



# TUSCOLA COUNTY

## Board of Commissioners

### BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 25, 2023 – 8:00 AM

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723

***Public may participate in the meeting electronically:***

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8:00 AM Call to Order - Chairperson Vaughan  
Prayer - Commissioner Vaughan  
Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Bardwell  
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NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use  
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Local Units of Government Activity Report

**Lutz**

Board of Health  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
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**Koch**

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Recycling Advisory  
Jail Planning Committee  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)  
Local Units of Government

**Bardwell**

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee

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Local Units of Government Activity Report

**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 (2) days in advance of the meeting.



# MINUTES

## Board of Commissioners

### Meeting

**8:00 AM - Thursday, May 11, 2023**

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723

Commissioner Vaughan called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723, on Thursday, May 11, 2023, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Lutz

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Koch

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, Matt Koch

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tracy Violet, Clayette Zechmeister, Bob Baxter, Kristy Sutherland

Also Present Virtual: Debbie Babich, Rachel Adam, Isaac White, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Dara Hood, Cody Horton, Tim Green, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Shawn Robinson, Steve Root, Amanda Michael, Register Marianne Brandt, Kate Curtis, Greg Rynearson, Mitchell Holmes, Ean Lee, Carrie Tabar, Cindy Hughes

At 8:15 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2023-M-102

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Matt Koch to adopt the agenda as presented.  
Motion Carried.

#### **Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2023-M-103

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the meeting minutes from the April 27, 2023 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

**Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only**

-Clerk Jodi Fetting addressed the Board's Subcommittee meetings and requested that the Board leave those open to the public.

**Consent Agenda**

2023-M-104

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the May 8, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. 2023 Tuscola County Planning Commission Annual Report -  
Move to receive and place on file the 2023 Tuscola County Planning Commission Annual Report.
2. Land Bank Appointment -  
Move to appoint Mark Ransford to the Tuscola County Land Bank for the term of March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2026.

**New Business**

1. Use of Funds from the Jail Capital Improvements Fund -  
Robert Baxter, Undersheriff, explained the legal recommendation that the Undersheriff received regarding purchasing information to be distributed regarding the upcoming jail proposal.

2023-M-105

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the budget amendment of \$10,000.00 in the Jail Capital Improvements Fund line item 488-100-727-000 through the use of fund balance. Motion Carried.

2. Planning Commission Request for Funds and Budget Amendments -

2023-M-106

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the request from Heidi Stark, Planning Commission, to appropriate \$100.00 to 101-400-727-000 Supplies, Printing and Postage and \$800.00 to 101-400-957-000 Employee Training from the General Fund Contingency line item 101-890-965-000. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

3. Home Delivered Meals Program -

2023-M-107

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Thomas Bardwell that \$177,701.00 be transferred to the Voted Senior Citizens fund (297) from Provision of Government Services (PGS) fund balance in the General Fund to provide an additional 24,376 meals for the seniors across Tuscola County that would otherwise be added to a wait list due to the shortage of funds in the Voted Senior Citizens fund. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

4. Community Corrections Fiscal Year 2024 Grant -

2023-M-108

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that per the request from David Stevens, Community Corrections Coordinator, that Resolution 2023-10 Fiscal Year 2024 Community Corrections Grant Application be approved. Motion Carried.

5. Marine Patrol Boat Purchase -

2023-M-109

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Young that per the request from Sheriff Glen Skrent, to purchase a marine patrol boat through the use of the Provision of Government Services (PGS) fund balance of up to \$150,000.00. Also, approve the Sheriff to make an application for a Community Facility Grant through the USDA that could potentially assist with up to \$50,000 of the purchase. Funds are to be transferred from the General Fund balance to the Equipment/Technology fund (244) for the purchase. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

6. Shay Lake - Lake Level Resolution -

2023-M-110

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the request from Robert Mantey, Tuscola County Drain Commissioner to approve Shay Lake - Lake Level Resolution 2023-11.  
Motion Carried.

7. Murphy Lake - Lake Level Resolution -

2023-M-111

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that per the request from Robert Mantey, Tuscola County Drain Commissioner to approve Murphy Lake - Lake Level Resolution 2023-12.  
Motion Carried.

8. Health Department Revenue Loss -



2023-M-112

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Matt Koch that per the request from Amanda Ertman, Tuscola County Health Officer that Tuscola County refund the Tuscola County Health Department for a total of \$49,632.50 for loss revenues due to reduced food licenses through board action. Funds from the Provision of Government Services (PGS) fund balance in the General Fund are to be used. Also, any appropriate budget adjustments are authorized. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

1. Board of Commissioner Sub-Committee Meetings Discussion -  
-Board discussed the matter at length. After the discussion, the Board will continue the sub-committee meetings as an open meeting and post the meeting when called with minutes taken by staff in the County Clerk's Office.

**Correspondence/Resolutions**

1. Legislative Update 4-28-2023 - The Michigan Association of Counties
2. Village of Millington Establishment of Commercial Redevelopment District
3. 5-1-2023 Correspondence from EDC
4. Notice of Opportunity to Comment
5. Livingston County Resolution - Support Second Amendment
6. 2023-06 Urging Repair of the Cornwall Creek Flooding Dam
7. 2023-07 Resolution to Instruct Our Representatives to Oppose All Firearms Control Legislation
8. 2023-08 Resolution Declaring Alger County a Constitutional Second Amendment Sanctuary County
9. 2023-09 Resolution Supporting Dark Store Legislation
10. Osceola County Resolution 2023-009 To Oppose All Firearms Control Legislation
11. Sobriety and Mental Health Court Graduation - Midway Hall on June 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

**Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports*****Bardwell***

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee  
Met last week and discussed current finance.

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Local Units of Government Activity Report

**Young**

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison

Dispatch Authority Board

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works -  
DYNA Sales and Service received an Impact Award.

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Region VII Economic Development Planning

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Senior Services Advisory Council

Tuscola 2020

Local Units of Government Activity Report

**Vaughan**

No report.

Board of Health

County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC Environmental Regulatory

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use

Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

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**Lutz**

Board of Health  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
Shared his experience when DYNA received their award.  
Jail Planning Committee  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
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Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

**Koch**

No report.

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Recycling Advisory  
Jail Planning Committee  
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Local Units of Government

**Other Business as Necessary**

-Opioid Task Force Meeting - Clayette reported that the first meeting has happened and there was a good discussion with many great ideas brought to the table.

-MAC Podcast - Commissioner Bardwell addressed the importance of watching the Podcasts as things in Lansing are moving very quickly.

-MREC Meeting - Clayette reported that the final order has been drafted. The order just needs to be signed. After that a report will be provided to the Board.

At 9:12 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

**Extended Public Comment**

-Kate Curtis addressed Commissioner Vaughan's comments made during the meeting.

**Adjournment**

2023-M-113

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO

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# MINUTES

## Committee of the Whole Meeting

**8:00 AM - Monday, May 22, 2023**

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723

Commissioner Vaughan called the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723, on Monday, May 22, 2023, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, Matt Koch

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Angie Daniels, William Sanders, Bob Brown, Tyler Ray, Larry Zapfe

Also Present Virtual: Jon Ramirez, Debbie Babich, Dara Hood, Renee Francisco, Mitchell Holmes, Register Marianne Brandt, Angie Daniels, Tim Green, Kate Curtis, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Tracy Violet, Amanda Michael, Pam Shook, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Cristi Smith, Mark Haney, Mark Ransford

At 8:22 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### County Updates

None

### New Business

1. 2023 Tuscola County L-4029 Summer Levy - Angie Daniels, Equalization Director, presented the Summer Tax Rate Request Form. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Ticks in Tuscola County - Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, reported that there is an increase in tick cases being reported. Tips have been posted to the Tuscola County website.

