



TUSCOLA COUNTY

Board of Commissioners

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, July 13, 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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Join by Hangouts Meet: meet.google.com/mih-jntr-jya

8:00 AM Call to Order - Chairperson Vaughan
Prayer - Commissioner Bardwell
Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Lutz
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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, June 29, 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, June 29, 2023, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Young

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: Matt Koch

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Sergeant Ryan Robinson, Deputy Blek, Prosecutor Mark Reene, Gina Gohs, Paul Gohs, Julie Walters, Cassie Gibbs, Robin Neff, Amy Gregor, Brad Kamrad, Shelly Lutz, Geoffrey Stuart, Nick Prezzato, Erica Walle, Emily Novak, Carrie Venus, Bob Baxter, Cody Horton, Mitchell Piper

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mitchell Holmes, Cody Horton, Debbie Babich, Brandon Bertram, Alecia Little, Matt Brown, Register Marianne Brandt, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Jon Ramirez, Jodi Barrons, Tuscola GOP, Cindy Hughes, Barry Lapp, Angie Daniels, Isaac White, Estee Bitzer, Stephen Root, Kayla Siegel

At 8:03 a.m., there were a total of 16 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2023-M-150

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2023-M-151

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 15, 2023 Regular meeting and the June 15, 2023 Public Hearing minutes. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2023-M-152

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the June 26, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Friend of the Court (FOC) Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) Contract for 2023-2028 -

Move that the Friend of the Court Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) Contract for 2023-2028 be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

2. Mid-Michigan Police K9, LLC -

Move that per the request from Undersheriff Baxter that the contract with Mid-Michigan Police K9, LLC to train one Belgian Malinois or German Shepherd Dog and handler to competency as a Dual-Purpose Narcotics Detection and Patrol Canine Team be approved. Also, all necessary signatures be authorized. Further move to approve the following budget amendments in the Road Patrol Fund: Budget the use of \$5,000.00, move \$3,500.00 from 207-309-932-000 Equipment, to the K-9 account 207-309-931-000 . Process Invoice #2023-3T43 from Mid-Michigan Police K9, LLC in the amount of \$13,500.00 from line item 207-309-931-000.

3. Prosecuting Attorney Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) Contract for 2023-2028 -

Move that the Prosecuting Attorney Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) Contract for 2023-2028 be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

4. Johnson Controls Service Agreement -

Move that per the recommendation of Mike Miller, Building and Grounds Director, that the Planned Service Agreement from Johnson Controls for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Building, Courthouse and Michigan State Police Building in the amount of \$16,730.00 for the first year from 08/01/2023 to 07/31/2024 and \$17,400.00 for the second year from 08/01/2024 to 07/31/2025 be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

New Business

1. Retirement Resolution Gina Gohs, Prosecuting Attorney's Office -

2023-M-153

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that County Resolution 2023-17 honoring Gina Gohs, Secretary II, for 15 years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Tuscola County be approved and placed on file.

Motion Carried.

2. Sergeant Ryan Robinson & Deputy Blek Introductions -
Sergeant Robinson explained the success that he and Deputy Blek has had being the K9 Team in Tuscola County.
3. Tuscola County Indigent Defense Fiscal Year 2024 Plan Approved by Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) -
Geoffrey Stuart provided an overview of the MIDC program and upcoming plan.

2023-M-154

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Compliance and Cost Analysis Renewal of the Tuscola County Indigent Defense Plan. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) has approved and accepted the plan on June 21, 2023. Also, all signatures and necessary budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

4. First Amendment to the Commercial Lease Agreement at 429 State Street, Caro Michigan for Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Offices -
Geoffrey Stuart and Clayette Zechmeister explained the changes in the lease agreement due to the MIDC offices relocating in the Rolka Building.

2023-M-155

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the First Amendment to Commercial Leased Agreement by and between Rolka Property, LLC and Tuscola County for Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Offices. Changes have been reviewed by legal counsel and approved by the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

5. Refill Vacant Road Patrol Deputy -
Robert Baxter, Undersheriff, presented a request to fill an open position.

2023-M-156

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the request from Undersheriff Robert Baxter that Matthew Clark, who was given a conditional job offer pending a satisfactory background, physical, psychological and drug test, be hired to fill a vacant Road Patrol Deputy position. Clark is currently employed by the Caro Police Department and has 14 years of law enforcement experience, 7 of which are full-time. Due to his years of experience, it is requested that he start at Step 5 at the rate of \$27.76 per hour. Per the Letter of Agreement between the County and the Police Officers Association of Michigan Collective Bargaining Agreement, it is recommended that Clark receive the \$3,000 sign-on bonus, to be structured at the discretion of the Sheriff. Motion Carried.

6. Refill Additional Vacant Road Patrol Deputy -
Robert Baxter, Undersheriff, presented a request to fill an open position.

2023-M-157

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young that per the request from Undersheriff Baxter, that Caleb Bock, who was given a conditional job offer pending a satisfactory background, physical, psychological and drug test, be hired to fill a vacant Road Patrol Deputy position. He will be considered full-time and paid at the Step 1 rate of \$24.08 per hour while attending the police academy. Start date to be August 21, 2023. Motion Carried.

7. Corrections Officer Attending Academy to Refill Vacant Road Patrol Deputy Position -
Robert Baxter, Undersheriff, presented a request to fill an open position.

2023-M-158

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the request from Undersheriff Robert Baxter, that current Corrections Officer, Mallory Fini, attend the police academy, starting August 21, 2023. She will move from the Corrections Unit to the Road Patrol Unit at Step 1 rate of \$24.08 per hour. Motion Carried.

8. District Health Department Number 2, 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Subrecipient Funding Agreement -
Steve Anderson, Emergency Manager, explained the proposed contract.

2023-M-159

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Subrecipient Funding Agreement with the District Health Department #2, who is the acting fiduciary agent for the 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program. Agreement has been reviewed and approved by Braun Kendrick. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

9. Land Bank Request for Additional Funding -
Ashley Bennett, Treasurer, provided information regarding the grant program for the Land Bank. Board discussed the amount that should be transferred to the Land Bank.

2023-M-160

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan that per the request from Ashley Bennett, County Treasurer and Land Bank Chairperson, that \$500,000.00 be appropriated from the Provision of Government Services fund balance in the General Fund to the Tuscola County Land Bank to ensure and establish future funding for land bank properties and revitalization throughout Tuscola County.

Yes: Thomas Young, Kim Vaughan, and Bill Lutz
No: Thomas Bardwell
Absent: Matt Koch

Motion Carried.

Recessed at 9:29 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

10. 9:00 a.m. - Closed Session Regarding Real Estate Matters for Vanderbilt Park

2023-M-161

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Board meet in closed session under section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider a written legal opinion exempt from disclosure under section 13(1)(g) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, with Mitchell Piper, Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Cody Horton and Ashley Bennett to be allowed to attend the closed session at 9:35 a.m.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, and Bill Lutz
Absent: Matt Koch

Motion Carried.

Recessed to Closed Session at 9:35 a.m.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 10:51 a.m.

At 10:51 a.m., there were a total of 14 participants attending the meeting virtually.

11. Peoples State Bank (PSB) Building Construction Invoice -

Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds Director, explained the request to have ACM materials removed at the PSB Building.

2023-M-162

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the recommendation of Mike Miller, Building and Grounds Director, that the Rightway Remediation, LLC quote for the removal of ACM materials in the amount of \$5,900.00 at 171 North State Street in Caro be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Funds are available in the Capital Improvements Fund (483). Motion Carried.

