feels that the Board is not remaining unbiased regarding wind turbines based on revenue received by the County.

Nancy expressed concern with fees implemented as the increase is very significant and could put the general person out of reach of an appeal.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
January 11, 2018
H.H. Purdy Building
125 W. Lincoln St, Caro MI

Meeting called to order at 9:28 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Young, Bardwell

Commissioners Absent: Vaughan, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting

Claims and Per Diems were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

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COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

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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 25th day of January, 2018 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 1/22/18

Description of Matter: Move that per the recommendation of the Circuit Court Administrator that an Intensive Family Services program be approved for implementation as a proactive approach to keeping children out of high cost foster care and institutional child care programs. Also, the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and a part-time employee be changed to full-time to perform the Intensive Family Services program. Also, budget amendments to the 292 Child Care Fund related to this change are authorized.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/22/18

Description of Matter: Move that the budgeted (292 child care fund) contract with List Psychological Services for parent and teen support group services be approved for an amount of \$22,500 and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/22/18

Description of Matter: Move that the Tuscola County Indigent Defense Plan with removal of all but one scanner in addition to other minor changes as recommended in the communication from Barbara Klimaszewski be approved for signature and re-submitted before the November 20, 2018 deadline.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/22/18

Description of Matter: Move that information assembled regarding solar energy be forwarded to the County Planning Commission for review and approval before forwarding to local units of government. If the information is forwarded then a statement should be included that is only intended as information and the county does not take a position on decisions that are made at the local level of government.

Agenda Reference: E

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/22/18

Description of Matter: Move that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners per diem policy be changed in the section titled "other per diem payment provisions" to allow up to three per diems per day instead of the current two.

- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/22/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that a clause be added to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners per diem policy referencing that the "meetings for which per diems are paid" to add the statement: "This is a representative list of meetings for which per diems are paid and not intended to be all inclusive."
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- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/22/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that the service contract for the X-Ray Machine in the Courthouse be approved for signature for an amount of \$4,900.
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- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/22/18
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 18, 2018 letter of request from the Dispatch Director to temporarily lift the county hiring freeze to concur with the hiring of Lorianne Sebert as a Shift Supervisor effective January 27, 2018.
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- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/22/18
- Description of Matter:** Move to temporarily lift the county hiring freeze and authorization is given to hire a full-time dispatcher to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Dispatcher Lorianne Sebert to Supervisor.
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- Agenda Reference:** J
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/22/18

Description of Matter: Move that if it is confirmed by the County Clerk that there is one or more vacancies on the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals then another advertisement be published by the County Clerk to request nominees and then the board appoint the individual (or individuals) who is determined to be the best candidate, taking into account the previous nominees who are still available for consideration, if any.

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.

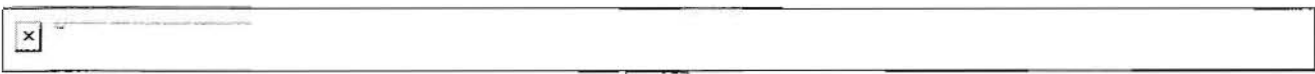
Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org

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Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 2:09 PM
To: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Subject: Township Insights 01.19.18 | Weekly legislative and news update from the Michigan Townships Association

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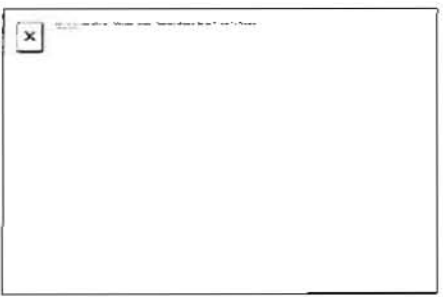
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