3. Biology Technician Position Assignment -  
Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, requested filling the open Seasonal Biology Technician with Dennis Haley. Also, to fill the Seasonal Assistant Foreman position with Rodney Spiers. Matters to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. Budget Amendment Request -  
Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, presented the budget amendment request. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
5. Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented information on the award received.

**Old Business**

None

**Finance/Technology*****Primary Finance/Technology***

1. Marine Grant - Robert Baxter, Undersheriff  
Robert Baxter, Undersheriff, explained the grant program and the amount of contingency fund that will need to be used. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Budget Amendment Request Regarding Sheriff's Department Taser Replacement -  
Robert Baxter, Undersheriff, explained the grant program that was applied for and awarded. The amount of matching funds needed was explained to be used out of the road patrol fund balance. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Body Worn Cameras Project - Animal Control -  
Tyler Ray, Animal Control Director, presented a request for the purchase of Body Worn Cameras. Director Ray to work with CIO Lee regarding which style of body cameras to purchase. Matter to be brought back to the Board on Thursday.
4. Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Automatic Door Lock Badge ID Access System Project -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the grant received for the project. Matter to be added to Thursday's agenda for further discussion.
5. Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Digital Cameras Project -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, will present more information at Thursday's meeting.

***On-Going and Other Finance***

None

***On-Going and Other Technology***

The District Court OnBase project has begun.

**Building and Grounds**

***Primary Building and Grounds***

None

***On-Going and Other Building and Grounds***

None

**Personnel**

***Primary Personnel***

None

***On-Going and Other Personnel***

None

**Other Business as Necessary**

1. Region VII Area Agency on Aging Update - Bob Brown and William Sanders provided an update on the program.

**Public Comment Period**

None

**Adjournment**

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO

ORIGINAL TO: County Clerk(s)  
COPY TO: Equalization Department(s)  
COPY TO: Each Township or City Clerk

**2023 TAX RATE REQUEST (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2023)**

**MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes <b>Tuscola</b>	2023 Taxable value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 05-23-2022 <b>2023 Taxable Value minus Ren Zone</b>	2023 Taxable Value (All) <b>2,190,269,646</b>	<b>2,182,988,547</b>
Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy <b>County</b>	For LOCAL School Districts: 2022 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Agricultural, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal Properties.		

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119.

The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2023 tax roll.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Source	Purpose of Millage	Date of Election	Original Millage Authorized by Election, Charter, etc.	2022 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d	2023 Current Year Millage Reduction Fraction	2023 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d	2023 Sec 211.34 Millage Rollback Fraction	2023 Maximum Allowable Millage Levy *	Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	Expiration Date of Millage Authorized
Alloc	Operating	Nov-64	4.2000	3.9141	1.0000	3.9141	1.0000	3.9141	3.9141		frozen

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Prepared by <b>Angie Daniels</b>	Telephone Number <b>989-672-3833</b>	Title of Preparer <b>Equalization Director</b>	Date <b>05.02.23</b>
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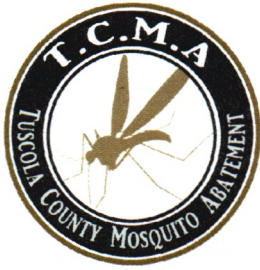
**Certification:** As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and, for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.1211(3).

<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> President			

\* Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24e, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24e must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

Local School District Use Only. Complete if requesting millage to be levied. See STC Bulletin 2 of 2022 for instructions on completing this section.	
Total School District Operating Rates to be Levied (HH/Supp and NH Oper ONLY)	Rate
For Principal Residence, Qualified Ag., Qualified Forest and Industrial Personal	
For Commercial Personal	
For all Other	





## TUSCOLA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

1500 Press Drive  
Caro, Michigan 48723-9291  
989-672-3748 Phone ~ 989-672-3724 Fax  
*Larry Zapfe, Director*

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To: Tuscola Board of Commissioners  
Clayette Zechmeister-County Controller/Administrator

From: Larry Zapfe

Date: May 22, 2023

Re: Ticks in Tuscola County. Respectfully, request to fill the current vacant position of Seasonal Biology Technician. Respectfully, request to fill Seasonal Assistant Foreman position.

1. Ticks in Tuscola County.

- A brief talk of presence and awareness.

2. Request to fill current vacant position of Seasonal Biology Technician at Step 2 (\$16.73 per hour) with long time employee, Dennis Haley. Mr. Haley would be vacating the Assistant foreman position. This would be a budget neutral request since the pay scales are the same for both positions.

- The Seasonal Biology Technician has remained vacant due to a shortage in personnel. With the hiring of two new technicians for the 2023 season, we now have the opportunity to provide our Biologist with much needed assistance.
- The biology lab is a key component in identifying and protecting our resident from mosquito borne diseases. The lab also determines which areas of the county are experiencing higher counts of mosquito activity through trapping results. This determines where treatment efforts need to be focused.
- The Seasonal Biology Technician position also provides a vital back-up to our Biologist in the event of her absence.

3. Request to fill Seasonal Assistant Foreman position with long time employee, Rodney Spiers, at Step 1 of the pay scale (\$16.33 per hour). This would create an approximate increase to the 2023 Mosquito Abatement part-time budget of approximately \$2000 with FICA and work comp included.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Larry Zapfe, Director



# 2023 Marine Safety Program (STATE Funding) Grant Agreement

Required by authority of 1994 PA 451, as amended, and 1972 PA 227.

This Agreement is between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for and on behalf of the State of Michigan ("DEPARTMENT") and Tuscola County Sheriff Department ("GRANTEE").

1. The GRANTEE has been approved by the DEPARTMENT to receive Marine Safety program funding for:

	Federal Funds (100%)	State Funds 75%
Operating	\$0.00	\$13,900.00

**Salaries, Wages and Benefits for:**

- Marine Safety Law Enforcement and Related Activities;
- Instruction of Boating Safety Courses;
- Inspection of Boat Liveries;
- Attendance at Authorized Marine Safety Training (attendance at the Department's Annual Administrators' Workshop and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association's New Marine Officers Training are pre-authorized).

**Operating Expenses for the Scope Items Listed Above, including:**

- Purchase of fuel, oil, and parts for patrol vehicles, watercraft, and trailers;
- Travel expenses;
- Uniforms, personal flotation devices, boat shoes, etc.;
- Leasing of vehicles, dockage, storage, eligible office space;
- Boat repair, replacement and/or servicing of boat outfitting equipment.

