

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019 – 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 – Chairperson 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
- BC/BS Renewal **(See Correspondence #3)**
 - Controller/Administrator Contract
 - Caro Center Support Resolutions from Frankenmuth **(See Correspondence #4)**

Old Business
Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

VAUGHAN

Board of Health
County Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use
Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison
Local Units of Government Activity Report

YOUNG

Board of Public Works
County Road Commission Liaison
Dispatch Authority Board
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Great Start Collaborative
Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)
Jail Planning Committee
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)
Region VI Economic Development Planning
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BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Caro DDA/TIFA
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MAC 7th District
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JENSEN

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Jail Planning Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
MAC Judiciary Committee
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Local Units of Government Activity Report

GRIMSHAW

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government

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 July 11, 2019 Full Board & Statutory Finance Minutes
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #3 BC/BS Renewal
- #4 Caro Center Resolutions from Frankenmuth
- #5 Committee of the Whole Minutes 07-22-19
- #6 Road Commission Minutes 07-27-19 Meeting
- #7 Board of Health Report 7-19-19
- #8 MDHHS report on Michigan's Five Most Common Ticks
- #9 Hillsdale County Resolution on Trial Court Funding Commission Interim Report 7-9-2019
- #10 Menominee County Resolution on Lake Restoration Initiative and Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003
- #11 Marquette County Resolution on Trial Court Funding Commission Interim Report



Draft
TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 11, 2019 Minutes
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner 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 July 2019, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Reverend William Sanders

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Grimshaw

Roll Call – Chief Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 – Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting (arrived at 9:20 a.m.), Chief Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid, Clayette Zechmeister, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Eean Lee, Mary Drier, Mike Miller, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Nancy Laskowski, Jenna Tetil, Jamie Nacidis, Register John Bishop, Sandy Nielsen, Reverend William Sanders

Adoption of Agenda -
19-M-137

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
19-M-138

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 27, 2019 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -

-Nancy Laskowski - Escrow is permitted under the law.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
19-M-139

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Resolution from the July 8, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/08/19
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the 2018-2019 Child Care Fund (CCF) state budget amendment for Michigan Department of Health and Human Services division (MDHHS) to move \$19,375 from Institutional Care to In-Home Care. This will not increase the overall budget. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments be authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/08/19
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the 2018-2019 Child Care Fund (CCF) state budget amendment for the Child Care Fund to increase in the "Institutional Care" line-item to mirror the potential expenses from the Court's Child Care Fund Budget for 2019. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments be authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/08/19
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the contract with List Psychological Services to provide services to children or families who have active Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Tuscola County Child Protective Services (CPS) Category I or II cases or MDHHS Tuscola County Foster Care Cases (CFC) with children under the age of 18. Effective 07-11-2019 through 09-30-2019. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments be authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/08/19
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the budget amendment request from the Court Administrator to move \$10,000 from Salaries/Supervision (101-130-703-000) to Visiting Judge (101-130-820-000) to accommodate the increased cost until a new judge (District Court) is appointed by the governor.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/08/19

Description of Matter: Move that per the request from the Chief Information Officer the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and authorization is given to post and advertise to fill the vacant Help Desk Technician.

New Business -

-Closed Session for Legal Consulting -

19-M-140

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the Board meet in closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute as to discuss the written legal opinion offered by the county attorney with Jamie Nicidis, Caryl Langmaid and Jodi Fetting to be allowed to attend the Closed Session. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried at 8:08 a.m.

Reconvened from closed session at 8:55 a.m.

Recessed at 8:55 a.m.

Reconvened to regular meeting at 9:04 a.m.

-Controller/Administrator Contract -

19-M-141

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to table the Controller/Administrator Contract matter. Motion Carried.

Clerk Fetting arrived at 9:20 a.m.

-Zoning Permit Application Fees - Board discussed how the permit fee should be structured and potentially distributed.

19-M-142

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that per the request from the Airport Zoning Administrator to approve the Zoning Permit Application Fees schedule as follows: Less than 50' \$100; 50' – 199' \$150.00; 200' – 499' \$200; and 500' or greater \$250. Motion Amended.

19-M-143

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to amend motion 19-M-142 to 199' or less is \$100 and 200' and more is \$200.00. Motion to amend carried by all present.

19-M-142 as amended

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that per the request from the Airport Zoning Administrator to approve the Zoning Permit Application Fees schedule as follows: 199' or less is \$100 and 200' and more is \$200.00. Motion Carried.

-Water Rate Clarification for Tuscola County properties on Cleaver Road - Clayette Zechmeister provided the Board the City of Caro Water/Sewer Rate guide. She has confirmed that the County is receiving the City rates at the properties discussed.

-Recycling Center Agreement and Release for Legal Services - Board was presented an agreement regarding the matter.