*** Bills to limit millage elections under consideration**

Township officials would be prohibited from placing a millage proposal before voters in a May election under a package of bills scheduled for discussion next Thursday in the House Election and Ethics Committee. A substitute is expected for [HB 4814](#), sponsored by Rep. Thomas Albert (R-Vergennes Twp.) when it is considered with [HB 4815](#), sponsored by Rep. Jim Lilly (R-Park Twp.), and [HB 5242](#), sponsored by Rep. Michael Webber (R-Rochester Hills). MTA strongly opposes HB 4814 and 4815 as they would limit when townships could seek approval of any millage proposal--new, renewal or increasing millage. Currently, local taxing units may put millage questions on the ballot on three possible dates--May, August or November elections--but a proposal cannot be placed before voters more than two election dates in a calendar year. The proposed substitute language would limit all millage



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ballot questions to August and November elections. This change would severely limit when townships and other local taxing authorities could place proposals before residents and it creates hardship due to the short timeframe in having November election results certified for the Dec. 1 tax bill. Additionally, if a millage proposal is approved in November but cannot be levied until the following year, it would be subject to a rollback. MTA urges members to contact their state representative and ask them to oppose this preemption of local authority.



Still time to register for MTA Capital Conference



There is still time to reserve your spot at the MTA Capital Conference this month! Join us Jan. 31 at the Lansing Center in our state's capital for a full day of discussions, workshops and insights from legislative leaders. Attendees will hear the latest updates on medical marijuana facilities licensing now that applications are being accepted by the state, and they'll learn the changes included in the new AMAR. They'll also hear about grant opportunities that may be available to their township and have the opportunity to get the latest information on election issues. MTA will invite your lawmakers to join you for lunch once you register. You may also request MTA to schedule meetings with your legislators and their staff, with meetings to take place during the day. Register online today and seize the opportunity to hear updates on the latest issues and how they might impact your township.

* Asphalt Materials, Inc.

* Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman, PC

* Consumers Energy

* Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC

* Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C.

* ITC Holdings Corp.

* Mika Meyers, PLC



Bill would reimburse locals for losses due to disabled veterans' property tax exemption



The state would cover the revenue loss for the property tax exemption offered to disabled military veterans under a bill introduced in the Senate. SB 723, sponsored by Sen. Geoff Hansen (R-Hart Twp.), is supported by MTA and is currently in the Senate Finance

Committee. If enacted, the bill would amend a 2013 law providing a property tax exemption for real property owned by permanently disabled veterans and their unremarried, surviving spouses. While the exemption would stay in place, SB 723 would require the Legislature to appropriate money from the state's General Fund to reimburse local units for their losses resulting from the property tax exemptions. This would be subject to an appropriation and would apply to any lost property tax revenue incurred after Dec. 31, 2017. MTA encourages members to contact their state senator and state representative and seek their support on this

a vote in the coming weeks. If enacted, the bill would recodify several TIF statutes and set transparency, reporting requirements and penalties for all TIF authorities, including the requirement that they hold informational meetings. Multiple TIF public acts that would be included under the new measure would be repealed, including the Historic Neighborhood TIF Authority Act, Private Investment Infrastructure Funding Act, Downtown Development Authority Act, TIF Authority Act, Local Development Financing Act, Corridor Improvement Authority Act, Neighborhood Improvement Authority Act, Water Resource Improvement TIF Authority Act, and Nonprofit Street Railway Act. However, the bill would provide for the continuation of a liability or obligation of an authority under a repealed statute. MTA testified in support of this bill, as TIF districts are an important part of townships' economic development toolbox. We are working with the sponsor on amendments to obtain additional changes on the reporting process.



Legislature overrides Snyder's veto of 'sales tax on the difference' bills



Both the House and Senate voted to override Gov. Rick Snyder's veto on two bills, an action that has not been taken in more than 15 years. SB 94, sponsored by Sen. Dave Hildenbrand (R-Lowell Chtr. Twp.), and SB 95, sponsored by Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Grand Blanc Chtr. Twp.), will now become law despite the fact that they're expected to reduce state revenue by \$29 million and negatively impact

