



TUSCOLA COUNTY

Board of Commissioners

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 25, 2024 – 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 Young
Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Vaughan
Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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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, January 11, 2024

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

Commissioner Bardwell 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, January 11, 2024, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Young

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: Kim Vaughan

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Steve Anderson, Cody Horton, Michael White

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Register Marianne Brandt, Shannon Beach, Crystal Knoblock, Bonnie Fackler, Dara Hood, Jon Ramirez, Carrie Tabar, Angie Daniels, Echo Torrez, Cody Horton, Barry Lapp, Tim Green, Brandon Bertram, Debbie Babich, Renee Francisco, Bob Baxter

At 8:08 a.m., there were a total of 18 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2024-M-001

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2024-M-002

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 28, 2023 Regular meeting and closed session minutes. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Mosquito Abatement Re-fill Vacant Positions -

Move that per the request from the Mosquito Abatement Director that Laura Hill be promoted to the Department Biologist position effective January 15, 2024 at the Step 1 rate of pay of \$22.19 per hour. Also, Bonnie Fackler be promoted to fill the vacant Administrative Assistant position at the Step 1 rate of pay of \$18.85 per hour, pending satisfactory background check and physical.

2. Agreement for Enforcement Services in Arbelá Township -

Move that the police services contract between Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and Arbelá Township, to provide one officer for the year 2024 in the amount of \$99,978.00, for 2025 in the amount of \$103,212.00 and for 2026 in the amount of \$105,271.00, be approved and all necessary signatures are authorized.

3. Tuscola County Planning Commission 2023 Annual Report -

Move to receive and place on file the 2023 Tuscola County Planning Commission Annual Report.

2024-M-003

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the January 8, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

New Business

1. Materials Management Planning -

Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds/Recycling Director, presented the matter at the January 8, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2024-M-004

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young that the Board of Commissioners notify the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) that Tuscola County will be doing their own Materials Management Plan (MMP) and will continue to consult with adjacent counties about the option of preparing a multi-county plan. Also, all necessary signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

2. COBRA Vendor Recommended Changes -

Shelly Lutz, Human Resource Director, presented regarding the matter at the January 8, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2024-M-005

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the recommendation of the Human Resource Director that the COBRA Benefits Services be changed from Isolved Benefit Services to Varipro for the 2024 calendar year for an approximate annual cost of \$1,780.00. Also, move that all signatures and necessary budget amendments be approved. Motion Carried.

3. Early Voting Election Inspector Pay -

Clerk Fetting explained that the County will act as a fiduciary to assist the local jurisdictions with the payment to Election Inspectors. The County will pay the Inspectors up front with the participating local jurisdictions to fully reimburse the County.

2024-M-006

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Young in order to assist the local jurisdictions located in Tuscola County with the 9-days of early voting, Tuscola County will act as the fiduciary to pay election inspectors that work at a participating jurisdiction. The amount paid will be divided between the participating jurisdictions with full reimbursement paid to Tuscola County. Election Inspector pay will be processed through line item : 101-191-705-200 Part-Time Election Inspector with the reimbursement to be processed through line item 101-000-676-090 Reimbursement Election Inspectors. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

4. Animal Control Part-time Kennel Attendant (matter added) -

Clayette Zechmeister explained the request to hire received from Animal Control Director Ray.

2024-M-007

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that per the recommendation of the Animal Control Director, that Vivian (Vince) Ferreira be hired to refill the vacant part-time Kennel Attendant position at Step 1 at \$16.67 per hour. The effective start date is January 16, 2024, which is contingent upon favorable background check, drug screen and physical results. Motion Carried.

5. Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Board of Directors (matter added) -

Clerk Fetting presented the application for Nikki Bruno to the Board to fill the seat formerly held by Walter Szostak.

Sympathies were expressed to the Szostak family as Walter has recently passed.

2024-M-008

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to appoint Nikki Bruno to the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Board of Directors to fulfill the term held by Walter Szostak. This partial term will end on March 31, 2025.

The Board would also like to express their sincere appreciation for the many years that Walter Szostak dedicated to the TBHS Board. Motion Carried.

Old Business

None

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. 2023 Audit Engagement Letter
2. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Podcast 83
Clayette Zechmeister provided an overview of a proposed initiative regarding property taxes.
3. Indianfields Township Tax Abatement Notice

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Lutz

No Report

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

Koch

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

The Committee is concerned with moving forward with the multi-county plan and the costs that are expected to be associated with it.