2. Salary and Wages are reimbursable to the GRANTEE at the employees' hourly rate. Overtime is only eligible if the employee worked in excess of 80 hours for full time employees and 40 hours for part time employees in a pay period on Marine Safety duties.
3. Operating Expenses must be done within the grant period and goods and services must be delivered and/or work performed. Pre-paying for goods and services within the grant period and then receiving them at a later date or performing the work after the expiration of the grant agreement is not allowable.
4. The percentage of the GRANTEE'S total budget devoted to operating expenses shall not exceed Forty percent (40%), unless prior approval has been obtained from the DEPARTMENT.
5. Part 801 Marine Safety, of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (1994 PA 451, as amended), authorizes the distribution of revenues to counties from the Marine Safety Fund, for the purpose of supporting county Marine Safety programs. State funding, in the amount shown below is provided to the GRANTEE by the DEPARTMENT for the purpose of supporting the GRANTEE'S Marine Safety program.  
The DEPARTMENT agrees to reimburse the GRANTEE a sum of money equal to 75% of total eligible costs toward completing the scope of work listed above, but not to exceed **\$13,900.00** dollars.  
A local match of at least 25% of total eligible costs is required for this reimbursement.  
**The Agreement period for state funding is January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.**  
Completed reimbursement request and documentation of operating expenditures are due no later than **March 1, 2024.**
6. This Agreement shall be administered on behalf of the DEPARTMENT through the Finance and Operations Division. All reports, documents, or actions required of the GRANTEE shall be submitted through MiGrants website unless otherwise instructed by the DEPARTMENT.
7. Reimbursement will be made only upon DEPARTMENT review and approval of a complete reimbursement request submitted by the GRANTEE through the MiGrants website.
8. The GRANTEE may not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement to any other agency, group or individual.
9. The GRANTEE shall display valid and proper state of Michigan registration on all vessels and comply with the state of Michigan life jacket regulations.
10. This Agreement may be canceled by the DEPARTMENT, upon 30 days written notice, due to Executive Order, budgetary reduction, other lack of funding, upon request by the GRANTEE, or upon mutual Agreement by the DEPARTMENT and GRANTEE. The DEPARTMENT may honor requests for just and equitable compensation to the GRANTEE for all satisfactory and eligible work completed under this Agreement up until 30 days after written notice, upon which time all outstanding reports and documents are due to the DEPARTMENT and the DEPARTMENT will no longer be liable to pay the GRANTEE for any further charges to the grant.
11. The GRANTEE agrees not to discriminate against an employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of

because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, height, weight, marital status, partisan considerations, or a disability or genetic information that is unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position. The GRANTEE further agrees that any subcontract shall contain non-discrimination provisions which are not less stringent than this provision and binding upon any and all subcontractors. A breach of this covenant shall be regarded as a material breach of this Agreement.

12. The GRANTEE agrees to follow the DEPARTMENT procedure policy:
  - a. The GRANTEE will openly advertise and seek written bids for contracts for purchase or services with a value equal to or greater than \$50,000.00 and accept the lowest qualified bid.
  - b. The GRANTEE will solicit three (3) written quotes for contracts with purchases or services between \$5,000.00 and \$50,000.00.
13. The Agreement may be executed separately by the parties. This Agreement is not effective until:
  - a. The GRANTEE has signed it and returned it, and
  - b. The DEPARTMENT has signed it.
14. The award is not for Research and Development.

The individuals signing for the parties indicated below certify by their signatures that they have the authority to do so and will ensure that the terms of the Agreement are fulfilled.

**GRANTEE**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGMA Vendor ID: 386004893 \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGMA Address ID: CV0048120 \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Unique Entity Identifier: DJPRRMAUYXA7 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Section Manager, Grants Management \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: 517-284-7268

Email: [dnr-grants@michigan.gov](mailto:dnr-grants@michigan.gov)



Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

# TASER Replacement

1 message

**Robert Baxter** <rbaxter@tuscolacounty.org>

Fri, May 12, 2023 at 9:57 AM

To: Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

Cc: Glen Skrent <ggs@tuscolacounty.org>, Ryan LaFlure <rlaflure@tuscolacounty.org>

Budget amendment request-

Our current Taser's are failing and the company (AXON) states that they will no longer support/repair our current models, so we are forced to upgrade.

Our trainer has negotiated a bundle package to replace 18 Tasers for the Road Patrol, 4 for the Corrections Division and 2 for Court Security. The total cost for the 60 month renewal is \$79,691.21.

The 6 Tasers (\$12,000) for Corrections will be paid through an MMRMA Rap Grant:

I request that \$67,691.21 be moved from the Road Patrol fund balance to Equipment & Repair 207-309-932-000 to cover the cost for the Road Patrol.

**Undersheriff Robert E. Baxter**  
**Tuscola County Sheriff Administration**  
**420 Court St**  
**Caro, MI 48723**  
**989-673-8161 ext 2225**  
**Fax: 989-673-8164**

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May 18, 2023

Undersheriff Robert Baxter  
Tuscola County  
420 Court St  
Caro, MI 48723

**RE: Grant Funding – Requirements for Reimbursement**

Dear Undersheriff Baxter,

I am pleased to inform you that the Risk Avoidance Program (RAP)/Certification and Accreditation Program (CAP) application for your Taser project was approved. The Membership Committee authorized funding up to a maximum of \$12,000 for your project.

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Sincerely,

*Cara L. Ceci*

Cara Ceci, ARM, CPCU  
Member Resources Manager

CC/sp

cc: Clayette Zechmeister  
MMRMA Risk Manager



Tuscola County

Clayette Zechmeister &lt;zclay@tuscolacounty.org&gt;

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## gunSHOT Box Training Aid Info

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**Steve Anderson** <tcemanderson@tuscolacounty.org>  
To: Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

Mon, May 22, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Recently the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office was awarded a Tuscola County Community Foundation - Janks Grant for the purchase of two gunSHOT Box training aids. These training aids will be utilized during the Civilian Response to Active Shooter (CRASE) training which has been done and will continue to be completed for several organizations such as: county government, libraries, school staff, medical facilities and local businesses.

In addition, these training aids will also be implemented for active shooter training for first responders to simulate the sound of gunfire in a training environment. It is hoped that these training aids will provide another sense of realism to the training to prepare first responders for potential real-world events that could occur within the county.

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*Deputy Steven Anderson*  
Emergency Manager  
420 Court St. Suite #1  
Caro, MI 48723  
Office # 989-673-5181  
Cell # **989-450-0147**  
Fax # 989-673-8164

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**Tuscola County Office of Emergency Management**

Steve Anderson, Phone: 989-450-0147  
420 Court St STE 1, Carol MI 48723  
Email: [sanderson@tuscolacounty.org](mailto:sanderson@tuscolacounty.org)

**INVOICE: 230220-2X**

Prepared by: Tim Richardson  
Phone: 216.295.0025 x7  
Email: [TimR@ScenarioTrainer.com](mailto:TimR@ScenarioTrainer.com)

Description	Qty	Unit Price	Cost
gunSHOT BOX™ Dual unit (Part # GSB-2X)	1	\$3,895.00	\$3,895.00
Spare Remotes (total 4)	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Extended Warranty: 3 Years	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shipping in the continental U.S.	1	\$65.00	\$65.00
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,960.00</b>
(If not Tax Exempt please let us know)	Tax	%	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,960.00</b>

Thank you for the opportunity to provide training equipment for those who serve! Sincerely yours, - *The Scenario Trainer Team*

Accepting all Major Credit Cards, P. Cards, Purchase Orders (due upon receipt), & Checks or Wire Transfers

**The gunSHOT BOX™**  
Electronic Gunfire Simulation System



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Tuscola County

Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

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## Account Clerk III Position

1 message

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**Ashley Bennett** <abennett@tuscolacounty.org>  
To: Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

Tue, May 23, 2023 at 11:15 AM

Good morning Clayette,

Can we please add the hiring of Kayla Siegel to the agenda for Thursday's meeting?

The Treasurer's Office would like to hire Kayla Siegel effective May 29th 2023 as the new Account Clerk III at a starting rate of \$17.81 (step 4). Her years of experience in banking coupled with her additional experience in the County Clerk's Office encourages me to match her current step in the Clerk's Office.

If you need anything additional from me, please let me know.