constitutional revenue sharing. Together, the two MTA-opposed bills will accelerate implementation of the previously enacted "sales tax on the difference" tax agreement by 10 years. The governor had vetoed the bills last July due to the fiscal impact on the state budget and the fact the agreement had previously been negotiated and agreed to by the both the Legislature and the industry. Under the 2013 law, when someone buys a vehicle or recreational vehicle, they're charged sales tax on the difference in value between the sale price and the trade-in vehicle, up to a specific amount. The tax break is either the value of the trade-in or a set dollar amount, whichever is less. The set dollar amount started at \$2,000 and increases every year by \$500 until the limit exceeds \$14,000 in 2039. That limit will be now be eliminated as SBs 94-95 will accelerate the full implementation of this law by 2029--10 years sooner. This change is expected to decrease constitutional revenue sharing by \$2.9 million in FY 2020-2021, at which point the overall negative state revenue impact will be \$28.7 million.



Income tax packages move in Senate, discussed in House committee



Legislation in both the House and Senate that would cut personal income taxes could have a significant impact on the state's General Fund. This week, the Senate unanimously passed SB 748, sponsored by Sen. Jack Brandenburg (R-Harrison Chtr. Twp.), while the House Tax Policy Committee discussed HB 5420, sponsored by Rep. Roger Hauck (R-Union Chtr. Twp.); HB 5421, sponsored by Rep. Jeffrey Noble (R-Plymouth Chtr. Twp.); and HB 5422, sponsored by Rep. Jim Tedder (R-Independence Chtr. Twp.). The Senate package would increase the personal income tax exemption to \$5,000 by 2021, with the inflation-based adjusted exemption amount to be increased by an additional \$700 starting with the 2021 tax year. The House package would increase the exemption to \$4,800 in 2020. Other tax relief measures, such as a \$100 tax credit for seniors, are also part of the proposals. Both packages would reduce General Fund revenue, with the Senate package costing the state an unknown amount in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 and 2018-19, about \$150 million in FY 2019-20, \$189.4 million in FY 2020-2021 and \$206 million each subsequent fiscal year. The House package would have an impact of \$45 million in FY 2017-18, \$157.2 million in FY 2018-19, \$172.5 million in FY 2019-20 and \$157.5 million in FY 2020-2021. Concern exists regarding the impact additional fiscal pressures this will place on the state's General Fund given recent economic forecast indicating state revenue growth is expected to be less than inflation in the upcoming years along with the required earmarking of state's General Fund of \$600 million in for roads and \$200 million for the increase in the Homestead Property tax credit. MTA did not take a position on these bills but will continue to update members.

Federal update for week of Jan. 16

Check out the National Association of Towns and Townships' [e-newsletter](#) for an update of federal actions impacting townships.

Additional news you can use

Recycling grant could pay for residential carts

Townships have until March 9 to apply for a state grant to help buy residential recycling carts. Offered by the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the [Recycling Infrastructure Grant](#) is part of the statewide effort to double Michigan's recycling rate. Offering convenient access to recycling opportunities is a proven method for increasing recycling. Townships as well as municipal solid waste or resource recovery authorities may apply, along with other local units.

Workshops offered for DNR grants

[Grant workshops](#) are being offered throughout the state for the next two weeks to help communities apply for a variety of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grants. All communities interested in applying for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation

9-1-1**Tuscola County Central Dispatch**

Sandra Nielsen, Director

January 24, 2018

From: Sandra Nielsen, Director

Subject: Request to Hire

To: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I respectfully request the Board of Commissioners to concur with hiring Stacie Gilberg as a full time dispatcher pending physical and drug screening with a start date of February 17, 2018. This request is to fill the vacancy created upon promoting Dispatcher Lorianne Sebert to supervisor.