19-M-144

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw to authorize the Chairman to sign the Recycling Center Agreement and Release for Legal Services with the Braun Kendrick Law firm. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-Vassar Permit Fee Issue - Commissioner Grimshaw provided an update to the matter. The property owner will be meeting with the City of Vassar regarding the water pressure at the property and looking at alternatives.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Lakeshore Legal Aid - Commissioner Bardwell received a letter explaining the funding that is received by them from Region VII Area on Aging.

-Heritage Hill Assisted Living Open House is July 17, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

-Vassar Township Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is August 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

-Region VII Area on Aging sent in a proposed multi-year plan.

-Governor Whitmer sent a letter to Commissioner Bardwell in response to the Caro Center.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

GRIMSHAW

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Update provided. Mid-State Board Health meeting was recently held with update provided.

Recycling Advisory

Local Units of Government

JENSEN

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
MAC Judiciary Committee
MEMS All Hazard - DaVita Dialysis is closing the Cass City branch. Kathy Pokorski is retiring at the end of the month.
Local Units of Government Activity Report - Millington Township is still working with the Planning Commission regarding the number of acres needed to have horses on property.

BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Caro DDA/TIFA
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Postponed until September
MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board
TRIAD
Local Units of Government Activity Report - Drove by Oxbow property that was discussed in Monday's meeting.

YOUNG

Board of Public Works
County Road Commission Liaison
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Local Units of Government Activity Report - Columbia Township Library will be completing a building expansion proposed to be completed by late Fall 2019.

VAUGHAN

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MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use
Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison
Local Units of Government Activity Report - At the Indianfields Township meeting, the closure of Boy Scout Road was discussed. It was said that the Road Commission is waiting on permits from the DEQ.

BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board
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MAC 7th District
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Local Units of Government Activity Report

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Caryl Langmaid
Chief Deputy Clerk

Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
July 11, 2019
H.H. Purdy Building
125 W. Lincoln St, Caro MI

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, Jensen, Grimshaw

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Mary Drier, Nancy Laskowski, Jenna Tetil

Claims and Per Diems were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 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 25th day of July, 2019 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 7/22/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2019/2020 Child Care Fund Budget including both the Family Court and Department of Health and Human Services divisions as presented at the July 22, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved and submitted to the state. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/22/19
- Description of Matter:** Move to temporarily lift the county hiring freeze and authorize the hiring of Megan Daniels as an IT Help Desk Technician at Step I effective August 8, 2019 pending favorable back ground, physical and drug screen.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/22/19

Description of Matter: Move to temporarily lift the county hiring freeze and authorize the hiring of Amy Taylor as an Office Assistant for MIDC at the starting rate of pay allowed by the MIDC Grant effective July 29, 2019 Pending physical and background check.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/22/19

Description of Matter: Move to authorize the Building and grounds director to replace the steel door at the Animal Shelter with an aluminum door in the amount of \$4,900.

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

BCBS RENEWAL FOR 2019/2020 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dan Skiver, Vice President
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BCBS RENEWAL SEPT. 2019



- Budget increase of \$685 or 4.2% to \$17,000 per active employee enrolled in health plan
- Total estimated cost of taxes and fees - \$1,200 annually
 - PCORI fee (federal)
 - Currently no other applicable taxes for 2019/2020
 - Cadillac Tax 2022?



BCBS RENEWAL SEPT. 2019



- Current enrollment by plan for County employees
 - 79% PPO 4 – base plan
 - 0% PPO 3 – buy up
 - 3% PPO 2 – buy up
 - 18% PPO 1 – buy up
- Recommended specific stop loss level is \$35,000 per contract for next year (currently \$10,000 per contract)



BCBS RENEWAL SEPT. 2019



P.A. 152 ANALYSIS

Contract	Census	Illus Rate	Annual Cost	Annual Cap Amount
Individual	21	\$ 499.92	\$ 5,999.01	\$ 6,685.17
2 Person	50	\$ 1,200.39	\$ 14,404.69	\$ 13,980.75
Family	95	\$ 1,499.75	\$ 17,996.94	\$ 18,232.31
Totals	166	\$ 212,994	\$ 2,555,923	\$ 2,571,496
Projected Hard Cap			\$ (2,571,496)	
Projected Employer Health Plan Cost			\$ 2,555,923	
Over/(Under) Hard Cap			\$ (15,572)	

Based on Hard Caps in effect on 9/1/2019

Taxes and fees included in rates

Rates do not include dental and vision



BCBS RENEWAL SEPT. 2019



- Change in Rx copays for base plan on 1/1/17 to 10/40/80
- Included multiple BCBS cost management riders
- Appropriate stop loss level selected
- Added Rx to stop loss coverage in 2015
- Net cost of claims less than projected by BCBS
- State hard cap increased by 3.4% in 2018 and 1.9% in 2019.



BCBS RENEWAL SEPT. 2019

o Questions?

THANK YOU!