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA
Informational meeting upcoming.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District
Update provided.

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee

NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)

Local Units of Government Activity Report
Almer Charter Township is looking for an opportunity to repair or replace the Township Hall.

Ellington Township has received approval to repair their hall from the damage incurred in a vehicle accident.

Clerk Fetting reported that the Ellington Township voters will vote at the Ellington Church of the Nazarene for the February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary. Clerk Fetting thanked the Church for graciously allowing the Township to utilize their facility for voting.

Young

No Report

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison

Dispatch Authority Board

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

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Absent

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Other Business as Necessary

None

At 8:39 a.m., there were a total of 26 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

-Michael White, Birch Run Township, Saginaw County, addressed the Board regarding a sand pit he owns on M-46 in Juniata Township that is on State Land.

-Michael White also addressed the property tax initiative that was discussed.

-Cody Horton explained that the County GIS is meant to be used as a tool.

-Commissioner Koch addressed his strive for transparency even with not having Committee meetings at a public meeting.

Adjournment

2024-M-009

to adjourn the meeting at (xx) a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

10:00 AM - Monday, January 22, 2024

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 Monday, January 22, 2024, to order at 10:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Vaughan

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Young

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, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Brian Neuville, Kristen Misener

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Amanda Ertman, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Barry Lapp, Carrie Tabar, Dara Hood, Debbie Babich, Echo Torrez, Jon Ramirez, Register Marianne Brandt, Renee Francisco, Tim Green, Shannon Beach

At 10:14 a.m., there were a total of 19 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2024-M-010

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

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

New Business

1. Community Development Block Grant Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Program Next Steps -
Clayette Zechmeister and Brian Neuville presented regarding the CHILL program during the Committee of the Whole meeting.
2. Adoption of the State of Michigan Citizen Participation Plan -

2024-M-011

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young that Tuscola County adopt the State of Michigan Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Program. Motion Carried.

3. Approval to Publish and Hold a Public Hearing Regarding the CHILL Grant on February 1, 2024 -

2024-M-012

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to authorize the Controller/Administration to publish a notice for a public hearing on February 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to provide interested citizens to comment on the Community Development Block Grant Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Program. Motion Carried.

A Special Board Meeting will also be scheduled for February 1, 2024.

4. Review the Adoption of the Resolution Regarding CHILL for February 1, 2024 after the Public Hearing -
Clayette Zechmeister presented the proposed resolution for adoption at the Special Board meeting on February 1, 2024.

Old Business

None

Correspondence/Resolutions

None

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Young

No Report

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Other Business as Necessary

None

Extended Public Comment

None

Adjournment

2024-M-013

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, January 22, 2024

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, January 22, 2024, 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, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Angie Daniels, Jason Daniels, Cody Horton, Brian Neuville, Kristen Misner

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Register Marianne Brandt, Greg Ryneerson, Jon Ramirez, Barry Lapp, Tim Green, Amanda Ertman, Debbie Babich, Carrie Tabar, Dara Hood, Echo Torrez, Karly Creguer, Renee Francisco, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Shannon Beach, Steve Root

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

New Business

1. Community Development Block Grant Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Program -
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the program and the potential for \$500,000.00 in grant funding with no match needed. Matter is on the agenda for the Special Board meeting on January 22, 2024.
2. Intergovernmental Agreement with Huron County for Geographic Information System (GIS) -
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the opportunity to share the GIS Director between Tuscola County and Huron County. The Intergovernmental Agreement is in a final draft form for final review by Huron County. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

3. Proposed Resolution for the Cass City Chronicle -
The Board is prepared to present the resolution at the Thursday Board meeting.
Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

Old Business

1. Multi-County Recycling Updates
 - Respond to Genesee County
 - Initiate Correspondence to Bay County and Saginaw County - Mike Miller, Director Building and Grounds/Recycling

Clayette Zechmeister and Mike Miller provided an update on the status of communication from surrounding counties. Genesee County has mailed their letter to see if Tuscola County is interested in partnering with them. Tuscola County at this time is not interested in partnering with Genesee County. Tuscola County will send letters to Saginaw County and Bay County to gather their level of interest. Matters to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

1. 2024 Equipment/Capital Needs -
Board discussed the fact that the equipment and capital budget funding were removed from the 2024 budget pending the outcome of union negotiations.

Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, reviewed the budget requests that he submitted in 2024 and the priority of the projects that are waiting for funding by the Board. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

Brian Neuville explained that there is currently a funding need for Home Delivered meals as Tuscola County has approximately 100 people on a waiting list. The Board would like to have the funding amount needed for the program to reduce the waiting list. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

2. Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative (MREC) Update -
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reported that the case for Tuscola County has been settled. Clayette has received a letter from Gene Pierce that the Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD) has voted to no longer participate in MREC. Clayette is recommending that Tuscola County moves forward to no longer participating as well. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
3. 2024 Tuscola County Council on Aging Request for Funds for Annual Senior Dance -
Clayette Zechmeister presented the request received for additional funding. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

4. 2024 Tuscola County Council on Aging Request for Funds for Paddle Boat Ride in Frankenmuth -
Clayette Zechmeister presented the request received. The Board is not inclined to fund the request.

On-Going and Other Finance

None

On-Going and Other Technology

None

Building and Grounds

Primary Building and Grounds

None

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

None

Personnel

Primary Personnel

1. Geographic Information System GIS Director Position - Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the restructuring from GIS Coordinator to GIS Director for the position within Tuscola County. The costs for the wage increase will be possible due to the intergovernmental agreement with Huron County. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
2. Materials Management Planning Designated Planning Agency Stipend Pay - Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented the request for a stipend to be paid to the Recycling Director with the funds to come from the cooperative funding. The request is for \$5,000.00 per year. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

On-Going and Other Personnel

None

Other Business as Necessary

None

Public Comment Period

None

Adjournment

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO

DRAFT

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
HURON COUNTY AND TUSCOLA COUNTY
RE: GIS DIRECTOR SERVICES**

This Agreement is between the County of Huron (“Huron”), and County of Tuscola (“Tuscola”), both municipalities and political subdivisions of the State of Michigan, with both Counties utilizing their authority under the Intergovernmental Contracts Between Municipalities Act, MCL 124.1 *et seq.*, to enable Tuscola’s GIS Director to provide certain GIS/mapping services to Huron.

I. Purpose and Services to be Provided.

1. Each County provides Geographic Information Systems (“GIS”) through its own GIS/Tax Mapping Department. For purposes of this Agreement, “GIS/Mapping” services include, but are not limited to the creation, maintenance, planning, and coordination of GIS data and applications through the establishment of a central data and applications source for County department use. Per this Agreement, Tuscola agrees that for one day (or 7.5 hours per week) to provide and allow its GIS Director to provide the following services to Huron:
 - Maintain and monitor GIS infrastructure, including providing recommendations on necessary upgrades to GIS hardware and software.
 - Extract and organize data and perform control operations to ensure accuracy and completeness of all data.
 - Research and verify legal descriptions and boundaries.
 - Assist in verifying property ownership and identify potential property conflicts, and process and address requests for property splits and/or combinations.
 - Assist in development and maintenance of aerial photography layers.
 - Use software tools (GIS and non-GIS sources) to integrate multiple specialized databases.
 - Produce digital and hard copy maps.
 - Research emerging GIS technologies and develop plans for testing and implementation of software/systems upgrades.
 - Supervise GIS staff.
 - Provide County, City, Township and other partners with training and expertise to assist these municipalities in achieving GIS needs.
 - Develop and enforce County policies, procedures and standards.
 - Create, update and maintain County mapping layers.
 - Provide assistance with the development of Huron’s annual GIS budget.
 - Provide any other GIS services as may be warranted or required.
 - Assist other County departments with problem deeds and legal descriptions.
 - Perform related duties as directed by Huron officials.

2. During the term of this Agreement, Huron agrees to maintain the employment of sufficient staff in its GIS/Mapping Department and provide remote work equipment and capability, so as to allow the GIS Director to sufficiently complete the services to be provided, although it is expected and agreed upon that Tuscola employees within its GIS/Mapping Department will also provide services for Huron under this Agreement, as necessary.