Thank you,  
ASHLEY BENNETT  
TUSCOLA COUNTY TREASURER  
TUSCOLA COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE  
PH: (989) 672-3895  
FAX: (989) 672-3894  
[www.tuscolacounty.org](http://www.tuscolacounty.org)



Clayette Zechmeister &lt;zclay@tuscolacounty.org&gt;

## Fwd: [EXTERNAL] LEAD Tuscola 2023-2024 Class Application and Brochure

1 message

**Jodi Fetting** <jfetting@tuscolacounty.org>

Wed, May 24, 2023 at 7:48 AM

To: Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>, Tom Young <tyoung@tuscolacounty.org>, Thomas Bardwell <tbardwell@tuscolacounty.org>, Kim Vaughan <kvaughan@tuscolacounty.org>, Matthew Koch <mkoch@cfiemail.com>, Bill Lutz <blutz@tuscolacounty.org>

Good Morning,

Can this please be added to the Board Agenda?

Tuscola County has always sponsored at least one individual each year and I am excited to see this program be revitalized.

I know that I am interested in having one of my staff participate as the benefits they receive are amazing!

Thank you!



----- Forwarded message -----

From: **LEAD TUSCOLA** <leadtuscola@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, May 15, 2023 at 11:29 AM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] LEAD Tuscola 2023-2024 Class Application and Brochure

To: Erin Schmandt <erin@carolibrary.org>, Jodi Fetting <jfetting@tuscolacounty.org>, <sotremba@ibcp.com>, <carriew@hdc-caro.org>, Osborn, Kristopher (DHHS) <OsbornK2@michigan.gov>, Karen Southgate <southgatek@michigan.gov>, <kelsey.morley@poet.com>, <yvonne.vandecar@mclaren.org>, srrickwalt@tbhs.net <srrickwalt@tbhs.net>

Good Morning,

The Steering Committee met this morning and we finalized the application for the upcoming LEAD Tuscola 2023-2024 Class. We are starting to accept applications.

I have attached the application for your information and we welcome students from your organization. Please feel free to pass this onto others in your organization and/or business place.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us.

Thank you.

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*Rita Papp*

LEAD Steering Committee Secretary



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## APPLICATION

### LEAD Tuscola Mission Statement:

A Process to **Lead, Educate And Develop** tomorrow's leaders today for Tuscola County

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

- Please complete each section completely.
- Type or print in black ink all required information.
- A letter of recommendation is required. Please attach to your application.
- Application must be signed by applicant and their sponsoring organization or employer, (where applicable).
- **Application should be submitted by August 15, 2023 to be considered for this year's program.**
- The program is limited to 20 participants.
- Application to LEAD Tuscola is open to all persons living or working in Tuscola County who demonstrate a commitment to Tuscola County.
- Each participant must be able to make a time commitment of at least one day per month, plus time outside of each session to work on individual projects.
- Nominations will be accepted from employers, public or private organizations, civic organizations to ensure a complete representation of Tuscola County. Nominees may nominate themselves for participation also.
- LEAD Tuscola is a 501c3 organization.

**PROGRAM APPLICATION**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME or CELL PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**WORK NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAX NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**YEARS IN TUSCOLA COUNTY** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE OF BIRTH** \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION**

**Beginning with high school, list all colleges, trade schools or business schools you have attended. Also list any military time.**

<b>NAME AND CITY OF SCHOOL</b>	<b>FROM/TO</b>	<b>AREA OF STUDY</b>
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**EMPLOYMENT**

**PRESENT EMPLOYER** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMPLOYED SINCE** \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST ANY PREVIOUS EMPLOYERS BEGINNING WITH THE MOST RECENT**

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**ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**List in order of importance to you, and organizations or community involvement have participated in. (Examples include church, Rotary, 4-H, Christmas in July, etc.)**

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**What do you consider to be your biggest contribution to Tuscola County? If you have not been involved in community activities until now, what has changed to get you more involved?**

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**What do you expect to gain from participating in LEAD Tuscola?**

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**List problems/challenges facing Tuscola County and its residents at this time?**

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**TUITION**

Final acceptance into the LEAD Tuscola program will be based on the completed application and payment of tuition. **You or your sponsor/employer's tuition fee is \$625 and is due before or on September 5, 2023.** The tuition covers all class materials, text books, meals, and recognition banquet. This tuition is non-refundable. Scholarships and payment plans may be available, contact LEAD Tuscola for information.

**PERSONAL COMMITMENT**

Participants are required to attend all sessions to be eligible to receive recognition for completing the LEAD Tuscola program. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month October through May. **Orientation is mandatory and takes place Friday, September 29, 2023 (begins at 1 p.m. at Ralph A. MacMillan Center in Roscommon, MI) and ends Saturday, September 30, 2023 at about 2 p.m.)**. It is in your best interest to be sure you can attend all the required sessions before committing to the program. Each participant will also be expected to complete some projects outside the scheduled training times.

*I understand that it is very important for me to attend all the sessions that are scheduled for LEAD Tuscola. I understand the purpose of the program is to Lead, Educate, and Develop tomorrow's leaders today for Tuscola County and I agree to devote the required time and energy necessary to make this a positive experience for myself and for Tuscola County.*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If accepted for participation in LEAD Tuscola I will allow the use of my name and employer/organization for promotional purposes.

**SPONSOR/EMPLOYER COMMITMENT**

Our organization will pay the tuition fees for this LEAD Tuscola participant by September 5.

FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed application form to:

LEAD TUSCOLA  
c/o Rita Papp  
1119 E. Dayton Rd.  
Caro, Michigan, 48723  
CONTACT:  
PHONE: 989-996-0753  
FAX: 989-673-7310  
E-MAIL: LEADtuscola@gmail.com



MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL  
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A U T H O R I T Y

May 18, 2023

Tyler Ray  
Tuscola County  
2738 W. Caro Road  
Caro, MI 48723

**RE: Grant Funding – Requirements for Reimbursement**

Dear Mr. Ray,

I am pleased to inform you that the Risk Avoidance Program (RAP)/Certification and Accreditation Program (CAP) application for your Body Worn Cameras project was approved. The Membership Committee authorized 50% funding up to a maximum of \$254.28 for your project.

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Sincerely,

*Cara L. Ceci*

Cara Ceci, ARM, CPCU  
Member Resources Manager

CC/sp

cc: Clayette Zechmeister  
MMRMA Risk Manager



MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL  
RISK MANAGEMENT  
A U T H O R I T Y

May 18, 2023

Shelly Lutz  
Tuscola County  
125 W. Lincoln St.  
Caro, MI 48723

**RE: Grant Funding – Requirements for Reimbursement**

Dear Ms. Lutz,

I am pleased to inform you that the Risk Avoidance Program (RAP)/Certification and Accreditation Program (CAP) application for your Automatic Door Lock Badge ID Access System project was approved. The Membership Committee authorized 50% funding up to a maximum of \$15,325 for your project.

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Sincerely,

*Cara L. Ceci*

Cara Ceci, ARM, CPCU  
Member Resources Manager

CC/sp

cc: Clayette Zechmeister  
MMRMA Risk Manager



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RISK MANAGEMENT  
A U T H O R I T Y

May 18, 2023

Shelly Lutz  
Tuscola County  
125 W. Lincoln St.  
Caro, MI 48723

**RE: Grant Funding – Requirements for Reimbursement**

Dear Ms. Lutz,

I am pleased to inform you that the Risk Avoidance Program (RAP)/Certification and Accreditation Program (CAP) application for your Digital Cameras project was approved. The Membership Committee authorized 50% funding up to a maximum of \$1,484 for your project.