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July 15, 2019

To: Tuscola County Administrators
From: Mayor Mary Ann Ackerman *MAA*

RE: Caro Psychiatric Facility

Please find enclosed herewith resolutions from the Frankenmuth City Council, Frankenmuth Economic Development Corporation and Frankenmuth Downtown Development Authority urging you and the State of Michigan to continue with the renovation and expansion of the Caro Psychiatric Hospital in the City of Caro in Tuscola County.

We believe this is the best approach to providing needed mental health services in Michigan while maintaining and providing for the economic health of one of Michigan's underserved regions.

Good luck to you in your endeavor.

Resolution No. 2019-67

**SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STATE PSYCHIATRIC
HOSPITAL IN TUSCOLA COUNTY TO REPLACE THE CURRENT
CARO CENTER FACILITY**

WHEREAS, Since the 1990's, the number of state psychiatric beds in Michigan decreased by nearly 50%, forcing acute or chronically disabled psychiatric individuals to hospital emergency rooms and jails and sometimes, homeless situations; and

WHEREAS, Emergency service providers including law enforcement personnel find serving people in acute psychiatric crisis creating growing demands on their resources and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Multiple studies conclude there is a pressing need for long-term, inpatient psychiatric care in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, The State Legislature responded to this crisis by providing \$115 million in state building authority financed construction for a new state psychiatric hospital to be built on the grounds of the current Caro Center which was signed into law through Public Act 107 of 2017; and

WHEREAS, The State Administrative Board approved a \$5.4 million contract to design a new, 200-bed, regional state psychiatric hospital on the site of the existing Caro Center, increasing the number of beds to 350; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, a ground-breaking for the new 225,000 square- foot state psychiatric hospital at the site of the current Caro Center was held, foretelling the opening of the new facility in 2021 replacing the aging Caro facility; and

WHEREAS, Over \$3 million in taxpayer funds have already been spent in preparation for construction at the Caro site; and

WHEREAS, In March 2019, Governor Whitmer halted construction, and contracted with a private consulting firm, at the cost of \$277,000, to re-assess the location of a new state psychiatric facility, potentially delaying the availability of new psychiatric beds and the replacement of the aging Caro facility by another 2-4 years; and

WHEREAS, The facility is vital for this entire region of Michigan, including the City of Frankenmuth, as the existing facility infuses an estimated \$54 million annually into the regional economy while directly employing 350 people and indirectly employing another 400 people; and, relocation of the facility would have devastating negative repercussions to businesses, schools and families living in communities throughout this region of the state; and

WHEREAS, At the current location, Seventy percent (70%) of employees travel less than 30 miles to work; and, the site is centrally located and accessible to state highways and area medical providers for patient transportation and family visits with 80% of patients coming from Genesee, Oakland and Macomb Counties, just to the south of Tuscola County; and, the 600-acre site is already state-owned and infrastructure is already in place; and, Tuscola County engineers determined the on-site water system can be economically upgraded to serve the new hospital; and

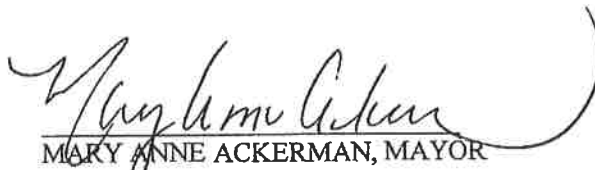
WHEREAS, Building the new facility on the site of the current Caro Center is best for the individuals needing inpatient psychiatric care and for the taxpayers of Michigan.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Frankenmuth does hereby urge Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Department of Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon, and members of the State Legislature, in response to a critical shortage of inpatient state psychiatric beds, continue with the construction of a new 200-bed, state psychiatric hospital on the grounds of the current Caro Center, in Tuscola County, as the best option for quality, accessible services to patients and their families, and as the best value to the taxpayers of Michigan and prevent devastating negative repercussions to businesses, schools and families living in communities throughout this region of the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Department of Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon, State Senator Kevin Daley, and State Representative Phil Green and Tuscola County administrators.

Action Approved

Date 7/9/19


MARY ANNE ACKERMAN, MAYOR


PHILLIP W. KERNS, CLERK

**SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL
IN TUSCOLA COUNTY TO REPLACE THE CURRENT CARO CENTER FACILITY**

At a regular meeting of the Frankenmuth Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors on June 20, 2019, the members voted (unanimously) to support this resolution. The motion was made by Vickie Schmitzer and seconded by Joe Cramer.