II. No Joint Venture, Covenant and Liability.

1. The Counties agree that no joint venture is created by this Agreement and that no separate or independent legal entity is hereby created. GIS/Mapping services provided by Tuscola to Huron through this Agreement shall be considered provided by Huron, regardless of whether the person providing them hereunder is a Tuscola County employee. Tuscola's GIS Director and its employees working under this Agreement shall remain Tuscola employees at all times during the performance of services under this Agreement and shall not be entitled to any pension or compensation from Huron. At all times hereunder, such personnel shall be covered by Tuscola's unemployment and workers disability compensation insurance.
2. Each party covenants not to sue the other party regarding any associated services provided hereunder and waives any right of subrogation. Each party agrees not to assign any right under this Agreement or any cause of action against another party regarding services provided under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the above, nothing herein should be construed as intending to preclude a party from instituting legal proceedings to enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement or otherwise constitute a waiver of governmental immunity.
3. All liability to third parties, loss, or damage as a result of claims, demands, costs, or judgments arising out of activities, such as direct service delivery, to be carried out by Huron in the performance of this Agreement shall be the responsibility of Huron, and not the responsibility of Tuscola, if the liability, loss, or damage is caused by, or arises out of, the actions or failure to act on the part of Huron, any subcontractor of the Huron, anyone directly or indirectly employed by Huron, or agent of Huron provided that nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of any governmental immunity that has been provided to Huron or its officers, employees, or agents by statute or court decisions.

All liability to third parties, loss, or damage as a result of claims, demands, costs, or judgments arising out of activities, such as direct service delivery, to be carried out by Tuscola in the performance of this Agreement shall be the responsibility of Tuscola and not the responsibility of Huron, if the liability, loss, or damage is caused by, or arises out of, the actions or failure to act on the part of Tuscola, any subcontractor of Tuscola, anyone directly or indirectly employed by Tuscola, or agent of Tuscola provided that nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of any governmental immunity that has been provided to Tuscola or its officers, employees, or agents by statute or court decisions.

In the event that liability to third parties, loss, or damage arises as a result of activities conducted jointly by Huron and Tuscola in fulfillment of their responsibilities under this Agreement, such liability, loss or damage shall be borne by Huron and Tuscola in relation to each party's responsibilities under these joint activities, provided that nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of any governmental immunity by Huron or Tuscola, or their officers, employees, or agents respectively, as provided by statute or court decisions.

III. Duration and Termination.

1. This Agreement shall continue for three years from February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2027 and shall continue thereafter on an annual basis unless terminated as set forth herein. This Agreement may be terminated for any reason by either party by providing ninety (90) days' advance notice of termination to the other party, and this Agreement shall automatically and immediately terminate if Tuscola's GIS director is unable to provide the service described herein because they leave Tuscola's employ for any reason. Any termination of this Agreement that occurs shall result in a proration of any compensation for that month up to the date of termination.
2. The provisions of Section II shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Moreover, Huron agrees that during the term of this Agreement, it will not employ or contract with any individual serving as Tuscola's GIS Director providing services under this Agreement, without written agreement between the parties.

IV. Compensation.

Huron shall compensate Tuscola for the services provided herein at the rate of \$32,000.00 per year, paid in monthly installments of \$2,666.67, with the first installment due on February 1, 2024. Each additional installment shall be paid on the first day of each succeeding month.

V. Miscellaneous Provisions.

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as precluding a County from associating with another County in a manner that does not compromise the services provided under this Agreement.
2. All notices required or permitted under this Agreement, shall be in writing, will reference this Agreement and will be delivered by email or U.S. Mail to the other party's respective address. Such notice or other communications shall be deemed to have been given on the date confirmed as the actual date of delivery by the recipient.
3. This Agreement may be approved in counterparts.
4. This Agreement shall be effective when approved by the parties' respective Boards of Commissioners and executed by the later of the two Counties to approve it.
5. The failure of a party to enforce a term or condition of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of that term and condition in subsequent enforcement proceedings.
6. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, it shall be severed and the remaining provisions shall be deemed valid, binding, and enforceable.
7. This Agreement contains the complete expression of the parties' understanding regarding the subjects contained herein. All prior or contemporaneous oral or written agreements are merged herein. This Agreement may not be modified except in writing duly approved and signed by all parties.

- 8. Governing Law. This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan.
- 9. If any County must resort to a judicial proceeding to enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reimbursement of its attorneys' fees and costs from the other party.

HURON COUNTY

TUSCOLA COUNTY

By: _____
Todd Talaski, Chairperson
County Board of Commissioners

By: _____
_____, Chairperson
County Board of Commissioners

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR COUNTY OF HURON:
COHL, STOKER & TOSKEY, P.C.
By: Christian K. Mullett
On: January 23, 2024

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Tuscola Intermediate School District

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ADMINISTRATION

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January 16, 2024

Clayette Zechmeister
Tuscola County Controller
125 West Lincoln Street
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Clayette,

On January 15, 2024 the Tuscola Intermediate School District hosted its monthly meeting and discussed the Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative (MREC). As you are aware, Tuscola ISD has been an active member of MREC since its inception in 2012. MREC currently includes Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, and Gratiot-Isabella counties. MREC was originally formed to ensure the proper taxing of wind energy systems for all taxing entities.