Old Business

None

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Legislative Update 6-16-23 - The Michigan Association of Counties
2. Legislative Update 6-23-23 - The Michigan Association of Counties
3. Delta County Resolution 23-04 Second Amendment Sanctuary County
4. Delta County Resolution 23-05 Opposing Statewide Septic Code
5. Mackinac County Resolution Opposing Statewide Septic Code
6. St. Joseph County Resolution 8-2023
7. 2023-12 Affirming Support of all Constitutional Rights
8. 2023-13 Revised School Code
9. 2023-14 Opposition to Legislation Preempting Local Control
10. Sanitary Code Resolution No. 2023-100001

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Lutz

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Grant was received to support the weatherization program and the homeless prevention program.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Frankenmuth Credit Union issued a grant to Millington Arbela Fire Department for new jaws of life.

Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

Koch

Absent

Behavioral Health Systems Board

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

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Meets tonight to finalize the contract for the new CEO.
Caro DDA/TIFA
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
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County Road Commission Liaison
Fiber Optic installation is progressing.
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Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Will schedule the EDC Director to come in to provide an update.

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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Other Business as Necessary

- Clayette Zechmeister stated a Thank you was received from Cars and Crafts.
- Clayette Zechmeister stated a Thank you was received from Jean Doss.

At 11:13 a.m., there were a total of 13 participants attending the meeting virtually.

1. Purdy Building Closure on July 3, 2023 (matter added) -
Clayette Zechmeister stated that the Treasurer's Office, Register of Deeds Office and Drain Commissioner's Office will be closed on Monday, July 3, 2023. Board discussed closing the rest of the building.

2023-M-163

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to close the H.H. Purdy Building on Monday, July 3, 2023 with notice to be posted on the H.H. Purdy Building (doors), the county website and to notify local TV outlets. Motion Carried.

Extended Public Comment

None

Adjournment

2023-M-164

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, July 10, 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, July 10, 2023, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Chief Deputy Clerk Curtis Elenbaum

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Chief Deputy Clerk Curtis Elenbaum, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Honorable Nancy L. Thane, Mike Miller, Karen Southgate, Phil Kaatz, Al Michele, Stephen Erickson, Shelly Lutz

Also Present Virtual: Lori Offenbecher, Jon Ramirez, Debbie Babich, Mitchell Holmes, Stephen Root, Linda Strasz, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Mark Haney, Mary Drier, Barry Lapp, Renee Francisco, Register Marianne Brandt, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Jessica Vanhove, Matt Brown, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Mark Ransford, Shannon Beach

At 8:00 a.m., there were a total of 10 participants attending the meeting virtually.

County Updates

None

New Business

1. Overview of the Tuscola County Probate/Family Court and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Process With Child Care Funds - Honorable Nancy L. Thane and Karen Southgate, Director - MDHHS - Huron, Lapeer and Tuscola Counties -
The Honorable Nancy L. Thane and Karen Southgate presented an overview of the Child Care Fund and how funding is obtained to support all of the various programs and services.

2. Phil Kaatz, Michigan State University Extension (MSUe) -
Phil Kaatz presented a report on agriculture and gave an overview of programs offered that help contribute to the success of the program.
3. Stephen Erickson, Economic Development Corporation (EDC) (matter added) -
Stephen Erickson explained the need for a representative from a utility company on the EDC executive board. He would like to appoint Michael Sage to fill a vacant position. Matter to be added to Thursday's agenda.
4. Commissioner's Cell Phones and Debit Cards -
Clayette Zechmeister explained the need of a replacement phone for one of the Commissioners, reviewed the policy and presented options to do so.
5. Upcoming Employee Training Agenda - Shelly Lutz, Human Resource Director -
Shelly Lutz gave an overview of the upcoming trainings being offered to employees.
6. Region VII Area Agency on Aging Proposed Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Fiscal Year 2024 -
Clayette Zechmeister explained the request for a letter of support. Matter to be added to the Consent Agenda.

Old Business

None

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

1. Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) Net Asset Distribution 2023 -
Clayette Zechmeister explained the distribution process.

On-Going and Other Finance

None

On-Going and Other Technology

Eean Lee reported that the video doorbell project for the Purdy building has been completed.

Building and Grounds

Primary Building and Grounds

1. Bids for the Renovations to People’s State Bank (PSB) Building for Tuscola County Offices, 171 N State Street Caro, MI 48723 - Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds -

Mike Miller provided a Bid Tabulation sheet to the Commissioners which included the following bids received:

- Booms Construction - Bad Axe, MI - \$1,847,000.00 (alternate generator options included)
- Bronner Construction - Frankenmuth, MI - \$2,235,000.00
- Three Rivers Corporation - Midland, MI - \$2,045,000.00

Matter to be added to Thursday's agenda.

2. Bids for the Dispatch Liebert HVAC Unit Replacement -
Mike Miller opened and presented the following bids:

- Johnson Controls - Saginaw, MI - \$139,150.00
- Lee Machinery Movers - Pontiac, MI - \$102,725.90
- Doty Mechanical - Lansing, MI - \$99,300.00 (alternate option with cable tray- additional \$1,300.00)
- Gateway Refrigeration - Clare, MI - \$91,894.00
- Stewart Mechanical - Auburn Hills, MI - \$392,924.00

Matter to be added to Thursday's agenda.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

None

Personnel

Primary Personnel

None

On-Going and Other Personnel

None

Other Business as Necessary

Commissioner Bardwell stated there will be a virtual Michigan Association of Counties, District 7, meeting Monday July 17th at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comment Period

Al Michele shared his recent experience with the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department.

Adjournment

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Motion Carried.

Curtis Elenbaum
Tuscola County Chief Deputy Clerk

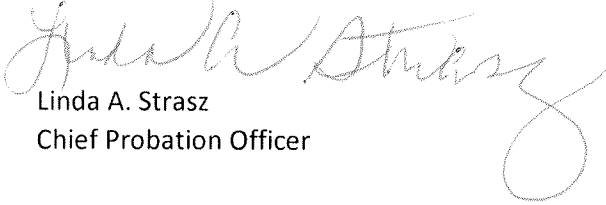
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BASIC GRANT AMEUREMENT

7/11/23

In July 2022, the State of Michigan's FY23 budget passed with an increase in Basic Grant funding. The new annual Basic Grant amount will be a maximum of \$56,520.00 an increase of \$41,520.00. The Basic Grant is reimbursed at 100%. An amendment has been submitted to MDHHS and approved. Board of Commissioner Chairperson's signature on the MDHSS-2091 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda A. Strasz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.

Linda A. Strasz
Chief Probation Officer

County Child Care Budget Summary (DHS-2091)

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

Children's Services Agency

Tuscola County for October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023

Organization	Court Contact Person	Telephone Number	Email Address
Tuscola County	Linda Strasz - CCF Organization Management	(989)672-3859	lstrasz@tuscolacounty.org
Fiscal Year	MDHHS Contact Person	Telephone Number	Email Address
October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023	Karen Southgate - CCF Organization Management	(989) 673-9130	southgatek@michigan.gov

Cost Sharing Ratios	County 50% / State 50%	Anticipated Expenditures		
		MDHHS	Court	Combined
A. Out of Home Care - Court or Tribal Supervised		\$0.00	\$319,000.00	\$319,000.00
B. In-Home Care		\$73,100.00	\$469,668.49	\$542,768.49
C. County/Court-Operated Facilities		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
D. Subtotals (A+B+C)		\$73,100.00	\$788,668.49	\$861,768.49
E. Revenue		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
F. Net Expenditure		\$53,100.00	\$768,668.49	\$821,768.49

Cost Sharing Ratios	County 50% / State 50%	Anticipated Expenditures		
		MDHHS	Court	Combined
A. Out of Home Care - Neglect Abuse		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Please Note: The *Neglect/Abuse Out-of-Home Care* amount reflects ONLY the county court's share of these expenditures. Effective October 2019 the State of Michigan pays 100% of Neglect/Abuse Out-of-Home placements and the county then reimburses the state 50%.