Present at the meeting were: Mike Grossi, Joe Cramer, Mike Fassezke, Tamara Tsulaia, Beth Reindel, Chris Rittmueller, Vickie Schmitzer, Terry Weiss, Jamie Furbush and Abby Curtis

WHEREAS, Since the 1990's, the number of state psychiatric beds in Michigan decreased by nearly 50%, yet the needs of persons with acute psychosis continue, often evidenced through emergency room visits, jail sentences and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Emergency service providers including law enforcement personnel struggle with meeting the growing demands on their resources and facilities by assisting those in acute psychiatric crisis; and

WHEREAS, The State Legislature responded to this crisis providing \$115 million in state building authority financed construction funds for a new state psychiatric hospital to be built on the grounds of the current Caro Center as signed into law through Public Act 107 of 2017; and

WHEREAS, The State Administrative Board approved a \$5.4 million a design contract for a new, 200-bed, regional state psychiatric hospital on the site of the existing Caro Center, increasing the number of beds to 350; and a State-sponsored ground breaking event was held in 2018, foretelling the opening of the new facility by 2021 replacing the aging Caro facility; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the expense of any funds, State Administrators had vetted the site as acceptable as 70% of current employees travel less than 30 miles to work; the site's central location makes it accessible to state highways for patient transportation to area medical providers and for family visits; that 80% of current patients come from Genesee, Oakland and Macomb Counties, just to the south of Tuscola County and within an average 90 minute drive or less; the 600-acre site is already state-owned and infrastructure is already in place; and, Tuscola County engineers determined the on-site water system can be economically upgraded to improve service to the new hospital; and

WHEREAS, More than \$3 million in taxpayer funds have already been spent in preparation for construction at the Caro site; and

WHEREAS, In March 2019, Construction was halted on the facility and the State contracted with a private consulting firm, at the cost of \$277,000, to re-assess the location of the new state psychiatric facility, potentially delaying the availability of improved psychiatric services including provision of new beds and the replacement of the aging Caro facility by another 2-4 years; and

**SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL
IN TUSCOLA COUNTY TO REPLACE THE CURRENT CARO CENTER FACILITY**

At a regular meeting of the Frankenmuth Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors on July 11, 2019, the members voted (unanimously) to support this resolution. The motion was made by Scott Zimmer and seconded by Vickie Schmitzer and Lyle Davis.

Present at the meeting were: Wayne Bronner, Al Zehnder, Mary Ann Hiles, Randy Bierlein, G. Grossi, Will Rummel, Lyle Davis, Scott Zimmer, Vickie Schmitzer and Mark Johnston

WHEREAS, Since the 1990's, the number of state psychiatric beds in Michigan decreased by nearly 50%, yet the needs of persons with acute psychosis continue, often evidenced through emergency room visits, jail sentences and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Emergency service providers including law enforcement personnel struggle with meeting the growing demands on their resources and facilities by assisting those in acute psychiatric crisis; and

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WHEREAS, More than \$3 million in taxpayer funds have already been spent in preparation for construction at the Caro site; and

WHEREAS, In March 2019, Construction was halted on the facility and the State contracted with a private consulting firm, at the cost of \$277,000, to re-assess the location of the new state psychiatric facility, potentially delaying the availability of improved psychiatric services including provision of new beds and the replacement of the aging Caro facility by another 2-4 years; and

WHEREAS, The facility is vital for this entire region of Michigan, including the City of Frankenmuth, as the existing facility infuses an estimated \$54 million annually into the regional

economy while directly employing 350 people and indirectly employing another 400 people; and, Relocation of the facility would have devastating negative repercussions to businesses, schools and families living in communities throughout this region of the state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Frankenmuth Downtown Development Authority_urges Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Department of Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon, and members of the State Legislature, in response to a critical shortage of inpatient state psychiatric beds, to continue with the renovation of the existing Caro center and construction of a new 200-bed, state psychiatric hospital on the grounds of the current Caro Center located in Tuscola County, as and valued and economic option for quality, accessible services to patients and their families, and to the taxpayers of Michigan; all this, preventing devastating impact to businesses, schools employees and families living in communities throughout this region of the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Department of Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon, State Senator Kevin Daley, and State Representative Phil Green and Tuscola County administrators.

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**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, July 22, 2019 – 8:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI**

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell,
District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:13 a.m.)

Absent: District 3 - Kim Vaughan

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mary Drier, Register John Bishop, Mike Miller, Judge Nancy L. Thane, Sheila Long, Karen Southgate, Mark Trumbauer, Dan Skiver, Kelly Quiroga, Nancy Laskowski, Rahm Mormando, Nancy Erdody, Leigh Nacy, Mark Haney, Sandy Nielsen, Jim Tussey, Gene Pierce, Karen Currie (via phone)

Finance/Technology - continued below
Committee Leaders -Commissioners Young and Jensen

Primary Finance/Technology

1. **DHHS/Child Care 2019-2020 Budget -**
-Sheila Long and Karen Southgate reviewed budget requests for 2019 - 2020 for the Child Care Fund and the amount of reimbursements the County should receive. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
-Karen Southgate reviewed the contract for the Parent Education and Supervised Visitation Program. The County Attorney will review the contract. The matter will then be placed on a meeting agenda for approval.

Commissioner Grimshaw arrived 8:13 a.m.