At this time, Tuscola ISD has spent approximately \$304,670 on legal fees through MREC to ensure proper taxing of wind energy systems predominantly owned and operated by Consumers Energy, DTE, and Constellation. MREC participants collaboratively have spent over \$5.5 million in litigation fees since 2012. At this time, settlements have been reached with Consumers Energy and DTE while negotiations and litigation continues with Constellation. TISD informed MREC in October that if a settlement was not reached with Constellation by the end of December, Tuscola ISD may withdraw from MREC.

Seeing no end in sight to the litigation process with Constellation, Tuscola ISD took action at the January School Board meeting to discontinue participation in MREC. The vote to discontinue MREC participation by Tuscola ISD was unanimous.

Tuscola ISD will remain responsible for the proportional share of legal invoices related to MREC through January 31, 2024.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eugene W. Pierce

Potential Projects Tracker

General Fund Appropriation

Project/Potential Project	Board Motion	Board Approved	Potential Use of Provision Gov Svcs	Description
Health Dept Storage Building \$ 500,000		\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	<i>Drive through clinics, storage for PPE</i>
Medical Examiner/Equipment/Morgue/ Cold Storage Building \$ 600,000		\$ -	\$ 600,000.00	<i>Potentially part of multiuse project with Health Dept</i>
NEU (Non-Entitlement Unit of Local Government) - Almer Township Request for \$600,000 to replace 70 yr old building; increase storage space and add adm offices, hosts soccer field		\$ -	\$ 600,000.00	<i>Replace 70 yr old building; increase storage space and add adm offices, hosts soccer field</i>
NEU (Non-Entitlement Unit of Local Government) - City of Massar Request for \$1,500,000 to be used for the Fire Dept. Squad Vehicle \$300K, Safety radios \$140K, Expansion of sewer service, \$1,060,000 (city received \$267,135.52 ARPA funds to be used for water system and Vac truck)		\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00	<i>Fire Depart. Squad Vehicle \$300k, safety radios \$140k, Expansion of sewer service,\$1,060,000, (City received \$267,135.52 ARPA funds to be used for water system and Vac truck)</i>
NEU (Non-Entitlement Unit of Local Government) - Columbia Township Request for \$75,571 Support for New Fire Hall for Akron, Wisner & Columbia (AWC)		\$ -	\$ 75,571.00	<i>Support for a potential new fire hall for Akron, Wisner & Columbia (ACW) Fire Dept.</i>
NEU (Non-Entitlement Unit of Local Government) - Millington Twnshp Request for \$321,228 <i>Purchase tractor and roadside mower</i>		\$ -	\$ 321,228.00	<i>Purchase tractor and roadside mower</i>
Parks and Rec upgrades \$ 200,000		\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	<i>Vanderbilt Park Playground equipment, canoe launch, signage, roads</i>

Project/Potential Project	Board Motion	Board Approved	Potential Use of Provision Gov Svcs	Description
Purdy Building Windows (ability to open) Cost TBD		\$ -	TBD	<i>Purdy Building Windows (to be able to open windows for ventilation)</i>
Purdy Building Ventilation (HVAC) Cost TBD		\$ -	TBD	<i>Purdy Building (modify/improve HVAC system or modify/add windows in order to be able to open)</i>
Health Department Program with lost revenue \$179,507.89		\$ -	\$ 179,507.89	<i>Programs with lost revenue: Immunizations, Communicable Disease, Family Planning, Varnish Program, Hearing, Vision, and Food</i>
Tuscola County Fairgrounds Funding		\$ -	\$ 248,300.00	<i>Repave Midway and Parking Areas</i>
		TOTAL	\$ 4,224,606.89	