RAP/CAP funds are issued on a reimbursement basis. Payment will be based upon verification received from Tuscola County of their payment of the project in full. Please see the attached **RAP/CAP Grant Reimbursement Procedure** for guidelines on processing your grant payment.

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*Cara L. Ceci*

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Member Resources Manager

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cc: Clayette Zechmeister  
MMRMA Risk Manager



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# Legislative Update 5-12-23

WRITTEN BY [DEREK MELOT](#) ON MAY 12, 2023. POSTED IN [NACO](#), [BLOG](#), [EVENTS](#), [LEGISLATIVE](#), [MAC NEWS](#)

## Revenue sharing boost, other county priorities clear another budget hurdle

This week, the full House and Senate approved their fiscal 2024 budgets along party-line votes. Current plans include significant state investments for counties in a variety of areas. There are some key differences in House and Senate versions, however, which must now be resolved in joint conference committees. (To see the full text of any budget bill, [click here and search by the bill number.](#))



### *Revenue sharing*

House Bill 4292:

- 17 percent hike in revenue sharing, divided into several segments:
  - 5 percentage points would be ongoing and for general use
  - 5 percentage points would be a one-time appropriation for general use
  - 2 percentage points would be ongoing and restricted to public safety uses
  - 5 percentage points would be a one-time appropriation restricted to public safety uses

These changes would place FY24 revenue sharing at more than \$285 million.

Senate Bill 189:

- Includes the same ongoing and one-time boosts for general use as HB 4292
- Does not include additional funding for public safety

- Ends the County Incentive Program and its requirements for the annual submission of verification of the posting of budgets online and the publication of citizens guides
- Allows access to any unallocated funds from a \$750 million appropriation for municipal pension assistance for use as grants for local governments with OPEB obligations funded at 7 percent or less
- Adds a new program within the Department of Attorney General to assist communities with high crime, allocating \$10 million and 45 full-time positions

The Senate plan would place FY24 revenue sharing at \$269 million.

## *Health and human services*

House Bill 4310:

- Direct care wage increase
  - \$2.35/hour and \$140 million for an additional \$1/hour increase on a one-time basis
- Child Care Fund (community-based state reimbursement)
  - \$31.5 million to implement a recommendation from the Michigan Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform
  - Statutorily increases the state Child Care Fund Reimbursement rate from 50 percent to 75 percent for community-based juvenile justice services
- Foster Family Maintenance Payment Increase
  - \$12 million to fund a 5 percent increase to daily payments
- Behavioral Health Recruiting and Retention (one-time)
  - \$5 million for recruitment and retention programs for behavioral health professionals (using federal coronavirus state fiscal recovery funds)
- Medicaid Mental Health Local Match
  - \$5 million to replace a like amount of local funding used for Medicaid mental health supports and services (This amount reflects the fourth year of phasing out to the local match portion over a five-year period.)
- Essential Local Public Health Services Increase
  - \$14 million to support an estimated 50 percent of the costs of essential local public health services
- Court-operated facility construction
  - \$25 million to construct a 32-bed court operated facility in northern Michigan for youth involved in the court system



Senate Bill 190:

- Direct care worker wage increases
  - 65 cents per hour increase in direct care worker wages
  - \$3 per hour increase to non-direct care staff at long-term care facilities
- Child Care Fund reimbursement rates
  - \$31.5 million for increase to 75 percent in Child Care Fund for community-based services
- Support for state share of Essential Local Public Health Services
  - \$30 million for local health departments, ongoing support for essential local public health services

## *Public safety*

House Bill 4280:

- Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Grants

- \$57.2 million for Standard 8 (Standard 8 pertains to economic disincentives and incentives, including rates of payment for salaried public defenders, compensation and expenses for assigned counsel, contracting for indigent defense services, conflict counsel, reimbursements and payments.)



Senate Bill 195:

- Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Grants
  - \$30 million for Standard 8

### *Transportation*

House Bill 4309:

- \$6.81 billion in total funding
- Adds \$400 million for local road preservation, which would be distributed to local road agencies based on population
  - This is in addition to Public Act 51 dollars
- \$100 placeholder for bridge bundling program
- \$75 million in local bus operating investments
- \$33 million for rail grade separation



Senate Bill 178:

- \$6.83 billion in total funding
- \$150 million for bridge bundling program
- \$100 million for Intermodal Capital Investment Grant Program
- \$150 million for local road funding projects for the largest six counties in Michigan, distributed by population
  - This is in addition to Public Act 51 dollars
- \$100 million for critical infrastructure projects
- \$100 million for high-speed rail
- \$50 million for a rail grade separation project in Trenton

### *Environment*

House Bill 4249:

- \$1.45 billion in total spending (\$395.5 million is General Fund)
- \$110 million in General Fund for replacing lead service lines and providing technical assistance to communities, supplemented by \$100 million in one-time federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund dollars
- \$40 million for grants to communities to establish wind, solar and energy storage facilities
- \$20 million for dam safety and risk reduction



Senate Bill 199:

- \$1.08 billion in total spending (\$334.2 million is General Fund)
- \$100 million for replacing lead service lines and providing technical assistance to communities
- \$25 million for environmental justice and contaminated site clean-up
- \$25 million for dam safety and risk reduction

The Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC) is scheduled for Friday, May 19 to set final resource numbers for FY24. After CREC, conference committees will be held. Final budget numbers are yet to be determined.

For more information on the budget, contact Samantha Gibson at [gibson@micounties.org](mailto:gibson@micounties.org), Madeline Fata at [fata@micounties.org](mailto:fata@micounties.org) or Deena Bosworth at [bosworth@micounties.org](mailto:bosworth@micounties.org).

## MAC-opposed mining regulation bill still in committee

A House committee on Tuesday deferred action on legislation that attacks local control after local governments and residents delivered thoughtful testimony to keep aggregate zoning authority out of the hands of the state.

MAC appreciates the support of members who have used our [digital advocacy tool](#) in recent days to send messages of opposition to [House Bills 4526-28](#).

The House Regulatory Reform Committee held a two-hour session Tuesday on the bills, which aim to eliminate local control of sand and gravel mining operations and grant regulating authority to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE).



Aggregate and construction industries argued in favor of the bills, based largely on how much money could be saved by placing the permitting power in the hands of the state and the inconvenience of having to deal with townships and public input.

EGLE has not taken a position, but department officials noted the department currently oversees just eight active mining permits and are uncertain how many more would fall under their purview should this legislation pass. The speakers were also unclear on the number of full-time employees they would need to run the program.

The Michigan Townships Association (MTA) and Michigan Municipal League (MML) spoke strongly in opposition to the legislation. In its testimony, MTA disproved several claims made by proponents, including one that 37 of its members had delayed, denied or disrupted the permitting process. In reality, MTA noted, these townships had simply hired attorneys to help review the proposals.

**Though MAC did not testify, the association remains opposed to the legislation**, as it would set a dangerous precedent on preemption of local control in other policy areas.

While the committee took no action on the bills this week, it will resume its review on May 16. MAC urges members to [use our digital advocacy tool](#) to send a message of opposition to their members of the Michigan House without delay.

For more information on this issue, contact Madeline Fata at [fata@micounties.org](mailto:fata@micounties.org).

## Local control under multiple attacks under Capitol dome

In the [newest episode of MAC's Podcast 83](#), host Stephan Currie and the MAC Governmental Affairs Team of Deena Bosworth, Madeline Fata and Samantha Gibson catch up on legislative activity, particularly the following:



- Attack on local control, part I (mining): House Bills 4526-28 would gut the principle of local control in a bid to make it easier to site gravel and sand pits around Michigan.
- Attack on local control, part II (labor): House Bill 4438 would extend binding arbitration to county correctional officers, thereby transferring decisions on county staffing and budget matters to unaccountable third parties.