2. **Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BC/BS) Renewal -** Dan Skiver from Brown and Brown reviewed the BC/BS renewal. Board would like to review PowerPoint presentation prior to making a decision. Matter to be placed on the agenda for Thursday's meeting.
3. **Animal Control Update -** Leigh Nacy provided an update regarding the Animal Shelter.
4. **Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan Annual Report Summary -** Clayette Zechmeister provided a review of the MERS annual report. Board would like a listing of accounts that the County is invested in, a listing of the top 25 investment companies, a history of gains and losses and a MERS Representative to present to the Board.

**On-Going and Other Finance
Finance**

1. MREC - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update from the meeting she recently attended.
2. Update Regarding Assessing/Taxation Disputes with Wind Turbine Companies – SB 46 - Update provided.
3. Opioid Lawsuit
4. Preparation of Updated Multi-Year Financial Plan - Project has been started.

5. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs - Clayette Zechmeister will review report and provide an overview to the Board.
6. 2018 Comprehensive Annual Report
7. 2020 Budget Development

Technology

1. GIS Update
2. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page
3. Implementation of New Computer Aided Dispatch System
4. New Kronos Time Attendance and BS&A Finance/General Ledger Software - Eean Lee provided an update.

Personnel - continued below

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. **IT Position** - Eean Lee reported a candidate has been selected for the vacancy in his Department. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. **MIDC Office Position** - Rahm Mormando reported a candidate has been selected for the vacancy in his Department. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. **Controller/Administrator Contract** - No update at this time on the contract. Board discussed options to fill the position.

Finance/Technology - continued from above

Committee Leaders -Commissioners Young and Jensen

5. **KC Communications Caro Center Update** - Karen Currie provided an update regarding the efforts in increasing communication methods in reference to the Caro Center. A Facebook page has been created "Caro 4 Michigan". The report release has been pushed back to July 26th or July 29th. She is hopeful a meeting with the Governor can be scheduled after the release of the report.

Personnel - continued from above

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Negotiation of Expiring Union Contracts – Setting Financial and Other Objectives - Clayette Zechmeister reported that open enrollment dates will be scheduled soon.
2. Strengthen and Streamline Year-End Open Enrollment
3. Scheduling a MAC 7th Meeting to Determine if Organization will Continue - Commissioner Bardwell will confirm date.

Building and Grounds

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **Animal Shelter State Inspection Update** - Mike Miller stated the sealing of the garage floor has been completed. There were a few other issues noted in the inspection that were handled easily.
2. **Animal Shelter Steel Door Replacement** - Mike Miller provided an update to the project and costs to complete in order to comply with the State Inspection. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. County Jail Study
2. County Land Bank/Sale of Property
3. Recycling Relocation Update - There was a large tree that fell during the storms this weekend at the current facility.
4. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Pole Building
5. Review of Alternative Solutions Concerning the Caro Dam

Other Business as Necessary

1. Elected Versus Appointed Road Commissioners - Matter to remain on the agenda for Commissioner Vaughan to discuss.
2. Section 19 Funding (matter added) - Clayette Zechmeister provided up update from Emergency Manager Steve Anderson regarding Section 19 funding for the Spring 2019 flood/rain event in Tuscola County. Tuscola County is expecting to be the fiduciary.

Public Comment Period -

- Nancy Laskowski provided handouts to the Commissioners from the Tuscola County Advertiser February 13, 2013 edition in reference to the NextEra wind project. Nancy feels that the Board in 2011 did show bias when appointing AZBA members.

-Jim Tussey provided an update of the FAA appeal. He also spoke of conflict of interest that was addressed by the NextEra attorney regarding members of the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals (AZBA) Board which Jim does not feel addresses all of the Board members that may have a conflict of interest. He feels the issue at hand is the airport not the turbines.

-Jason Utton presented to the Board regarding the Juniata wind project. He reviewed that FAA has approved the wind turbines. He stated that airport and the wind turbine project can co-exist.

-Nancy Erdody stated there has been a meeting scheduled with Reese Schools to discuss the water issue with her property. Commissioner Grimshaw has not received a response from Curtis Stowe yet and he would like the solution for the matter in writing.

-Oxbow Property - This is a township matter and the Ellington Township Supervisor has been made aware of it.

-MAC Conference - Commissioner Bardwell asked if any of the Commissioners were attending the August conference and no one has registered at this point.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

June 27, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 8:00 A.M.

Present: Road Commissioners John Laurie, Gary Parsell, Julie Matuszak, David Kennard, and Duane Weber; Acting County Highway Engineer Brent Dankert, Operations Engineer Technician Will Green, Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey, and Director of Finance/Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Weber that the minutes of the June 13, 2019 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$105,750.06 and bills in the amount of \$253,016.86 covered by vouchers #19-32, #19-33, #19-34 and #HRA-72 were presented and audited.

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

Brief Public Comment Segment:

(1) Michigan State Representative Phil Green appeared before the Board with a report from Lansing regarding proposed road funding plans for next year's budget. Mr. Green also provided an update regarding the Caro Center.

Chairman Laurie turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Parsell.