2024 All Funds Budget Presented by Fund					
Fund	Fund Name	2024 Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	2024 Estimated Revenue and Transfers In	2024 Estimated Expenditures and Transfers Out	2024 Estimated Ending Fund Balance
General Fund					
101	Nonspendable	410,000			410,000
	Restricted	-			-
	Committed - Resident Co Hospital	5,000			5,000
	Assigned - Wind	-			-
	Assigned 10% Reserves (Policy)	1,806,876			1,806,876
	Assigned - PGS	3,852,139	500,000	821,500	3,530,639
	Unassigned	1,022,622		522,622	500,000
	Total General Fund	7,096,637	16,090,954	16,090,954	6,252,515
Special Revenue Funds					
207	Voted Road Patrol	1,897,705	3,078,944	3,417,708	1,558,941
208	County Parks & Recreation	23,358	20,100	19,440	24,018
213	Arbela Township Police Services	-	99,978	99,978	-
214	Voted Primary Road Improvement	74,784	2,144,350	1,800,500	418,634
215	Friend of the Court	-	1,209,790	1,193,110	16,680
216	Family Counseling	71,167	5,500	5,000	71,667
218	Dispatch/911	1,052,350	1,245,866	1,479,790	818,426
221	Health Department	2,878,988	4,575,016	4,579,752	2,874,252
224	Regional DWI Court Grant	151,115	210,000	210,000	151,115
225	Vassar Township Police Services	-	-	-	-
230	Recycling	254,905	413,118	361,301	306,722
231	Juvenile Mental Health	288	51,475	51,475	288
232	Millington Township Police Services	-	206,884	206,884	-
233	New Mental Health Grant for Courts	732	52,000	52,000	732
236	Victim Services	2,929	100,347	100,347	2,929
239	Animal Shelter	26,544	351,100	345,799	31,845
240	Voted Mosquito Abatement	1,251,455	1,413,006	1,314,955	1,349,506
244	Equipment/Tech Fund	462,496	-	317,975	144,521
246	County Veteran Service Grant	-	80,752	80,752	-
249	Building Inspection Fund	70,868	602,000	600,500	72,368
250	CDBG Housing Program Income	19,213	35,000	50,000	4,213
251	Principal Residence Exemption	34,818	39,400	27,890	46,328
252	Remonumentation	-	72,972	72,972	-
255	Victim of Crime Act Grant	3,744	92,704	92,704	3,744
256	Register of Deeds Automation	77,690	52,450	51,350	78,790
258	Geographic Information Systems	213,885	112,295	105,825	220,355
260	Indigent Defense (MIDC)	-	1,542,575	1,542,101	474
261	Homeland Security	-	25,000	25,000	-
263	Concealed Pistol Licensing	169,837	42,100	18,700	193,237
265	Corrections Officer Training	11,314	8,200	8,200	11,314
266	Forfeiture Sheriff/Prosecutor/Crime Victim	88,259	4,000	16,925	75,334

Decreased use of PGS Fund balance by \$1.7 Million/Decreased Incoming Indirect Costs by \$152,678 Use of Reserves \$844,122

Increased GF Appropriation by \$150,000

Decreased Indirect Cost by \$51,919

Decreased Indirect Cost by \$14,504

Decreased Indirect Cost By \$35,010 Decreased Transfer in by \$750,000 and Decreased Expenditures by \$684,090 (2024 Requested projects)