MAC is asking members to use [our digital advocacy tool](#) to send messages of opposition to both legislative attacks as soon as possible.

However, those bills, and potentially every other legislative initiative, could be halted in a matter of weeks due to political gamesmanship in Lansing and the action of “sine die.”

As Bosworth explained, the narrow Democratic majorities in the House and Senate lack the votes on their own to give the fiscal year 2024 budget immediate effect to ensure the fiscal plan starts with the beginning of the state’s budget year on Oct. 1. The talk in Lansing is Senate Republicans will refuse to allow immediate effect, thereby forcing the effective date of state spending bills 90 days beyond Oct. 1, a fiscal crisis.

To avert this, Democrats are looking at “sine die.” To learn more, [see the full video](#), taped on May 8, 2023.

Previous episodes can be seen at [MAC’s YouTube Channel](#).

And you always can find details about Podcast 83 [on the MAC website](#).

## Federal mandate could worsen medical care facility staffing crisis

An expected federal staffing mandate for nursing facilities could hurt medical care facilities (MCFs) that already are dealing with staffing shortages.

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, federal law requires Medicare and Medicaid-certified nursing homes to provide 24-hour licensed services, with a registered professional nurse used at least eight hours per day, seven days a week.

There is potential for the federal government to implement increased staffing requirements. Penalties for not meeting likely mandated staffing ratios will be detrimental to facilities that are already struggling to recruit qualified staff.



Michigan, though, already is facing a loss of about 10,000 nursing facility employees, or 17 percent of Michigan’s long-term care workforce, says the Health Care Association of Michigan (HCAM).

MAC and the [Michigan Counties Medical Care Facilities Council](#), which represents the county MCFs, will continue to watch for federal mandates pertaining to increased staffing ratios and any potential penalties for not being able to meet such standards.

For more information on this issue, contact Samantha Gibson at [gibson@micounties.org](mailto:gibson@micounties.org).

**Save taxes and trees by enrolling in MDARD’s Qualified Forest Program**

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Qualified Forest Program (QFP) is now accepting applications for the 2024 tax year with applications being due no later 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023.



“MDARD’s Qualified Forest Program is designed to encourage Michigan’s landowners to actively manage their privately owned forests for commercial harvest, wildlife habitat enhancement, and improvement of other forest resources,” said Jim Johnson, Director of MDARD’s Environmental Stewardship Division “The program provides two potential tax benefits for enrolled landowners in exchange for managing their forests in a sustainable fashion.”

The two possible benefits which helps save landowners on property taxes are:

- School Tax Affidavit —Authorizes an exemption from the local school operation millage up to 18 mills of school operating taxes a year. The exemption only applies to land value.
- Taxable Value Affidavit—Keeps the previous owner’s property taxable value from uncapping on enrolled land after a transfer of ownership.

Requirements for the program:

- Parcels must be 20 acres or larger to qualify
- A forest management plan must be written by a qualified forester
- Buildings and structures are allowed, but are not eligible for exemption
- Enrolled landowners must pay an annual fee; public access is not required

For parcels less than 40 acres, no less than 80 percent of that parcel must be stocked with productive forest. For parcels of 40 acres or more, at least 50 percent must be stocked with productive forest.

To apply, landowners are required to submit a QFP Application form, QFP Stand Summary and Harvest Schedule, copy of the most recent deed and/or land contract, copy of a tax bill(s), \$50 application fee, and forest management plan.

To get started with the Qualified Forest Program or for more information, visit the [www.Michigan.gov/QFP](http://www.Michigan.gov/QFP), call 517-284-5630, or reach out to your local conservation district.

## Staff picks

- Wayne State University installing Narcan dispensers in 27 counties throughout Michigan (NACo News)
- ‘Breaking Bad’ actor’s role of a lifetime: County commissioner (NACo News)
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### MPPS Policy Brief

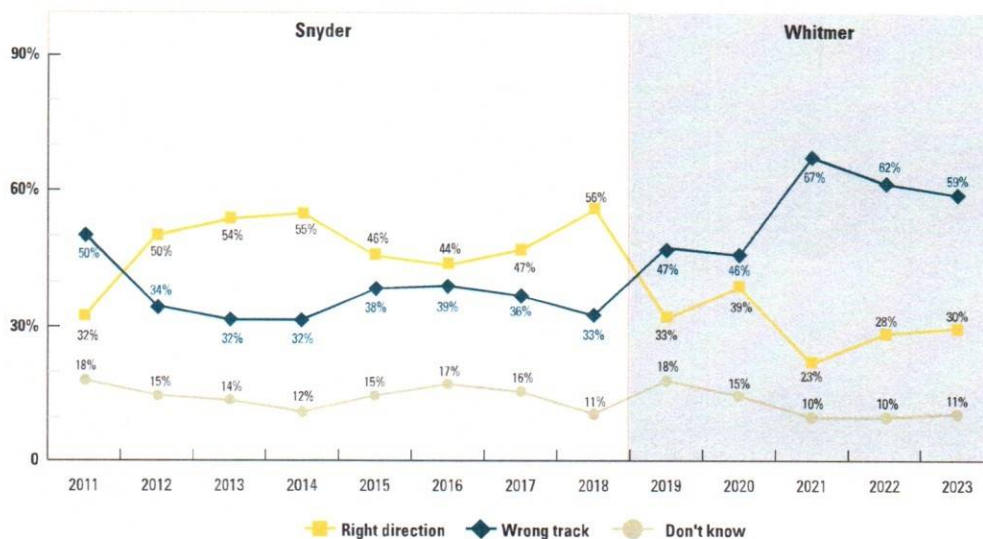
## Despite two-year trend of improvement, most Michigan local officials continue to say the state is on the wrong track

By Debra Horner, Thomas Ivacko, and Natalie Fitzpatrick

Statewide, 59% of Michigan’s local government officials say the state is off on the wrong track in 2023 (see *Figure 1*). This is an improvement from 62% in 2022 and from the series high of 67% in 2021, but local leaders’ views still have not recovered to pre-COVID levels. Meanwhile, 30% believe the state is generally going in the right direction, a slight improvement from 28% last year and from the series low of 23% in 2021. Overall, 11% are unsure about the direction the state is headed.

Not surprisingly, the MPPS has found these assessments are linked to local leaders’ partisan identification and whichever party controls the Governor’s office. In other words, Republican local leaders express more support for the state’s direction when a Republican is governor and less when a Democrat is in office, and vice versa in the case of Democratic local leaders’ assessments (as seen in *Figure 2*). Meanwhile, the statewide percentages in *Figure 1* reflect the makeup of the state’s local governments, which include 1,240 townships—most of which are rural, small in terms of population, and led by Republicans—compared with 533 cities and villages which are more often led by Democrats, and 83 counties. Indeed, in 2023, 60% of the MPPS respondents self-identify as Republicans, while 17% say they are Independents, and 23% identify as Democrats.