(2) Mr. Steve Ewald appeared before the Board to discuss his application for a Right-Of-Way Permit. Acting County Highway Engineer Dankert explained the current status of the Permit. Acting County Highway Engineer Dankert will also be sending a letter to Mr. Ewald requesting additional information in order to continue processing the Permit.

Vice-Chairman Parsell turned the meeting back over to Chairman Laurie.

Elmwood Township Supervisor Chris Graff appeared before the Board with a request to install a plastic drainage tile within the road right-of-way in conjunction with their McGregory Road gravel project this season. Chairman Laurie and Superintendent-Manager Jay Tuckey provided information from Huron and Sanilac County Road Commissions, as well as other available options. After discussion, Mr. Graff will withdraw the request to install the drainage tile with the McGregory Road project.

Michigan Cat Representative Mike Johnson appeared before the Board to review the Road Commission's equipment lease schedules. After discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

Motion by Kennard seconded by Parsell 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 60-month Lease/Purchase Agreement with the credit corporation for Michigan Cat to obtain:

One (1) New Caterpillar Motor Grader

All in accordance with the Lease-Purchase Agreements attached hereto, and made a part hereof.

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

Adopted this 27th day of June, 2019.

Michael Tuckey

Votes by Governing Body:

Michael Tuckey, Authorized Signatory

1. Yes: John Laurie
2. Yes: Gary Parsell
3. Yes: Julie Matuszak
4. Yes: David Kennard
5. Yes: Duane Weber

Jay Tuckey

Jay Tuckey, Authorized Signatory

Attest:

Michael Tuckey

Michael Tuckey, Clerk of the Board

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Parsell that bid item #52 for Almer Township, bid item #54 for Watertown Township, and bid item #56 for Koylton Township of the 2019 bituminous resurfacing bids be awarded to the low bidder, Pyramid Paving Company. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Weber that bid item #9 for Elmwood Township, and bid item #26 for Akron Township of the 2019 Furnishing & Placing Crushed Limestone bids be awarded to the low bidder, Burroughs Materials. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Kennard seconded by Parsell that the Tuscola County Road Commission adopts the Resolution for the MERS of Michigan 457 Supplemental Retirement Program. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the Tuscola County Road Commission adopts the Resolution to appoint the Director of Finance as the Authorized Signatory for the MERS of Michigan Contracts. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Weber that Michael Tuckey be appointed as the Voting Delegate to the 2019 M.C.R.C.S.I.P. Annual Membership Meeting. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Acting County Highway Engineer Dankert provided an update to the Board of the current road and bridge damages caused by area flooding.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Weber that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 A.M. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board

**Tuscola County Health Department
Board of Health Report: July 19, 2019
Ann Hepfer RN, B.S Health Officer**

Outcomes for the Month:

1. **Dental Update:** I am still working with Great Lakes Bay Health Care on bringing Dental Services to Tuscola County. I have been working with Dr. Crowley in regards to bringing the Dental Bus to Tuscola County. Right now they are looking to replace two of their Dentist vacancies, so until they have them replaced it would be difficult for them to add Dental locations. The bus would be located in the Health Department Parking lot and provide hygienist care and cleanings; and if there was an issue they would be referred to one of their dental offices.

I am going to develop a quick survey that will be given out starting July 15-August 9 to assess the need for the hygienist services. If the need is greater for a Dentist, then we might need to wait. This will assist GLBHC in their decision making process.

2. **Medical Examiner Secretary:** I had a phone conversation with Eric Morris, last week regarding Dr. Bush's contract with the Health Department. Deb Cook needs to provide Eric some additional costs based on an hourly wage verses a salary range and then we should be able to move ahead. This contract would have a termination date of May 30, 2022, and renegotiated at that time.
3. **Emergency Preparedness Position:** The state has been in discussion with the health department in the past several years to consider combining the EPC role for Huron and Tuscola Counties. This will result in less administrative costs to both health departments, more costs are going into the actual program. With Kathy Pokorski's retirement on July 26, this was the best time to make this change. The EPC in Huron County is willing to do both Huron and Tuscola Counties. We will contract with Huron County Health Department for both the clerical support and the EPC. With the additional funds not being spent on the administration of this program, we will be able to move some hours of a communicable disease nurse into the EPC program to support surveillance and school communicable disease reporting.
4. **Front Lobby Renovations:** The Health Department lobby/reception area is outdated. The reception area was never designed to handle all of the technology advances. The clerical workstations are too small to accommodate the larger screens and devices that are required to get the jobs done. The lobby is not conducive to keeping conversations with clerks confidential, we have work around, but it is not ideal. Mike Miller is aware of the need to remodel, and has been providing us with names and numbers of firms to seek advice from. The two companies that have looked at so far both said "you need an architect". We are in the process of seeking architectural advice.

Ticks are significant carriers of pathogens that cause human and animal disease. Listed here is a ranked order of the ticks most likely to bite humans in Michigan.