Cost Sharing Ratios	County 0% / State 100% \$15,000.00 Maximum	MDHHS	Court	Combined
Basic Grant		\$0.00	\$56,520.00	\$56,520.00

Total Expenditure	\$878,288.49
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BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATION

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE PARTICIPATED IN DEVELOPING THE PROGRAM BUDGET PRESENTED ABOVE. We certify that the budget submitted above represents an anticipated gross expenditure for the fiscal year: October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023; and any requests for reimbursement shall adhere to all state law, administrative rules and child care fund handbook authority.

Presiding Judge	Date
County Director of MDHHS Signature	Date
Chairperson, Board of Commissioner's Signature	Date
And/or County Executive Signature	Date

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, political beliefs or disability. If you need help with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are invited to make your needs known to an MDHHS office in your area.

AUTHORITY: Act 87, Publication of of 1978, as amended.
 COMPLETION: Required.
 PENALTY: State reimbursement will be withheld from local government.



Tuscola County

Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

Hello!

Marianne Brandt <mbrandt@tuscolacounty.org>
To: Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

Mon, Jul 10, 2023 at 2:57 PM

Hi Clayette! Hope you had a great weekend!!

Can you please add me to the agenda for Thursday for the following?

Request to hire Toni James to refill the vacant part-time Account Clerk II position in the Register of Deeds Office starting at \$17.01 per hour which is step 1 on the payscale. Tentative start date of Tuesday, July 18th contingent upon favorable background check, physical and drug screen.

Thanks so much! Have a good night!

Marianne Brandt
Tuscola County Register of Deeds
125 W Lincoln St.
Caro, Michigan 48723
989-672-3845
Mbrandt@tuscolacounty.org



Tuscola County

Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

[EXTERNAL] Tuscola County EDC appointment request

Stephen Erickson <directorerickson@tuscolaedc.org>

Mon, Jul 10, 2023 at 2:51 PM

To: Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

Cc: Gary Fritz <gfritz227@yahoo.com>, Michael Clinesmith <mclinesmith@tuscolaedc.org>

Dear Tuscola County Board of Commissioners,

I request that Michael Sage be added to the Tuscola County EDC Board of Directors. Michael is a representative from DTE and his inclusion is an important line of communication with the energy company which will help foster economic growth helping developing businesses meet their energy needs. He will be filling the vacancy that was opened up when Mary Kulis vacated due to her retirement as a utility representative. If you have any questions regarding this request, please let me know.

Thank you,
Board Chair Gary Fritz,
Executive Director Stephen Erickson

On Mon, Jul 10, 2023 at 11:35 AM Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org> wrote:

Steve,

For Thursday I will need a request from you in writing to refill your vacant position on the EDC board. (email is fine)

I just need something official and specific on the intent.

Also, Thom asked about the by-laws. All I can find is the one that was presented to the Board in 2019. Have these been updated? If so, can you send me a copy for the Commissioners?

Thank you for all you do!

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Clayette A. Zechmeister

Clayette A. Zechmeister
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**TUSCOLA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BY-LAWS**

Mission. The mission of the Tuscola County EDC is to work to retain and create jobs for the citizens of Tuscola County through the promotion of the entrepreneurial spirit. We foster, encourage, and assist new and existing businesses and entrepreneurs in starting, expanding, and growing, and making Tuscola County a great place to live, work and play.

The vision statement of the Tuscola County EDC is to provide continuous improvement in the quality of life in Tuscola County through Economic Development.

Article I - Name and Office

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization is Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation.

Section 2. Office. The registered office of the Corporation in the State of Michigan shall be located at 141 S. Almer St., Caro, Michigan 48723.

Article II - Object and Purpose

Section 1. Purpose. The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are as follows:

A. To conduct an aggressive program for the economic growth and development of the Tuscola County Area by assistance and encouragement for the maintenance and expansion of existing business and industry, the acquisition of new business and branch plants and the conduct of such other activities as will broaden the economic base, increase employment and business opportunities, and generally contribute to the advancement and growth of the area for the purpose of benefiting the community.

B. To receive and administer funds for the purpose of advancing the Corporation as set forth above and to exercise any, all, and every power in furtherance of said purposes for which- an Economic Development Corporation can be authorized, except that no part of the earnings or properties of this Corporation shall ever inure to the private benefit of any member, individual, or Corporation. Upon dissolution or liquidation, it shall be the intent and purpose of this Corporation to transfer and distribute all of the assets of said Corporation, after the satisfaction of or provision for its liabilities, to the County of Tuscola.

C. To provide a reasonably accessible place of business open to the public during normal business hours and with a separately listed telephone (989) 673-2849.

D. To provide professional management, accounting, legal-related, and business service. To provide a full-time professional staff with the capability to package, process, close, and service loans. These capabilities may be drawn from the staff, the board, or acquired by contract from qualified sources within Tuscola County.

ARTICLE III - Directors

Section 1. General Powers. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board except as otherwise provided by statute, by its Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws.

Section 2. Number, Classification, Appointment, and Term of Office. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of not less than nine (9) persons, not more than three (3) of whom shall be an officer or employee of the County of Tuscola. Members of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners may serve on the Board of Directors. The Directors shall be appointed for terms of six (6) years except the Directors first appointed which shall be appointed as follows:

The Board shall be divided into six classes, designated Class I, Class II, Class III, Class IV, Class V, and Class VI. Of the first directors appointed four (4) shall be appointed for six (6) years and designated Class I Directors, one for five (5) years and be designated a Class II Director, One for four (4) years, and be designated a Class III Director, One for Five (5) years and be designated a Class IV Director,

One for two (2) years and be designated a Class V Director and One for one (1) year and be designated a Class VI Director. Each year the successors of the class of directors whose term expires shall be appointed to hold office for six (6) years.

Pursuant to Statute the Chair of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, with the advice and consent of the whole Board of Commissioners, shall appoint the original group of directors and the successors each year as the term of office of directors expires. A director whose term of office has expired shall continue to hold office until the director's successor has been appointed with the advice and consent of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners. A director may be reappointed with the advice and consent of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to serve additional terms. If a vacancy occurs due to death, resignation, or removal by operation of law a successor shall be appointed within thirty (30) days by the Chair of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners with its advice and consent to hold office for the remainder of the term of the vacated office.

When choosing new members to be appointed to the Board of Directors, it is the intent to have board representatives from a wide array of geographic areas in Tuscola County, and occupations from within Tuscola County. Of the ten geographic areas, (Akron-Fairgrove, Caro, Cass City, Gagetown, Mayville, Millington, Kingston, Reese, Unionville, and Vassar), the board has a goal of seven geographic areas being represented, and ideally a maximum of five from any one geographic area.

The board will also strive to have directors representing at least nine different occupations on the Board of Directors. The targeted occupations include government, banking, small business, retail, agriculture/agricultural processing, manufacturing, education, legal, foundations/nonprofit, and real estate/developers. Some board members may represent more than one occupational area.

Section 3. Removal. A Board Member may be removed from office for cause by a majority vote of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.

Section 4. Conflict of Interest. A Board Member who has a direct interest in any matter before the Corporation shall disclose any interest prior to the Corporation's consideration of the matter of its taking action with respect to the matter, which disclosure shall become a part of the record of the Corporation's official proceedings. Said interested director shall abstain from all discussion, consideration, or action relating to said matter.