Fund	Fund Name	2024 Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	2024 Estimated Revenue and Transfers In	2024 Estimated Expenditures and Transfers Out	2024 Estimated Ending Fund Balance	
269	Law Library	42,941	6,500	5,000	44,441	
270	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)					
273	Coronavirus Emgcy Supp Funding	4,069		4,069		
279	Voted MSU-Extension	105,086	221,445	211,705	114,826	<i>Decreased Indirect Cost by \$23,834</i>
284	Opioid Settlement Fund	336,000	300,000	600,000	36,000	
285	Michigan Justice Training	5,660	4,000	4,000	5,660	
288	Human Services Child Care	148,764	55,000	163,100	40,664	
292	Child Care Probate Juvenile	177,203	758,050	902,146	33,107	<i>Increased ChgBcks by \$100,000 and Increased GF approp by \$150,000</i>
293	Soldiers Relief	17,812		12,000	5,812	
295	Voted Veterans	78,023	372,906	405,843	45,086	
296	Voted Bridge	1,741,123	1,082,468	840,500	1,983,091	
297	Voted Senior Citizens	136,317	706,623	706,623	136,317	<i>Increased Funds to HDC through use of all current revenues</i>
298	Voted Medical Care Facility	739,640	634,053	430,357	943,336	
	Special Revenue Funds Total	\$ 12,371,082	\$ 22,027,967	\$ 22,534,276	\$ 11,864,773	
Debt Service Funds						
352	Pension Bonds		490,655	490,655		
353	Pension Bond Health Department		186,125	186,125		
374	Purdy Building Debt		77,502	77,502		
375	Caro Sewer System		425,219	425,219		
379	Mayville Storm Sewer		78,950	78,950		
385	Denmark Sewer System		102,749	102,749		
387	Wisner Water		149,969	149,969		
	Debt Service Funds Total	\$ -	\$ 1,511,169	\$ 1,511,169	\$ -	
Capital Project Funds						
470	State Police Capital Expenditures	252,096	56,822	11,500	297,418	
483	Capital Improvements Fund	3,776,840	78,000	2,293,191	1,561,649	<i>Decreased GF Appropriation by \$1.5 Million/Decreased Current Projects by \$281,500</i>
488	Jail Capital Improvement Fund	964,395	20,000	200,000	784,395	<i>Kept Jail Fire Suppression in this Budget. Did not require any GF appropriation</i>
	Capital Project Funds Total	\$ 4,993,331	\$ 154,822	\$ 2,504,691	\$ 2,643,462	
Internal Service Funds						
676	Motor Pool (Child Care Vehicle)	31,953	5,000	5,000	31,953	
677	Workers Compensation	27,902	260,000	230,100	57,802	
	Other Funds Total	\$ 59,855	\$ 265,000	\$ 235,100	\$ 89,755	
Proprietary Funds						
291	Medical Care Facility	4,444,749	25,698,136	24,087,910	6,054,975	
532	Tax Foreclosure Fund	3,047,237	578,000	510,244	3,114,993	
626	Combined Revolving Tax Fund	6,046,814	715,000	715,000	6,046,814	
	Proprietary Funds Total	\$ 13,538,800	\$ 26,991,136	\$ 25,313,154	\$ 15,216,782	
	Total All Funds	\$ 38,059,705	\$ 67,041,048	\$ 68,189,344	\$ 36,067,287	

2024 Equipment/Capital Improvement Budget Request

Requests			Potential Recommended for Funding				
Department Request		All Capital Improvement Requests	Recommended for Funding from Capital Improvement Fund - 483	Recommended for Funding from Equipment/Technology Fund - 244	Jail Capital Improvements Fund	Recommended for Funding from Road Patrol Fund - 207	Comments
Unified Court	Two Chairs	\$415		\$415			DC Clerk Chair and Circuit Court Desk Chair
	Floor Mat Magistrate Clerk	\$75		\$75			
	Filing Cabinet	\$300		\$300			Juvenile Probation Dept
Controller	Microfilm General Ledger	\$2,000		\$2,000			Mandated
Page 29 of 55	<i>Copier **added 11-6-23</i>	\$7,300		\$7,300			Pool Copier 10 years old, parts are hard to find and copy costs are very high/New copier would keep cost down
	Microfilm Building Permits	\$10,000		\$10,000			Many Years will need to be done, this will be the beginning
Computer Operations	Servers	\$10,000		\$10,000			
	Workstations	\$25,000		\$25,000			
	VOIP Phone Refresh	\$120,000		\$120,000			
	Pure Storage Refresh	\$400,000		\$400,000			
	Switches	\$15,000		\$15,000			
	Replace Old Cabling	\$10,000		\$10,000			
	Security Buttons	\$5,000		\$5,000			
	Door Access Cards	\$12,000		\$12,000			
	Desktop Scanners	\$4,000		\$4,000			
	Security Cameras	\$5,000		\$5,000			

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Department Request		All Capital Improvement Requests	Recommended for Funding from Capital Improvement Fund - 483	Recommended for Funding from Equipment/Technology Fund - 244	Jail Capital Improvements Fund	Recommended for Funding from Road Patrol Fund - 207	Comments
	Cruiser Cameras	\$44,000		\$0		\$44,000	Sheriff agrees to charge to the Road Patrol Budget (207)
Computer Operations (cont'd)	Zoom Display	\$1,000		\$1,000			
	Pivot Point Software	\$6,000		\$6,000			
	Prosecutor Software Module	\$10,000		\$10,000			
Drain Commissioner	New Truck	\$50,000		\$50,000			2013 Ford F150
Emergency Services	AED Batteries	\$1,000		\$1,000			
Buildings & Grounds	Courthouse Painting	\$30,000	\$30,000				
	Courthouse Back Sidewalk	\$50,000	\$50,000				
	Jail Cells Window Replacement	\$375,000	\$0		\$375,000		
	Jail Fire Suppression System	\$200,000	\$0		\$200,000		
	Jail Report Room Carpet	\$1,000	\$0		\$1,000		
	MSU Parking Lot Seal Coat	\$3,500	\$3,500				
	MSU Building Interior Remodel	\$150,000	\$150,000				
	Health Department Parking Lot Seal Coating	\$10,000	\$10,000				
	DHHS Roof Replacement	\$200,000	\$200,000				