1. American dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*)

Distribution: Widespread throughout Michigan forests and grassy areas
Key Facts: These ticks are active from early May-November, and will bite both humans and companion animals.

Diseases: Diseases associated with the American dog tick are rare in Michigan, but may include [Rocky Mountain spotted fever](#) and [tularemia](#).



2. Blacklegged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*)

Distribution: Emerging in Michigan, see map at right
Key Facts: Found on low forest vegetation, often along human and animal trails.

Diseases: [Lyme disease](#) is the most common tick-borne disease in Michigan. Other rare diseases include: [anaplasmosis](#), [babesiosis](#), [deer-tick virus](#), and [ehrlichiosis](#).



3. Lone star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*)

Distribution: Occasionally found in wooded and grassy areas across the state

Key Facts: An aggressive biter of humans and companion animals, adult females have distinctive "Lone Star" mark

Diseases: [Ehrlichiosis](#), [rocky mountain spotted fever](#), [tularemia](#)



4. Woodchuck tick (*Ixodes cookei*)

Distribution: Found most commonly on pets throughout Michigan

Key Facts: Usually found near dens of skunks and woodchucks, will bite companion animals near animal dens and occasionally humans

Diseases: [Powassan encephalitis](#)



5. Brown dog tick (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*)

Distribution: Occasionally found in Michigan.

Key Facts: can uniquely survive and breed in indoor environments, has been associated with kennel, shelter, and breeding facilities. Good hygiene practices can prevent indoor infestations.

Diseases: [Rocky mountain spotted fever](#), [canine babesiosis](#), [canine ehrlichiosis](#)

Tick Bite and Tick-Borne Disease Prevention

- Use insect repellents containing no more than 30 percent DEET.
- Use repellents that contain permethrin on clothing.
- After spending time outdoors, check your skin and clothes for ticks.
- See your healthcare provider if you have symptoms of fever, rash, body aches or fatigue.

19-083

TRIAL COURT FUNDING COMMISSION INTERIM REPORT

July 9, 2019

WHEREAS, the County Clerks in Michigan have a constitutional stake in the trial court funding question, but were excluded from participation in the Trial Court Funding Commission. The County Clerks have a unique relationship with the courts and a perspective that should be heard when making recommendations for substantial changes.

WHEREAS, the goal of Public Act 65 of 2017 was to create a Trial Court Funding Commission to "review and recommend changes to the trial court funding system in light of *People v. Cunningham*".

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the Interim Report deals with the consolidation of all local court staff and operations under state control but does not solve the funding problems that *Cunningham* created (simply moving collections of fines and costs and payment of court salaries/benefits to the state does not mitigate the fact that we will still not be funded adequately).

WHEREAS, centralized control of our court process does not necessarily serve the best interest of the public. The County Clerks believe that local judges and citizens are better served by local custodial control. It has been proven to be a more responsive method of serving their needs.

WHEREAS, research of other state-funded court systems has shown that state funding creates a culture of complacency that tolerates delay. Accountability is removed from the local level and placed in the hands of bureaucrats in state government who are less connected to the people.

WHEREAS, we are concerned that transferring funding to state control would tether the judicial branch to the short term whims of the legislative and executive branches even more than they exist already. In the event of a lack of state funding (government shutdown) this process would also force the shutdown of the court system, resulting in constitutional violation of due process.

WHEREAS, it is critical to note that the finding of 46th Circuit Trial Court v. County of Crawford, 2006:143 states directly: "In order for the judicial branch to carry out its constitutional responsibilities as envisioned by the Constitution of 1963, art3, SS 2, the judiciary cannot be totally beholden to legislative determinations regarding its budgets."

WHEREAS, this Interim Report recommends altering the Michigan Constitution to provide that circuit court clerks are employed by the court and under the supervision of state government rather than the County Clerk.

WHEREAS, County Clerks serve a critical role in the judicial system. They are constitutionally mandated to ensure the integrity of the records and protecting the best interests of our citizens. Removing County Clerks from the picture would serve as substantial disruption to the purpose that we serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners are opposed to the Trial Court Funding Commission Interim Report dated April 8, 2019. We believe that it is imperative to maintain local control and accountability because that is how our constituents are best served. We strongly oppose this Interim Report and possible pending legislation and encourage the other 82 Michigan counties to join us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Mike Shirkey, Representative Eric Leutheuser, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan Counties.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARK E. WILEY, Chair, District 3
Board of Commissioners

JULIE J. GAMES, Vice-Chair, District 2

RUTH BROWN, District 1

BRUCE CASWELL, District 4

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RESOLUTION 2019-14

FUNDING THE GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, The Great Lakes are a critical resource for our nation, supporting the economy and a way of life in Michigan and the other seven states within the Great Lakes region. The Great Lakes hold 20 percent of the world’s surface freshwater and 90 percent of the United States’ surface freshwater. This globally significant freshwater resource provides drinking water for more than 30 million people and directly supports 1.5 million jobs, generating \$62 billion in wages; and