ARTICLE IV - Meetings of the Full Board/Executive Board

Section 1. Place of Meeting. The Board of Directors may hold meetings at the office of the Corporation or at such other place as the Board determines from time to time.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. A regular meeting of the Executive Board of Directors shall be held monthly according to a regular schedule adopted by the Board at its annual organization meeting. Full board meetings shall be held at least twice a year.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings For the Executive Committee or the Full Board of 11 Directors may be called by the Chair of the Board or by the Executive Director on a three-day notice to each director, either personally, or by mail.

Section 4. Notice. Notice of any meeting shall be given in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (Act 267) of the Public Acts of 1976.

Section 5.-Quorum. All meetings of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, 51% of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the action of the Board of Directors, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or by the Articles of Incorporation. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

Section 6. Rules. All questions of parliamentary procedure shall be settled according to Robert's Rules of Order whenever such rules are inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of this organization.

Section 7. Non-physical Meeting. If urgency is needed to expedite a matter, the Executive Committee can use in place of a physical meeting digital technology. Rules that affect the regular meeting would apply to a digital meeting.

ARTICLE V - Officers, the Board and Committees

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Board and shall consist of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Director. The Board may also appoint a Deputy Secretary who need not be a member and a Deputy Treasurer who need not be a member of the board but shall give bond for the faithful discharge of duties of the office in such sum and with such sureties as the Board may determine. Two or more offices may be held by the same person, but an officer shall not execute, acknowledge or verify any instrument in more than one capacity if the instrument is required by law.

Section 2. Executive Director. The Executive Director of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation shall be the Chief Operating Officer of this organization, with the advice and counsel of the officers and directors. He/She shall be in charge of day-to-day operations, organization and staff. The Executive Director shall have the authority to employ staff as may be required within the budget allowed for such employment. In the event that the position of Executive Director of Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation is vacant, the Executive Board of Directors shall appoint a temporary Executive Director for the Corporation.

The Executive Board has a responsibility for the oversight of the Executive Director to evaluate and review from time to time. If it is determined by just cause, the full board with a 75% affirmative vote can discharge the Executive Director from his duties. The Executive Board shall conduct interviews and make recommendations to the full board for the new Executive Director. A 75% of a board quorum affirmative of the Full Board is required.

Section 3. Election and Term of Office. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the Executive Board. If the election of officers shall not be held or made at such meeting, such election shall be held or made as soon thereafter as is convenient. Each officer so elected or appointed and until his successor is elected or appointed and qualified shall hold office until the officer's resignation or removal.

Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled at any meeting of the Board for the unexpired portion of the term of such office.

Section 5. Board Chair. The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the corporation. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the directors and shall perform all duties of the office as provided by the Articles of Incorporation. The Chair shall be responsible to assign all Directors to a committee. The Chief Executive Officer shall be a member and the chair of all standing committees and shall have the general power and duties of supervision and management of the Corporation.

Section 6. Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair shall, in the absence of the Chair, or in the event of the Chair's inability or refusal to act shall perform the duties of the Chair and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chair. The Vice-Chair shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair or by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose; and shall perform like duties for the standing committees when required. This officer shall further perform all duties of the Office of Secretary as provided by the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall perform all duties of the office of the Treasurer as provided in the Articles of Incorporation. This officer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the Board, at the regular meetings of the Board, or whenever they may require, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall give the Corporation a bond if required by the Board in the sum, and with one or more sureties

satisfactory to the Board, for the faithful performance of the duties of the office, and the restoration to the Corporation in case of the officer's death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office of all, books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind in his possession or under the Treasurer's control belonging to the Corporation.

Section 9. Executive Committee Board Directors. The Executive Director with the advice and consent of the Board Chair shall make recommendations for 5 ("five") Directors to supplant the 6 ("six") Executive Board directors, totaling 11 ("eleven") Board members. Directors shall be selected from the pool of Committee Board Members. The Board shall vote and affirm the 5 Directors yearly. The Executive Board of 11 shall have meet regularly and carry out standard Board duties. The Board shall include twice-per-year Industry Committee Board members during regular Board meetings. Standard Board duties include paying of bills, evaluating recommendations for approval of the Equipment Lease, and reviewing Revolving loan programs

Section 10. Industry Committee Board Members. The term shall be 1 ("one") year. The Board shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees. The Board Chair and Executive Director shall recommend yearly to the Board for Board approval of those who serve as Industry Committee Board members. The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio member in all committees.

It is the goal of the Tuscola County EDC to have representation through the Industry Committee Board members for the following industry sectors below. The Chair will call a committee meeting when its expertise is needed.

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| A. Agriculture | F. Service |
| B. Banking | G. Education |
| C. Manufacturing | H. Real Estate/Developers |
| D. Government | I. Foundations/Non-Profits |
| E. Retail | |

Section 11. Delegation of Duties of Officers. In the absence of any officer of the Corporation, or for any other reason that the Board may deem sufficient, the Board may delegate, from time to time and for such time as it may deem appropriate, the powers or duties, or any of them, of such officer to any other officer, or to any director, provided the Board approves.

ARTICLE VI - FUNDS

Section 1. Funding Authority. All receipts and disbursements shall be embodied in a budget-form disbursement and shall constitute a general fund from which all fixed charges for the maintenance and operation of the organization and other expenses regularly incurred shall be made. All other expenses that may occur which are not included in the budget must be approved by the Chair.

Funds shall not be disbursed for any activity not designated in the budget until submitted and approved by the board. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to approve annually a budget of the proposed expenditures for the year. The annual budget shall be prepared and presented to the board at the last regular meeting of the fiscal year. No committee shall spend any money without the approval of the board; inclusion in the budget as adopted signifies board approval.

Section 2. Method of Payment. All expenditures and/or transfers, except petty cash, should be

paid by check and the check and/or transfer must be signed by the Executive Director and Treasurer, if the Executive Director and/or treasurer are not available, then any of the other directors shall sign so long as there are two.

Section 3. Purchasing Policy. Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation will buy its supplies, equipment, and special services from local firms when they are available. Competitive bids will be secured for all major items and they shall be purchased accordingly.

Section 4. Authority to Borrow. The Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation shall have the authority to borrow money from a bank or financial institution for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for the EDC Revolving Loan Fund. If it is deemed necessary, a resolution to borrow will be presented to the EDC board of directors for its approval. The repayment of any loan received by the EDC shall be made from current and future payments made to the Revolving Loan Fund.

VII - Fiscal Year

Section 1. Dates. The fiscal year shall run from July 1st through June 30th.

VIII - Amendments

Section 1. Bylaws Amendments. The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the board at any regular or special meeting called, provided the directors have been informed according to Article VIII Sec. 2 of such amendments to be considered.

Section 2. Notice. Due notice of proposed amendments, by mail, facsimile, or e-mail must be given at least seven (7) days prior to a special meeting at which such amendments are to be considered.

ARTICLE IX - Liability Insurance

Section 1. Liability Insurance. The Corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, or employee, or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another Corporation partnership, joint venture, trust or another enterprise against any liability asserted against that person and incurred by that person in any such capacity or arising out of that person's status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify that person against liability pursuant to the Act.

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I hereby certify these Bylaws to be true, accurate, and complete as adopted at the regular meeting of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation board of directors held on _____.

Date

Secretary, Tuscola County EDC



Tuscola County

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Tue, Jul 11, 2023 at 1:38 PM

Brendan Cummings was given a job offer pending a background, physical and drug test. He will be filling a vacant Corrections position and will be starting at step 1 at \$19.73 per hour.

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Legislative Update 6-30-23

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For more information about MAC’s advocacy on the state budget, contact Deena Bosworth at bosworth@micounties.org.

Pay boosts for medical workers included in FY24 budget

Employees at medical care facilities will get pay boosts under budget plans approved by the Legislature for fiscal 2024 this week.