**Figure 1**  
Percentage of local officials who say Michigan is headed in the ‘right direction’ or is off on the ‘wrong track,’ 2011-2023

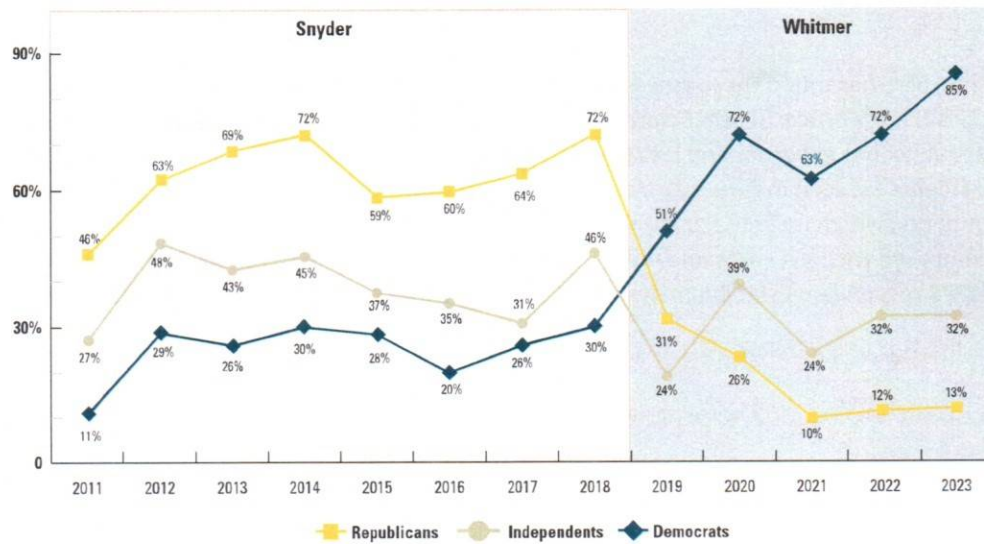


## Most Republicans and Independents remain pessimistic about the state's direction, while Democrats' optimism grows

The MPPS has tracked the connection between local officials' partisanship and their views of the state's direction since 2011, and the 2023 survey continues to reveal stark differences in how the partisan groups feel about the state's direction.

With the governor's office currently held by Democrat Gretchen Whitmer, only 13% of Republican local officials say the state is going in the right direction, essentially equivalent to the 12% who said the same last year (see *Figure 2*), and from 10% in 2021. Similarly, optimism about the state's direction among local officials who are self-identified Independents (32%) remained unchanged this year, though it is up from 24% in 2021. By comparison, the percentage of self-identified Democrats who think Michigan is headed in the right direction jumped significantly this year to 85%, from 72% in 2022 and 63% in 2021.

**Figure 2**  
Percentage of local officials who say Michigan is headed in the 'right direction' in 2011-2023, by partisan identification





## Local leaders' assessments of Governor Whitmer's performance closely mirror their views on direction of the state as "poor" ratings decline

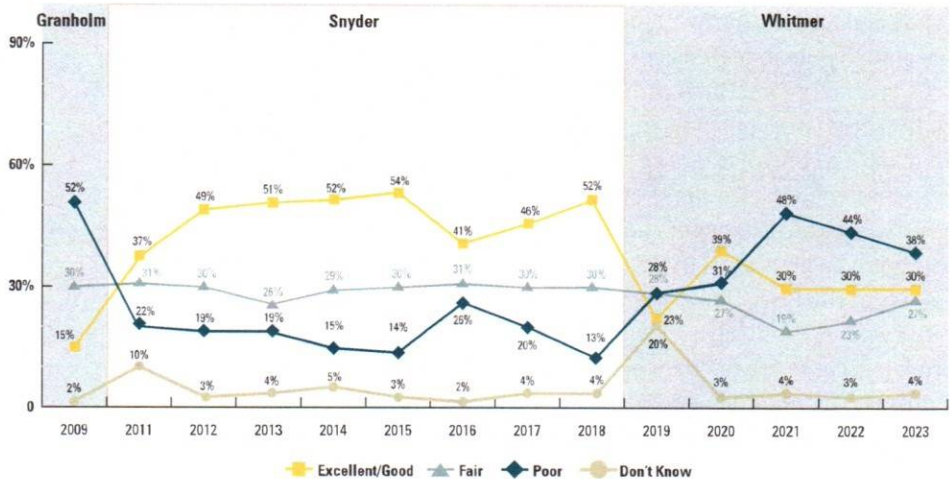
The MPPS also asks local officials to evaluate the job performance of the sitting governor, starting in 2009 with Governor Jennifer Granholm, through Governor Rick Snyder's two terms, and now into current Governor Gretchen Whitmer's second term.

In 2023, less than a third (30%) of local leaders statewide rate Governor Whitmer's performance as "excellent" or "good," unchanged from 30% last year, and less than the 34% who say the state is headed in the right direction (see Figure 3). Meanwhile, 27% rate the Governor's job performance as "fair," up slightly from 23% a year ago. Over a third (38%) rate her performance today as "poor," a decrease from 44% last year.

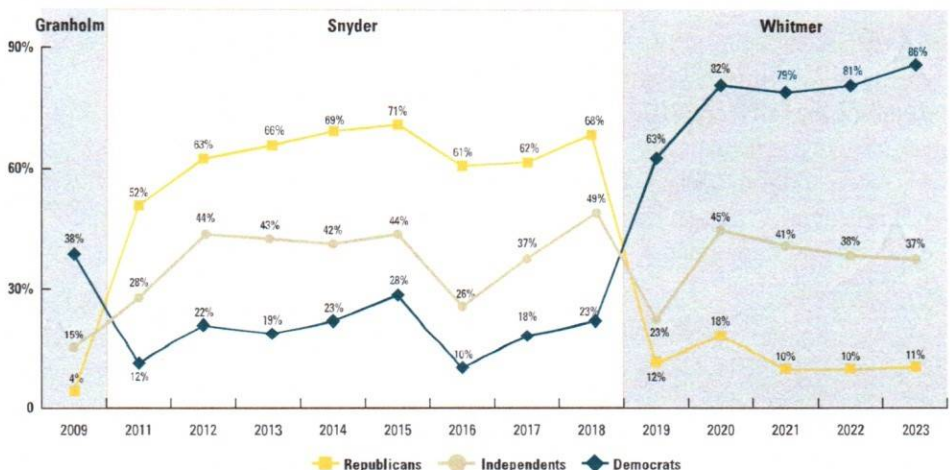
As with assessments of the state's direction, these ratings on job performance are also strongly associated with partisanship. As shown in Figure 4, 86% of Democratic local leaders currently give Governor Whitmer positive ratings, up from an already high 81% in 2022. Among Independents, her positive ratings (37%) are essentially unchanged from last year.

Meanwhile, just 11% of Republican local leaders rate Governor Whitmer's performance as good or excellent in 2023, also basically unchanged from last year. Although not shown in the figure, this year 53% of Republican local officials give Governor Whitmer's performance a poor rating, a significant drop from the 62% who said the same last year.