WHEREAS, The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) provides essential funding to restore and protect the Great Lakes. This funding has supported long overdue efforts to clean up toxic pollution, reduce runoff from cities, industries, and farms, combat invasive species, and restore fish and wildlife habitat. Since 2010, the federal government has partnered with public and private entities and invested more than \$2 billion in over 2,900 projects throughout the region. Over its first six years, the GLRI has provided more than \$425 million for more than 500 projects in Michigan alone. The Brookings Institution has estimated that every dollar invested in the Great Lakes produces two dollars in long-term economic benefits, and

WHEREAS, GLRI projects are making a significant difference. They have restored more than 150,000 acres of fish and wildlife habitat; opened up fish access to more than 3,400 miles of rivers; helped implement conservation programs on more than 1 million acres of farmland; and accelerated the cleanup of toxic hotspots. In Michigan, GLRI funding has been instrumental in removing invasive Phragmites along the shores of Green Bay, remediation and habitat restoration in the Menominee River, revitalizing Lake Michigan sturgeon populations, habitat restoration at Sea Gull Bar, and building fish passages around the lower dams of the Menominee River; and

WHEREAS, While a significant investment, past GLRI funding represents only a small portion of the amount needed to restore and protect the Great Lakes. Toxic algae blooms, beach closings, fish consumption advisories, and the presence of contaminated sediments continue to limit the recreational and commercial use of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Any cuts to GLRI funding would jeopardize the momentum from over a decade of unprecedented regional cooperation. Draft federal budgets have proposed a 97 percent reduction in GLRI funding. These drastic cuts would be a short-sighted, short-term cost-saving measure with long-term adverse implications. Restoration efforts will only become more expensive and more difficult if they are not addressed now and in the coming years.

*Steven Gromala Gerald Piche – Chairperson William Cech -- Vice Chairperson Larry Phelps
Larry Johnson Jr Jan Hafeman David Prestin Bernie Lang Larry Schei*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Menominee County Board of Commissioners opposes any reduction of federal funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation as well as the other 82 Michigan counties.

Motion by Commissioner Hafeman, supported by Commissioner Gromala to adopt above resolution at a regular meeting of the Menominee County Board of Commissioners, this 9th day of July, 2019.

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0



Gerald Piche, Chairperson
Menominee County Board of Commissioners



Marc Kleiman
Menominee County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)SS
COUNTY OF MENOMINEE)

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution 2019-14 adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Menominee County at a regular meeting held on July 9, 2019 and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



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RESOLUTION 2019-15

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BILL OF 2003

WHEREAS, health care costs continue to rise for all Americans, and for most Americans these increases can be financially devastating and impact the health of the individual; and

WHEREAS, Medicare is the focus of many lawmakers who portray it as an "entitlement" program that costs the US Treasury too much money. Technically, "entitlement" may be the proper term; however, as used, it implies a negative connotation; and

WHEREAS, Medicare is an essential medical plan that millions of seniors and disabled individuals depend upon to maintain their health care and manage often costly conditions. 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 after retirement; 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 the Medicare Prescription Drug bill, they enacted a law that does allow Medicare to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for drug prices 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 per 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 is a systemic problem that significantly affects the people of our state and our nation. It deserves non-partisan effort to correct; and

Steven Giomala

Gerald Piche – Chairperson

William Cech – Vice Chairperson

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WHEREAS, balancing the budget on the backs of those who can least afford it, the elderly and disabled, shall not be allowed. Increases in premiums and inflated drug costs are unacceptable ways to deal with the flawed Medicare Prescription Drug bill; and

WHEREAS, the Medicare program must be preserved as it currently exists and to do so requires immediate and swift action to cut inflated and unnecessary costs, particularly in the area of prescription drug coverage; and

WHEREAS, revision of the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003 to allow for the negotiation of lower drug prices and the importation of identical, less costly, drugs from Canada and elsewhere is needed to rectify the high cost of drug prescriptions; 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 staggering 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 which may cause many to contemplate discontinuing medically necessary drugs in order to pay their home related monthly bills (electric, heat, etc.) and/or have food to eat; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Board of Commissioners goes on record urging our legislators to commence the process of revising the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003 to allow negotiating lower drug prices and the importation of identical, less costly, drugs from Canada and elsewhere; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to our area Federal and State Legislators, the National Association of Counties, Michigan Association of Counties, and the 82 Michigan counties.


Motion by Commissioner Cech, supported by Commissioner Lang to adopt above resolution at a regular meeting of the Menominee County Board of Commissioners, this 9th day of July, 2019.

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0



Gerald Piche, Chairperson
Menominee County Board of Commissioners



Marc Kleiman
Menominee County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF MENOMINEE)

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Proclaimed this 16th day of July, 2019



Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson

Marquette County Board of Commissioners