Final versions of the budget include:

- An 85-cent per hour increase for direct care workers, this is in addition to the \$2.35 direct care worker wage increase that CNAs, LPNs, RNs and respiratory therapists currently receive and brings the total wage increase for direct care workers employed in nursing facilities to \$3.20 per hour
- An 85-cent per hour increase for long-term care/non-direct care workers

Each of these wage increases will take effect Oct. 1, 2023. The Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will issue updated policies for providers to request reimbursement for the wage increases.

The Michigan County Medical Care Facilities Council, an affiliate of MAC, has supported wage increases for critical workers in the long-term care industry in 2023.

For more information on this issue, contact Samantha Gibson at gibson@micounties.org.

Podcast episode focuses on revenue sharing, budget timeline

A highly successful committee hearing and continued uncertainty on budget timing were two of the topics discussed this week in Podcast 83, MAC's podcast on all things related to county government.

Host Stephan Currie led the MAC Governmental Affairs Team of Deena Bosworth, Madeline Fata and Samantha Gibson through a tour of pending legislative matters in Lansing, including:

- Revenue Sharing Trust Fund, with Bosworth reporting on her testimony before an apparently approving House committee on the topic, which would create a dedicated stream of sales tax dollars for county revenue sharing;
- Public Safety Trust Fund, with Bosworth noting that the same House committee seemed to share many of MAC's concerns about the concept, particularly its lack of provisions to recognize the growing demands on county sheriffs;
- Juvenile Justice Reform, with Gibson explaining that key legislators are looking to spend the summer taking testimony and then act on the huge legislative package, which MAC supports, in the fall; and
- Fiscal 2024 state budget, with Bosworth noting that the new Democratic majority in Lansing has been surprisingly tight-lipped over the final revisions to the spending plan that is expected to be finished this week for the budget year that starts Oct. 1.



View the full video of the episode, taped on June 26, [by clicking here](#).

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BEAD means \$1.6 billion in broadband funds for state

It's official. Michigan will receive \$1.56 billion in federal funding as part of the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program. While this amount was not a surprise and has been expected since last fall, President Biden and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) confirmed each state's allocation on Monday.

In total, \$42.45 billion will be distributed across the United States to provide broadband to unserved and underserved areas. The BEAD program is the largest investment in high-speed internet ever and is part of Biden’s larger plan to connect the entire country by 2030. The Michigan High-Speed Internet Office will be responsible for administering these funds and expects to open the application process in 2024.



Last week, MAC reported that \$300 million had been awarded to various communities and internet providers across Michigan as part of two separate federal programs. With the addition of the BEAD money, Michigan will see nearly \$2 billion invested in broadband infrastructure in just two years – a historic feat. Stay tuned for updates on the BEAD program’s availability!

For more information on this issue, contact Madeline Fata at fata@micounties.org.

Pilot sites wanted for addiction stigma initiative

The Addiction Policy Forum is accepting applications for pilot sites for a no cost anti-stigma initiative. All county governments in the United States are eligible to apply. The project focuses on addiction stigma reduction, increased understanding of addictions, changes in helping behaviors towards those with substance use disorder and gaining insight into levels of addiction stigma within communities that become pilot sites.



To apply, visit [Addiction Policy Forum Anti-Stigma Initiative](#).

‘WOTUS’ ruling to have little local impact, state agency says

“A ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court changing the federal definition of protected wetlands will have little to no impact in Michigan, which is one of three states given authority by the federal government to administer its own wetlands program under state law,” the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy reported on June 22.



“Ruling on the case *Sackett v. EPA* last month, the court reduced the scope of the waters and wetlands regulated by the federal Clean Water Act. However, EGLE will continue to administer state law which provides effective protection of Michigan’s wetlands, lakes and streams but also

streamlines the program for the regulated community.

“Although what is regulated under federal law has changed numerous times in recent years, Michigan’s wetlands protections are vested in state law which has provided clear definitions since it was enacted in 1979. The SCOTUS ruling, as well as the instability and lack of regulatory clarity at the federal level over the last decade further reinforces the importance of having a comprehensive and stable program in Michigan.

“Different criteria between state and federal wetlands laws make it infeasible to do a side-by-side comparison in acreage covered by state law, as opposed to what would be covered if Michigan fell under federal rules. Michigan will continue to protect waters and wetlands that are critical to protecting water quality and controlling flooding in communities across the state.

“Michigan is the epicenter of the world’s greatest freshwater ecosystem – the Great Lakes – so it is fitting that we have a direct role in protecting the wetlands that nurture and feed those freshwater sources,’ said James Clift, an EGLE deputy director. ‘Neither the rules in Michigan, nor our commitment to protecting freshwater resources, has changed in the wake of this ruling.’”

Allegan, Berrien commissioners attend power plant meeting

Allegan County Commissioner Dean Kapenga and Berrien County Commissioner Chokwe Pitchford were among the leaders who attended a gathering of state, local and economic



development officials to address the future of the Palisades nuclear power plant on Monday convened by state Rep. Joey Andrews (D-Berrien) as a “repowering roundtable” discussion.

MAC offices closed to observe Independence Day holiday

MAC’s offices in Lansing will be closed July 3-4 to observe the Independence Day holiday.



MAC will resume normal office hours on Wednesday, July 5 at 8 a.m.

To see a full text of the Declaration of Independence, issued July 4, 1776, [click here](#).

Staff picks

- [Behind the Scenes of the Overdose Crisis](#) (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health)



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MAC team dives into state budget numbers related to counties

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Host Stephan Currie led the MAC Governmental Affairs Team of Deena Bosworth, Madeline Fata and Samantha Gibson through the big budget details hammered out midweek by the Legislature:

- Revenue sharing goes to \$263 million for the 83 counties;
- The Child Care Fund reimbursement rate goes to 75 percent, from 50 percent;



- Full funding goes to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission to implement the controversial Standard 8; and
- More than \$70 million is committed to implementing new election and transparency measures that voters approved in 2022.

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Legislative Update takes brief summer hiatus



MAC's Legislative Update will not be released on Friday, July 14.

The weekly email blast, with all the important news affecting counties in Michigan, will resume on Friday, July 21.

Remember to also check the news section of MAC's website, <https://micounties.org/mac-news/>, for any breaking news items.

Staff picks

- [An Airbnb collapse won't fix America's housing shortage](#) (Vox.com)
- [Report: Labor shortage, hiring challenges persist for state and local government hiring managers](#) (American City and County)
- [DNR auctioning off nearly 100 properties across Michigan. Here's how to bid](#) (WXYZ.com)
- [Our 'Movement Hallway' naturally narrows with age. But these simple mobility strategies can help maintain it](#) (WellandGood.com)



Attachment C

**Estimated County Revenue Sharing and County Incentive Payments
Estimated FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 Governor Rec.**