Thank you,



Sandra Nielsen, Director
Tuscola County Central Dispatch

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Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, January 22, 2018 – 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 (via Google Hangouts), District 4 - Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 - Matthew Bierlein

Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Tisha Jones, Register John Bishop, Caryn Michalak, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Clayette Zechmeister, Linda Strasz, Aaron Weiss, Miranda Tracey, Krissy Hampshire, Brooke Rosebrock, Nancy Laskowski, Dean Campbell, Susan Campbell, Sandy Nielsen

Finance/Technology
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Bierlein

Primary Finance/Technology

1. **Proposed Child Care Fund - Intensive Family Services Program** - Caryn explained the program that is being developed in Juvenile Probation to provide alternative services to families at risk of having their children removed through Neglect and Abuse cases. The court is implementing this as a long-term strategic planning opportunity. To implement the program Caryn is requesting the part-time Juvenile Officer be transitioned to full-time status. The current salary for this position is covered by the CJO grant and the increase incurred would be covered by the Child Care Fund. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. **Service Contracts with List Psychological** - Caryn provided an update to the service contracts. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. **Update Regarding Indigent Defense Plan** - Mike Hoagland was able to discuss plan with Barb Klimaszewski. He provided an overview as to the reasons she felt the plan was denied. Changes that should be made to the plan were discussed. Barb is to follow-up in writing with her recommendations. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. **Solar Assessing/Taxation Information** - Mike Hoagland has received information and has forwarded to the Commissioners for review. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
5. **Update Regarding Potential Dental Clinic** - Mike Hoagland has received a positive update from Ann Hepfer which was explained to the Board. Ann will continue to provide an update as more information is received.

6. **Opioid Lawsuit** - Commissioner Bierlein updated the Board with the information he has received from Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and NaCO. There have been a couple of counties that have signed with a couple of law firms if Tuscola County would like to interview those firms. Board discussed the option of proceeding further. Mike Hoagland will contact the county attorney to facilitate a meeting.
7. **Resolution of Former Vassar Foundry Delinquent Tax Issue** - Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the lienholder Dobson. The option of Dobson purchasing the property was discussed.
8. **Review of Time Attendance/Scheduling Software** - Nova Time is the company that is being looked at to implement as the service provider. Further research and demonstrations are being worked on to be scheduled.
9. **Mayville DDA/TIFA** - Mike Hoagland updated the Board with information regarding the DDA.
10. **Review of Commissioner Per Diem Policy** - The current policy limits the Commissioner to receiving per diem for up to 2 meetings per day. There have been times that a Commissioner has had more than 2 meetings in a day. Board discussed implementing a change in the number of allowed meetings. Board decided to change the allowed meetings from two to three. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
11. **Maintenance Contract for X-Ray Machine in Courthouse** - Steve Anderson provided the maintenance contract to Mike Hoagland for review and approval. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Finance

1. Planning for Jail Remodeling (Jail Planning Committee) - Sheriff Skrent does not have an update due to the Government Shutdown but will follow-up when a budget is passed.
2. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs
3. Indigent Defense Plan - Discussed earlier in meeting.
4. Update Wind Turbine Revenue Projections
5. Work to Resolve Remaining Assessing/Taxation Disputes with Wind Turbine Companies - Remaining dispute is with DTE and Consumers Energy with the multiplier schedule.
6. Presentation of County Treasurer Investment Reports
7. Bid 2018, 2019 and 2020 Audit
8. Water Rates Paid for County Facilities Along M-24 and Deckerville Roads
9. Assess Avoidance Costs from Retirement System Changes Previously Implemented - Update provided.

Recessed at 8:58 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:08 a.m.

Personnel
Committee Leader-Commissioner Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. **Request to fill Vacant Dispatch Positions** - Sandy Nielsen explained the need to fill the vacant supervisor position. It is recommend Dispatcher Lorraine Sebert be promoted to fill the position and then authorization to fill the position currently held by Dispatcher Sebert. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. **Update Regarding Airport Zoning Board of Appeals** - Mike Hoagland has received a verbal communication that one of the appointed Board members is no longer interested in serving. Clerk Fetting will reach out to the member for a written resignation. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Finance

1. Reporting Relationship (Nepotism Policy)
2. Review the Potential Formation of Quarterly Meetings with County Leaders - Commissioner Bardwell met with students of the LEAD program.
3. Procedural Coordination with HR Director Regarding Hiring/Discharge/Payroll/Record Keeping
4. Develop a System to Keep Job Postings on the Web Site Current
5. Determine how to Gain Help for the County from the Leaders Program
6. Process and Cost to Replace County Health Department Medical Director – Dr. Busch will only be continuing as Medical Examiner.