**Figure 3**  
Local officials' evaluations of Governor Whitmer's performance compared with previous Governors' performances, 2009-2023



**Figure 4**  
Percentage of local officials who rate the Governor's performance as 'excellent' or 'good' in 2009-2023, by partisan identification

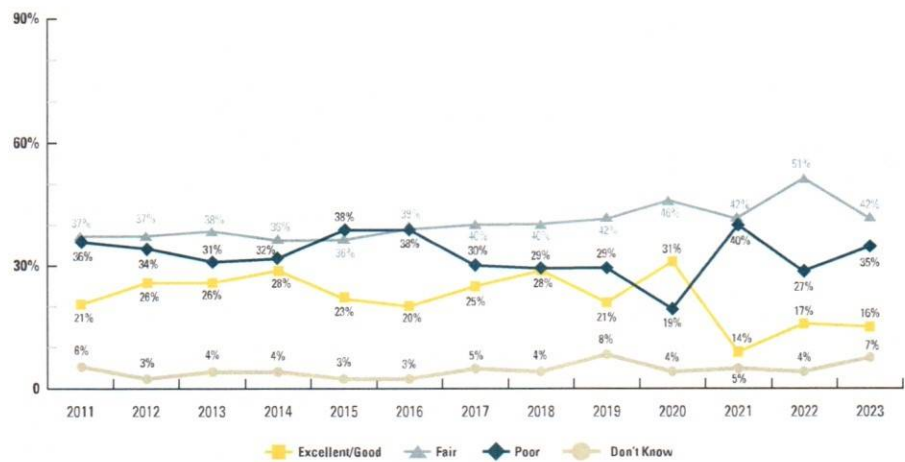


## Assessments of the Michigan Legislature shift markedly in partisan direction

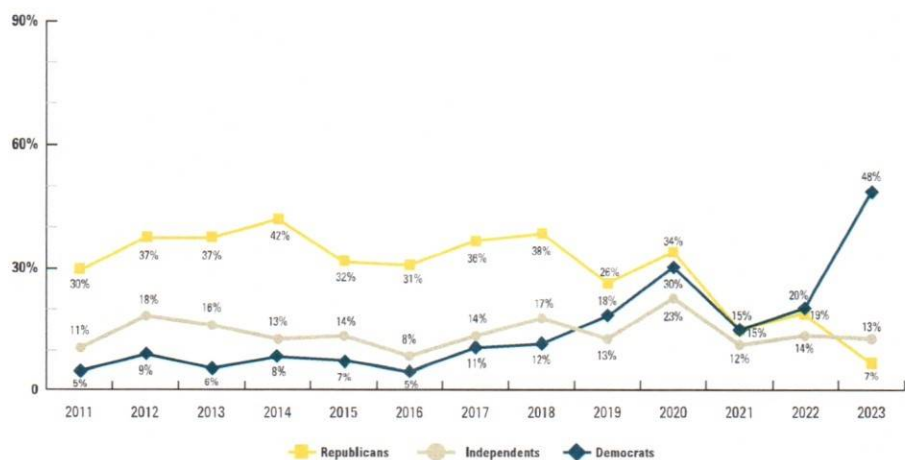
Last year, local leaders' assessments of the Michigan Legislature's performance shifted toward the positive. However, in 2023, with the change in partisan control of both the Michigan House and Senate from Republicans to Democrats, sentiments have once more turned downward statewide. Relatively few local leaders overall believe the Michigan Legislature is doing an outright excellent or good job (16%), and ratings of fair dropped from 51% in 2022 to 42% in 2023 (see *Figure 5*). At the same time, the percent who view its performance as poor jumped from 27% last year to 35% today.

By contrast with ongoing partisan-affiliated evaluations of the state's direction and of Governor Whitmer's performance, earlier partisan differences in evaluations of the Legislature's performance had nearly disappeared over the last few years. However, with the change of partisan legislative control after the November 2022 elections, local partisan sentiments have triggered a huge shift in the views of the Legislature's work this year. Although the views of Independents are unchanged, with 13% saying the Legislature is doing an excellent or good job, Republican leaders' positive ratings have dropped from 19% last year to 7% this year, while Democrats' have more than doubled from 20% to 48% (see *Figure 6*). It is worthwhile noting that the MPPS survey ran from early February to early April this year, corresponding with just the earliest days of the new legislative session under Democratic control.

**Figure 5**  
Local officials' evaluations of Michigan Legislature's performance, 2009-2023



**Figure 6**  
Percentage of local officials who rate the Michigan Legislature's performance as 'excellent' or 'good' in 2009-2023, by partisan identification



## Survey Background and Methodology

The Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS) is an ongoing census survey of all 1,856 general purpose local governments in Michigan conducted since 2009 by the Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) at the University of Michigan's Gerald R Ford School of Public Policy. The program is a partnership with Michigan's local government associations. The Spring 2023 wave was conducted February 6 – April 17, 2023. Respondents include county administrators, board chairs, and clerks; city mayors, managers, and clerks; village presidents, managers, and clerks; and township supervisors, managers, and clerks from 1,307 jurisdictions across the state, resulting in a 70% response rate by unit. More information is available at <https://closup.umich.edu/michigan-public-policy-survey/mpps-2023-spring>

See CLOSUP's website for the full question text on the survey questionnaire. Detailed tables of the data in this report, including breakdowns by various community characteristics, will be available soon at <http://mpps.umich.edu>.

*The survey responses presented here are those of local Michigan officials and residents, while further analysis represents the views of the authors. Neither necessarily reflects the views of the University of Michigan, or of other partners in the MPPS.*



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## [EXTERNAL] Notice of Resignation

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Tue, May 23, 2023 at 3:28 PM

To: "Bardwell, Thomas" <tbardwell@tuscolacounty.org>, Bill Lutz <blutz@tuscolacounty.org>, Matthew Koch <mkoch@cfiemail.com>, "Vaughan, Kim" <kvaughan@tuscolacounty.org>, "Young, Tom" <tyoung@tuscolacounty.org>  
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Dear Tuscola County Commissioners,

After some mindful reflection, I have decided to resign from MSU Extension effective Wednesday, June 14, 2023, with my last day in the office being Friday, May 26, 2023. This was not an easy decision, but I firmly believe the timing is right. I have enjoyed working with you and serving as your District Director over these past five years.

It was a pleasure collaborating with you and I did my best to serve Tuscola County in a professional manner while focusing on the needs of our residents.

Until such time as a new District Director is hired, Phil Kaatz, will be assuming my responsibilities on an interim basis.

I am going to take the summer off to enjoy our blue water and evaluate my next steps. My mobile number will remain unchanged.

Warm Regards,

Jerry

**Jerry Johnson**

**District 10 Director** – *serving the counties of Huron, Lapeer, St. Clair, Sanilac and Tuscola*

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**MICHIGAN HOUSE BILLS 4526-4528  
Opposition to Legislation Preempting Local Control**

**WHEREAS**, legislation preempting local control over sand and gravel mining was introduced this week in the House with House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills aim to eliminate local control of aggregate mining operations and place the regulating authority in the hands of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), usurping all local authority including all local zoning, administration, and ordinance over the industry; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments support access to aggregate materials necessary to fix our roads and are uniquely positioned to know what is best for their communities; and


**WHEREAS**, the current process allows for local governments to balance these needs along those with their entire community, protecting the interests and safety of their residents, students, business, and property owners.

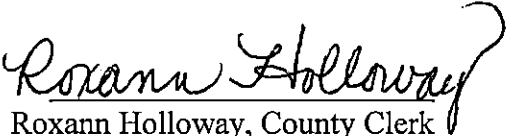
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State House of Representatives to oppose House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528 which would silence local voices on aggregate operations in our community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), Michigan Municipal League (MML), and Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) in their joint statement in this preemption of local control.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Jeff Irwin (15<sup>th</sup> District), Senator Joseph Bellino, Jr. (16<sup>th</sup> District), Representative William Buck (30<sup>th</sup> District), Representative Reggie Miller (31<sup>st</sup> District), Representative Dale Zorn (34<sup>th</sup> District), Representative Andrew Fink (35<sup>th</sup> District), Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy, the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

**PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE** of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held Wednesday, May 10, 2023, in Adrian, Michigan.

  
James E. Van Doren, Chair

  
Roxann Holloway, County Clerk