County	Est. FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24 Governor Recommendation			Change FY 23 to FY 24		FY Pmts. Resume
	Total	Rev. Sharing	Incentive Pmt.	Total	Difference	Pct. Chg.	
Alcona	\$276,272	\$243,869	\$48,878	\$292,747	\$16,475	6.0%	2017
Alger	\$216,733	\$191,313	\$38,344	\$229,657	\$12,924	6.0%	2011
Allegan	\$2,542,677	\$2,244,452	\$449,850	\$2,694,302	\$151,625	6.0%	2012
Alpena	\$822,643	\$726,157	\$145,542	\$871,699	\$49,056	6.0%	2010
Antrim	\$583,573	\$515,126	\$103,246	\$618,372	\$34,800	6.0%	2019
Arenac	\$380,419	\$335,800	\$67,304	\$403,104	\$22,685	6.0%	2011
BarAHa	\$211,919	\$187,063	\$37,493	\$224,556	\$12,637	6.0%	2013
Barry	\$1,297,123	\$1,144,986	\$229,487	\$1,374,473	\$77,350	6.0%	2012
Bay	\$2,921,059	\$2,578,454	\$516,794	\$3,095,247	\$174,188	6.0%	2010
Benzie	\$384,111	\$339,059	\$67,957	\$407,016	\$22,905	6.0%	2015
Berrien	\$4,118,057	\$3,635,058	\$728,566	\$4,363,625	\$245,568	6.0%	2012
Branch	\$1,093,404	\$965,161	\$193,445	\$1,158,606	\$65,202	6.0%	2010
Calhoun	\$3,387,820	\$2,990,470	\$599,373	\$3,589,842	\$202,022	6.0%	2010
Cass	\$1,177,058	\$1,039,004	\$208,245	\$1,247,249	\$70,190	6.0%	2011
Charlevoix	\$666,254	\$588,111	\$117,874	\$705,985	\$39,730	6.0%	2017
Cheboygan	\$637,840	\$563,029	\$112,847	\$675,876	\$38,036	6.0%	2015
Chippewa	\$811,416	\$716,246	\$143,556	\$859,802	\$48,386	6.0%	2012
Clare	\$729,521	\$643,957	\$129,067	\$773,024	\$43,503	6.0%	2011
Clinton	\$1,508,329	\$1,331,420	\$266,853	\$1,598,274	\$89,945	6.0%	2014
Crawford	\$362,669	\$320,132	\$64,163	\$384,296	\$21,627	6.0%	2015
Delta	\$906,741	\$800,391	\$160,421	\$960,812	\$54,071	6.0%	2011
Dickinson	\$647,520	\$571,573	\$114,559	\$686,132	\$38,613	6.0%	2013
Eaton	\$2,505,311	\$2,211,468	\$443,239	\$2,654,707	\$149,397	6.0%	2012
Emmet	\$897,168	\$845,224	\$161,100	\$1,006,324	\$109,156	12.2%	2023
Genesee	\$11,171,876	\$9,861,550	\$1,976,527	\$11,838,077	\$666,201	6.0%	2010
Gladwin	\$575,742	\$508,214	\$101,860	\$610,074	\$34,333	6.0%	2011
Gogebic	\$383,045	\$338,118	\$67,768	\$405,886	\$22,842	6.0%	2012
Grand Traverse	\$1,930,736	\$1,704,284	\$341,586	\$2,045,869	\$115,134	6.0%	2015
Graiot	\$970,675	\$856,826	\$171,732	\$1,028,558	\$57,883	6.0%	2009
Hillsdale	\$1,061,173	\$936,710	\$187,743	\$1,124,452	\$63,280	6.0%	2010
Houghton	\$771,444	\$680,963	\$136,484	\$817,447	\$46,003	6.0%	2009
Huron	\$905,818	\$799,576	\$160,257	\$959,833	\$54,016	6.0%	2012
Ingham	\$6,883,054	\$6,075,754	\$1,217,749	\$7,293,504	\$410,450	6.0%	2011
Ionia	\$1,331,228	\$1,175,091	\$235,521	\$1,410,612	\$79,384	6.0%	2009
Iosco	\$600,699	\$530,245	\$106,276	\$636,520	\$35,821	6.0%	2012
Iron	\$305,948	\$270,064	\$54,128	\$324,192	\$18,244	6.0%	2013
Isabella	\$1,405,708	\$1,240,835	\$248,698	\$1,489,533	\$83,825	6.0%	2011
Jackson	\$3,812,804	\$3,365,608	\$674,561	\$4,040,169	\$227,365	6.0%	2010
Kalamazoo	\$5,865,751	\$5,177,769	\$1,037,768	\$6,215,537	\$349,786	6.0%	2011
Kalkaska	\$394,450	\$348,186	\$69,786	\$417,972	\$23,522	6.0%	2016
Kent	\$13,620,321	\$12,022,821	\$2,409,706	\$14,432,527	\$812,206	6.0%	2011
Keweenaw	\$55,490	\$48,982	\$9,817	\$58,799	\$3,309	6.0%	2019
Lake	\$278,939	\$246,223	\$49,350	\$295,573	\$16,634	6.0%	2015
Lapeer	\$1,889,618	\$1,667,989	\$334,311	\$2,002,300	\$112,682	6.0%	2010
Leelanau	\$540,890	\$479,756	\$93,388	\$573,144	\$32,254	6.0%	2021
Lenawee	\$2,300,125	\$2,030,348	\$406,938	\$2,437,286	\$137,161	6.0%	2011
Livingston	\$3,514,773	\$3,102,533	\$621,833	\$3,724,366	\$209,593	6.0%	2013
Luce	\$145,074	\$128,059	\$25,666	\$153,725	\$8,651	6.0%	2011
Mackinac	\$293,693	\$259,246	\$51,960	\$311,206	\$17,513	6.0%	2019
Macomb	\$18,576,245	\$16,397,475	\$3,286,508	\$19,683,982	\$1,107,738	6.0%	2012
Manistee	\$616,247	\$543,969	\$109,026	\$652,996	\$36,748	6.0%	2014
Marquette	\$1,442,094	\$1,272,953	\$255,135	\$1,528,088	\$85,995	6.0%	2011
Mason	\$711,003	\$627,611	\$125,791	\$753,401	\$42,398	6.0%	2016
Mecosta	\$962,636	\$849,731	\$170,310	\$1,020,040	\$57,404	6.0%	2012
Menominee	\$600,039	\$529,662	\$106,159	\$635,821	\$35,782	6.0%	2012
Midland	\$2,232,516	\$1,970,668	\$394,976	\$2,365,645	\$133,129	6.0%	2013
Missaukee	\$320,708	\$283,093	\$56,740	\$339,833	\$19,124	6.0%	2012
Monroe	\$3,509,166	\$3,097,583	\$620,841	\$3,718,424	\$209,258	6.0%	2013
Montcalm	\$1,404,597	\$1,239,855	\$248,501	\$1,488,356	\$83,759	6.0%	2009
Montmorency	\$244,219	\$215,575	\$43,207	\$258,782	\$14,563	6.0%	2015

Attachment C

**Estimated County Revenue Sharing and County Incentive Payments
Estimated FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 Governor Rec.**