Building and Grounds
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Vaughan

Primary Building and Grounds - None

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. County Property Ownership Identification - Mike Hoagland will work with the Equalization Director.
2. Recycling Building Remodeling – Next Steps - Mike Miller has met with the Building Inspector and will be applying for the permit.
3. Review Potential Acquisition of Land from State Near Caro Regional Center - Commissioner Bardwell stated Rose Putnam has resigned from the EDC Board due to the land acquisition. Commissioner Young will try to obtain a current list of EDC Board members for Clerk Fetting.

4. Update 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan
5. 2018 Budgeted Driveway, Parking Lot and Sidewalk Repairs
6. City of Caro Potential Well Installation on Property Near State Police Post
7. Vanderbilt Park Next Steps for Further Improvement - Hoping to plan a grand opening in May 2018.
8. Planning for County Record Storage Needs
9. Potential Annexation of County Property to City for Water/Sewer Cost Reductions

Other Items Not Assigned to a Committee

1. Caro Dam - Meeting January 31, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
2. Cass River Greenways – Media Coverage - Commissioner Kirkpatrick updated the Board regarding the great strides the Cass River Greenways program has made.
3. On-going Economic Development Activity Updates from EDC Director - Steve Erickson to attend Thursday's Board meeting to provide an update.
4. Review County-Wide Economic Development Strategic Plan
5. Dairy Farmers of America Phase 2– Cass City
6. Road Commission Organizational Alternatives – Next Steps
7. Sunday Retail Sales of Spirits, Beer and Wine – Next Steps - Tim Wingert has contacted Commissioner Young and discussed the potential of holding a public hearing.

Other Business as Necessary - None

Public Comment Period -

-Nancy Laskowski provided a copy of an email sent to the Commissioner's from Garrett Tetil. She addressed the fee structure that was adopted by the Board. Nancy questioned how the Airport Zoning Administrator was appointed and what the procedure would be to file an appeal to the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals. She would like the Board of Commissioner's to issue a moratorium to delay any permits or variances be issued for turbine construction.

-Register John Bishop questioned if the list of allowable per diem meetings is being expanded. Register Bishop also asked if the change would be cost neutral. Board does not feel that it is cost neutral although the increased cost would be minimal. Board discussed that the policy does have meetings as assigned by Board or Board Chairperson. Mike Hoagland will add verbiage to the policy for clarification. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

-Susan Campbell addressed the Board regarding the importance of industry and maintaining jobs in Tuscola County. She feels the Board looking to the windmills for financial assistance is only short-term. She stated her concerns regarding the windmills in Juniata Township.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Tuscola County Health Department
Board of Health Report: January 19, 2018
Ann Hepfer RN, B.S., Health Officer

Outcomes for the Month:

1. **Bay Great Lakes Healthcare:** Meeting date has been now officially moved to February 15th to discuss referral mechanisms and dental access. Dr. Brenda Coughlin CEO, Dental Director Dr. Crowley, Michele Colton Huron site manager will be present. The discussion will include the feasibility of expanding the Federally Funded Dental Clinic and services into Tuscola County.
2. **Influenza:** Is widespread throughout the state we are still vaccinating 5 days a week, walk-ins accepted. No shortage of vaccine. It's not too late to vaccinate.
3. **Medical Director:** The Medical Director workgroup met in Bay City on January 8th to further discuss our Medical Director search. No decisions were reached. Saginaw is considering an academic approach by using a Medical School residency program. The Thumb Alliance prefers the traditional approach to a Medical Director, to mirror what we have today. The Thumb Alliance and Dr. Bush will be meeting on February 2 with an Interested physician. This is only for a Health Department Medical Director not to replace Dr. Bush as Medical Examiner.
4. **Dental Clinic Update:** The attorneys are still in discussions with MCDC regarding the contract terms. I did reach out to Ottawa County who are also in contract discussions with MCDC. Ottawa County has given permission for the attorney representing their contract to talk to the attorneys representing Tuscola County.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners, held at the Wexford County Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan on the seventeenth day of January, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael MacGready, Leslie Housler, Robert Hilty, Michael Bengelink, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, and Bill Goodwill;

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Nichols and supported by Commissioner Goodwill.