County	Est. FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24 Governor Recommendation			Change FY 23 to FY 24		FY Pmts. Resume
	Total	Rev. Sharing	Incentive Pmt.	Total	Difference	Pct. Chg.	
Muskegon	\$4,070,871	\$3,593,407	\$720,218	\$4,313,625	\$242,754	6.0%	2010
Newaygo	\$1,078,580	\$952,075	\$190,822	\$1,142,898	\$64,318	6.0%	2011
Oakland	\$29,577,032	\$26,108,002	\$5,232,766	\$31,340,768	\$1,763,736	6.0%	2015
Oceana	\$605,398	\$534,392	\$107,107	\$641,499	\$36,101	6.0%	2013
Ogemaw	\$520,299	\$459,274	\$92,051	\$551,325	\$31,026	6.0%	2015
OntonAHon	\$195,877	\$172,903	\$34,654	\$207,557	\$11,681	6.0%	2012
Osceola	\$640,752	\$565,600	\$113,362	\$678,962	\$38,209	6.0%	2011
Oscoda	\$222,003	\$195,965	\$39,277	\$235,242	\$13,238	6.0%	2015
Otsego	\$554,864	\$489,785	\$98,167	\$587,952	\$33,088	6.0%	2015
Ottawa	\$5,299,768	\$4,678,169	\$937,635	\$5,615,804	\$316,035	6.0%	2011
Presque Isle	\$354,511	\$312,932	\$62,720	\$375,652	\$21,140	6.0%	2015
Roscommon	\$573,778	\$506,481	\$101,513	\$607,994	\$34,216	6.0%	2013
SAHinaw	\$5,162,104	\$4,556,652	\$913,279	\$5,469,931	\$307,826	6.0%	2009
St. Clair	\$4,244,176	\$3,746,385	\$750,879	\$4,497,264	\$253,088	6.0%	2013
St. Joseph	\$1,552,686	\$1,370,575	\$274,701	\$1,645,276	\$92,590	6.0%	2009
Sanilac	\$1,035,701	\$914,226	\$183,236	\$1,097,462	\$61,761	6.0%	2010
SchoolcrAGt	\$208,787	\$184,299	\$36,939	\$221,237	\$12,450	6.0%	2012
Shiawassee	\$1,629,387	\$1,438,280	\$288,271	\$1,726,551	\$97,164	6.0%	2010
Tuscola	\$1,240,551	\$1,095,049	\$219,478	\$1,314,528	\$73,976	6.0%	2008
Van Buren	\$1,738,784	\$1,534,845	\$307,625	\$1,842,471	\$103,687	6.0%	2010
Washtenaw	\$7,809,081	\$6,893,170	\$1,381,582	\$8,274,752	\$465,671	6.0%	2013
Wayne	\$56,536,532	\$49,905,477	\$10,002,439	\$59,907,915	\$3,371,383	6.0%	2010
Wexford	\$759,490	\$670,411	\$134,369	\$804,780	\$45,290	6.0%	2013
Total	\$246,325,195	\$217,489,800	\$43,579,900	\$261,069,700	\$14,744,505	6.0%	

Note: In FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24, estimates assume that each eligible county qualifies for the maximum payment for which it is eligible.

Source: Department of Treasury, Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis, and Senate Fiscal Agency



6230 Gilford Road, Fairgrove, MI 48733

June 30, 2023

Tuscola County
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller
125 W. Lincoln St.
Caro, MI 48723

Re: Tax Abatement Request from Quality Roasting

Dear Ms. Zechmeister,

The Township of Gilford and Tuscola County EDC have been working with Quality Roasting on the Township's consideration of approving an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for tax abatement for property located at 135 S. Bradleyville Rd., in Gilford Township.

Notice is given that on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 7:30 pm there will be a Public Hearing with the Gilford Township Board of Trustees, to consider the application from Quality Roasting for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (tax abatement) by Gilford Township. A copy of the public notice is enclosed.

Since the tax collected for Tuscola County may be affected, if approved, a representative from your office is entitled to appear and to be heard.

Diane Spencer
Gilford Township Clerk

Enclosures:
Public Hearing on the Approval of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing on the Approval of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate requested by Quality Roasting in Gilford Township

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., the Gilford Township Board will hold a public hearing. The meeting and public hearing will be located at the Gilford Township Hall, 6230 Gilford Rd., Fairgrove, MI 48733.

The public hearing is held pursuant to Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for the approval of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a proposed expansion project to be constructed by Quality Roasting at the following real property:

Land situated in the Township of Gilford, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan:

GIL-35-203 SEC 35 T13N R7E COM AT NW COR OF S 1/2 OF NW 1/4, TH
S TO PT 561 FT N OF PT WHERE RR RW INTERS W SEC LN, TH E 858 FT
M/L TO RR RW, TH NELY ALG RR RW TO N LN OF S 1/2 OF NW 1/4, TH
W TO POB. 16.9 A.

The owners of all real property within the Industrial Development District, together with any other residents or taxpayers of Gilford Township shall have the right to appear and to be heard.

Diane Spencer
Township Clerk

RESOLUTION
#2023-13
Alcona County, Michigan

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE" HB4672

Whereas, “Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past.” —George Orwell, From 1984.; and

Whereas, This public school law was passed to prevent “that old deluder, Satan” from “keeping men from the knowledge of the Scriptures,” as he had done in Europe for the previous several centuries. The law therefore required that local schools be started to teach all children to read, especially the Bible. Subsequent American literacy laws also stressed the importance of citizens knowing the Scriptures—as a 1690 Connecticut law, which declared: “**This [legislature] observing that . . . there are many persons unable to read the English tongue and thereby incapable to read the holy Word of God or the good laws of this colony . . . it is ordered that all parents and masters shall cause their respective children and servants, as they are capable, to be taught to read distinctly the English tongue.**”; and

Whereas, Yet undoubtedly the revealed law is of infinitely more authenticity than that moral system which is framed by ethical writers, and denominated the natural law; because one is the law of nature, expressly declared so to be by God himself; the other is only what, by the assistance of human reason, we imagine to be that law. If we could be as certain of the latter as we are of the former, both would have an equal authority; but, till then, they can never be put in any competition together. Upon these two foundations, the law of nature and the law of revelation, depend all human laws; that is to say, no human laws should be suffered to contradict these. There are, it is true, a great number of indifferent points in which both the divine law and the natural leave a man at his own liberty, but which are found necessary, for the benefit of society, to be restrained within certain limits. . . . To instance in the case of murder: this is expressly forbidden by the divine, and demonstrably by the natural law; and, from these prohibitions, arises the true unlawfulness of this crime. Those human laws that annex a punishment to it do not at all increase its moral guilt, or superadd any fresh obligation, in foro conscientiae, to abstain from its perpetration. Nay, if any human law should allow or enjoin us to commit it, we are bound to transgress that human law, or else we must offend both the natural and the divine. But, with regard to matters that are in themselves indifferent, and are not commanded or forbidden by those superior laws,—such, for instance, as exporting of wool into foreign countries,—here the inferior legislature has scope and opportunity to interpose, and to make that action unlawful which before was not so. Commentaries on the Laws of England in Four Books, volume. 1 Sir William Blackstone pages 47 and 48; and

Whereas, On January 21, 1781, Robert Aitken presented a “memorial” [petition] to Congress offering to print “a neat Edition of the Holy Scriptures for the use of schools.” This is the text of that memorial: *To the Honourable The Congress of the United States of America* *The Memorial of Robert Aitken of the City of Philadelphia, Printer Under this persuasion your Memorialist begs leave to, inform your Honours That he both begun and made considerable progress in a neat Edition of the Holy Scriptures for the use of schools, But being cautious of suffering his copy of the Bible to Issue forth without the sanction of Congress, Humbly prays that your Honours would take this important matter into serious consideration & would be pleased to appoint one Member or Members of your Honourable Body to inspect his work so that the same may be published under the Authority of Congress.*; and

Whereas, *People v. Ruggles* is the first reported case of prosecution for blasphemy in the State of New York. On September 2, 1810, John Ruggles, speaking in a loud voice in a crowded tavern in Salem, New York, said “Jesus Christ was a bastard, and his mother must be a whore.” He was arrested, charged with blasphemy and tried in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, Washington County, on June 11, 1811. Ruggles was found guilty and Justice Ambrose Spencer sentenced him to three months in prison and fined him \$500. Chief Justice James Kent delivered the opinion of the unanimous court and stated “Though the Constitution has discarded religious establishments, it does not forbid judicial cognizance of those offences against religion and morality which have no reference to any such establishment, or to any particular form of government, but are punishable because they strike at the root of moral obligation, and weaken the security of the social ties. . . . It was not because Christianity was established by law, but because Christianity was in fact the religion of this country, the rule of our faith and practice, and the basis of the public morals. Such blasphemy was an outrage upon public decorum, and if sanctioned by our tribunals would shock the moral sense of the country, and degrade our character as a Christian people.” The Constitutional Convention then voted to confirm the Ruggles decision and Chief Justice Kent’s reasoning.; and

Whereas, Vidal v. Girard's Executors, 43 U.S. 127 (1844) "Secondly, I enjoin and require that no ecclesiastic, missionary, or minister of any sect whatsoever shall ever hold or exercise any station or duty whatever in the said college, nor shall any such person ever be admitted for any purpose, or as a visitor, within the premises appropriated to the purposes of the said college." But I do say, and do insist, that there is no such thing in the history of religion, no such thing in the history of human law, as a charity— a school of instruction for children from which the Christian religion and Christian teachers are excluded, as unsafe and unworthy intruders. Such a scheme is deprived of that which enters into the very essence of human benevolence, when that benevolence contemplates the instruction, that is to say, religious knowledge, connected with human knowledge ; it is this which causes it to be regarded as a charity ; and by reason of which it is entitled to the special favor of the courts of law. Mr. Webster's speech in defence of the Christian ministry, and in favor of the religious instruction of the young : delivered in the Supreme Court of the United States, February 10, 1844 : in the case of Stephen Girard's will. In a previous lecture, [Justice]Story had argued that Christianity was part of common law. He repeated that affirmation in Vidal, but observed that it was limited by "appropriate qualifications and in connection with the bill of rights of that state [of Pennsylvania]," which provided "that all men have a natural and indefasible [sic] right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences." Story thus observed that Christianity was part of the common law "in the qualified sense, that its divine origin and truth are admitted, and therefore it is not to be maliciously and openly ridiculed and blasphemed against."; and

Whereas, Had the people, during the Revolution, had a suspicion of any attempt to war against Christianity, that Revolution would have been strangled in its cradle. At the time of the adoption of the constitution and the amendments, the universal sentiment was that Christianity should be encouraged—not any one sect. Any attempt to level and discard all religion, would have been viewed with universal indignation. The object was not to substitute Judaism, or Mahomedanism, or infidelity, but to prevent rivalry among sects to the exclusion of others. ... While your committee believe that neither Congress nor the army or navy should be deprived of the service of chaplains, they freely concede that the ecclesiastical and civil powers have been, and should continue to be, entirely divorced from each other. But we beg leave to rescue ourselves from the imputation of asserting that religion is not needed to the safety of civil society. It must be considered as the foundation on which the whole structure rests. Laws will not have permanence or power without the sanction of religious sentiment—without a firm belief that there is a Power above us that will reward our virtues and punish our vices. In this age there can be no substitute for Christianity; that, in its general principles, is the great conservative element on which we must rely for the purity and permanence of free institutions. That was the religion of the founders of the republic, and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants. ... " The error has risen from the belief that there is no legislation unless in permissive or restricting enactments. But making a thing free is as truly a part of legislation as confining it by limitations; and what the government has made free, it is bound to keep free. Your committee recommend the following resolution: Resolved, That the committe be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. CHAPLAINS IN CONGRESS AND IN THE ARMY AND NAVY. March 27, 1854.—Ordered to be printed. Mr. Meacham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following REPORT. 33d Congress, 1st Session.Rep. No. 124. Ho. of REPS..; and

Whereas, "A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about." - President Woodrow Wilson.; and

Whereas, In 1892, Justice Josiah David Brewer writing in Church of the Holy Trinity vs. U.S., the unanimous supreme Court decision which has never been overturned, held as a matter of law, fact, and history that "...this is a Christian nation," because our laws and public institutions are founded on Biblical principles from the Old and New Testaments. Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States, 143 U.S. 457 (1892) Page 143 U. S. 471 If we pass beyond these matters to a view of American life, as expressed by its laws, its business, its customs, and its society, we find every where a clear recognition of the same truth. Among other matters, note the following: the form of oath universally prevailing, concluding with an appeal to the Almighty; the custom of opening sessions of all deliberative bodies and most conventions with prayer; the prefatory words of all wills, "In the name of God, amen;" the laws respecting the observance of the Sabbath, with the general cessation of all secular business, and the closing of courts, legislatures, and other similar public assemblies on that day; ... These, and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation. In the face of all

these, shall it be believed that a Congress of the United States intended to make it a misdemeanor for a church of this country to contract for the services of a Christian minister residing in another nation?; and

Whereas, In the formative days of the Republic the directing influence the Bible exercised upon the fathers of the Nation is conspicuously evident. To Washington it contained the sure and certain moral precepts that constituted the basis of his action. That which proceeded from it transcended all other books, however elevating their thought. To his astute mind moral and religious principles were the "indispensable supports" of political prosperity, the "essential pillars of civil society." October 06, 1935 Statement on the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Printing of the English Bible Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Whereas, New York State Supreme Court Justice Gallagher, Elbert T. opinion Baer v. Kolmorgen December 15, 1958- Much has been written in recent years concerning Thomas Jefferson's reference in 1802 to "a wall of separation between church and State." It is upon that "wall" that plaintiffs seek to build their case. Jefferson's figure of speech has received so much attention that one would almost think at times that it is to be found somewhere in our Constitution. Courts and authors have devoted numerous pages to its interpretation.; and

Whereas, Michigan Constitution states: Article 8 – Education - Section 1 – Encouragement of Education - Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.; and

*Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we, the Alcona County Commissioners support House Bill 4672 to insure all Michigan students are provided with **all viewpoints** as to “Our Country’s” origins and development and to leave it to the parents and students discernment than to be given only one point of view.; and*

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Michele Hoyenga, House Representative Cameron Cavitt, State Board of Education Members Marshall Bullock, Ellen Cogen Lipton, Tom McMillin, Judith Pritchett, Pamela Pugh, Mitchell Robinson, Nikki Snyder, Tiffany D. Tilley, and the other 82 Counties in the State of Michigan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)
COUNTY OF ALCONA)

I certify tht the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Alcona County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Meeting held on the 21st day of June, 2023 and that notice of such meeting was given as required by law.


Stephany Eller, Alcona County Clerk

S E A L

RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

WE, the LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, House Bills 4479 and 4480 and Senate Bills 299 and 300 would amend Section 12752 and add Part 128 to the Public Health Code and establish state and local standards for onsite wastewater treatment systems which would require the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to develop a statewide code to govern the installation, operation, maintenance, and inspection of septic systems; and

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments would apply to all residential and commercial systems and this Board opposes any additional requirements for inspection of residential septic wastewater systems, as the proposed policy changes may be overly burdensome for businesses and local residences alike; and

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments restrict and remove local controls and changes existing regulations and guidelines that have been effectively enforced by counties and health departments by granting the Department of Environmental Quality authority to approve local sanitary codes; and

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments would add additional mandates that would increase the amount of personnel time and expenses incurred by health departments without adequate funding from the state; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the State Technical Advisory Committee proposed in this legislation would take away and replace local control of the design, permitting, inspection, and management of onsite wastewater treatment facilities and limit input into the rulemaking process; and

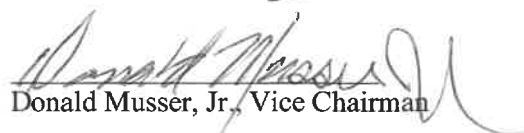
WHEREAS, the proposed legislation fails to address funding for distressed homeowners and vacated properties with onsite wastewater treatment systems; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes House Bills 4479-4480 and Senate Bills 299-300 and requests State Legislators to oppose the legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE


Joe Murphy, Chairman


Donald Musser, Jr., Vice Chairman


Steve Vaughan, Member

Dated: July 11, 2023

VOICE / ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT
SAMI KHOURY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	DONALD MUSSER, JR.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MICHAEL H. MEISSNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	JOE MURPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TODD TALASKI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MARY E. BABCOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEVE VAUGHAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

RESOLUTION: ADOPTED DEFEATED TABLED