RESOLUTION 18-04 OPPOSING HB 5096-5098

WHEREAS, HB 5096-5098 seek to amend various local government statutes and the County Road Law in a way that would significantly reduce the ability of local governments, county road agencies, and county drain commissions to charge adequate fees, provide safe and reasonable criteria to access public jurisdictions, and collect adequate bonding should these properties be damaged and need restoration from telecommunications providers and their contractors that wish to work, install, and maintain cable, fiber optics, extended poles/antennas, towers and power units on public properties; and

WHEREAS, the effect of these bills would force local governments, county road agencies, public works departments, and drain commissions to subsidize telecommunications with local and Michigan Transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, as legal guardians of the public property and road right-of-way, local governments, county road agencies, and drain commissions must ensure work in their jurisdictions is performed safely, does not damage our infrastructure, and meets engineering standards (above/below ground), along with federal and state requirements; and

WHEREAS, local governments and county road agencies do not profit by issuing permits, but simply recover the costs of issuing permits, making site inspections, and performing related tasks; and when the project is completed, funds should be reconciled with the permit holder; and

WHEREAS, HB 5096-5098 limit fees to \$300 per permit or \$1,000 on multiple projects; and

WHEREAS, such a "one-size-fits-all" fee does not account for the type of work planned in a rural or urban setting, nor does it consider the risks a project may pose, and in general the Bills supplant engineering-based management with a "cookie-cutter" approach that puts public resources and workers at risk; and

WHEREAS, HB 5096-5098 limit security/bonding to \$20,000 regardless of the potential risk and damage beyond that amount, rural vs. urban setting, and requires that bonds be returned within 60 days after a project is completed, even if damage is being contested; and

WHEREAS, these Bills do not take into consideration the statewide ramifications and precedent that these bills would create; and

WHEREAS, that while the telecommunications industry may be able to point to isolated instances of local obstacles, it is certainly not a statewide problem; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wexford County Board of Commissioners opposes HB 5096-5098 and strongly urges State Representative Hoitenga and Senator Booher to oppose HB 5096-5098 as well.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Snyder, Representative Hoitenga, Senator Booher, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 counties.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Taylor, Nichols, Goodwill, Hilty, Bush, Theobald, and Housler;

NAYS: MacCready and Bengelink

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairman, Wexford County Board of Commissioners



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF WEXFORD)

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of the Resolution 18-04 adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Wexford County at a regular meeting held on January 17, 2018, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk

December 28, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, December 28, 2017 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 Thomas Young.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the December 14, 2017 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$114,486.54 and bills in the amount of \$1,028,511.46 covered by vouchers #17-66, #17-67, #17-68, and #HRA-54 were presented and audited.

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

Brief Public Comment Segment:
None.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to approve the proposal from Pavement Recycling, Inc. to extend their 2017 bid prices for HMA Base Crushing, Shaping, and Compaction with Stabilization to the 2018 season, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Parsell to approve the proposal from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers to extend their 2017 bid prices for Chip Seals to the 2018 season, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk to approve the proposal from Great Lakes Engineering to extend their 2017 prices for Bridge Inspection Services to the 2018 season, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Parsell to approve the Director of Finance to sign the Merchant Agreement between the Tuscola County Road Commission and Government Payment Service, Inc.; in order to process debit/credit card payments for permits. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

The Board recommended that the Road Commission place a public service announcement with the Tuscola County Advertiser regarding winter maintenance procedures.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman