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2024 Equipment/Capital Improvement Budget Request

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Department Request		All Capital Improvement Requests	Recommended for Funding from Capital Improvement Fund - 483	Recommended for Funding from Equipment/Technology Fund - 244	Jail Capital Improvements Fund	Recommended for Funding from Road Patrol Fund - 207	Comments
	DHHS Parking Lot Seal Coating	\$8,000	\$8,000				
	MSP Interior Remodel	\$60,000	\$60,000				
	Purdy Building Painting	\$10,000	\$10,000				
	Health Department Rooftop HVAC Units	\$40,000	\$40,000				
Grand Total		\$1,875,590	\$561,500	\$694,090	\$576,000	\$44,000	
Total Funded		\$1,209,590	\$281,500	\$684,090	\$200,000	\$44,000	
Total Not Funded 2024 Projects		\$666,000	\$280,000	\$10,000	\$376,000	\$0	

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GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	END BALANCE		2024		ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 01/31/24 INCR (DECR)	YTD BALANCE		AVAILABLE		% BDGT USED
		12/31/2023 NORM (ABNORM)		ORIGINAL BUDGET	2024 AMENDED BUDGET		01/31/2024 NORM (ABNORM)		BALANCE NORM (ABNORM)		
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND											
Expenditures											
Dept 890 - CONTINGENCY FUND											
101-890-965.000	CONTINGENCY	0.00		344,810.00	344,810.00	0.00		0.00		344,810.00	0.00
Total Dept 890 - CONTINGENCY FUND		0.00		344,810.00	344,810.00	0.00		0.00		344,810.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		0.00		344,810.00	344,810.00	0.00		0.00		344,810.00	0.00
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND:											
TOTAL REVENUES		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		0.00		344,810.00	344,810.00	0.00		0.00		344,810.00	0.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		0.00		(344,810.00)	(344,810.00)	0.00		0.00		(344,810.00)	0.00



[EXTERNAL] 2024 Request of funds for Annual Senior Dinner Dance

1 message

Jerald Gamm <jeraldgamm@gmail.com>
To: renee@tuscolacounty.org

Tue, Jan 9, 2024 at 7:46 PM

Good Day,
The Tuscola County Council on Aging is formally requesting \$2500.00 to help put on the Annual Dinner Dance in September 2024.

Thank you,
Jerald Gamm
Chairman-Treasurer



Virus-free.www.avast.com

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		12/31/2023	ORIGINAL BUDGET	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	MONTH 01/31/24 INCR (DECR)	01/31/2024	BALANCE	
		NORM (ABNORM)				NORM (ABNORM)	NORM (ABNORM)	
Fund 297 - VOTED SENIOR CITIZENS								
Revenues								
Dept 672 - HUMAN DEV COMM								
297-672-402.000	CURRENT/DELINQUENT TAXES	553,027.98	589,794.00	589,794.00	6.33	6.33	589,787.67	0.00
297-672-402.891	CURRENT TAX WIND REVENUE	117,295.80	110,829.00	110,829.00	0.00	0.00	110,829.00	0.00
297-672-665.000	INTEREST REVENUE	7,125.53	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
297-672-699.000	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	177,701.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 672 - HUMAN DEV COMM		855,150.31	706,623.00	706,623.00	6.33	6.33	706,616.67	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES		855,150.31	706,623.00	706,623.00	6.33	6.33	706,616.67	0.00
Expenditures								
Dept 672 - HUMAN DEV COMM								
297-672-700.010	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	496,753.00	496,753.00	496,753.00	124,188.25	124,188.25	372,564.75	25.00
297-672-700.020	EXTRA HOME DELIVERED MEALS	294,578.00	164,596.00	164,596.00	41,149.00	41,149.00	123,447.00	25.00
297-672-700.070	HDC VEHICLE MAINT/SUPPORT	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
297-672-700.090	VDC SENIORS MISC. CARE	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
297-672-700.150	HOLUNTEER MILEAGE	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
297-672-707.000	SALARIES - PER DIEM	125.01	150.00	150.00	24.99	24.99	125.01	16.66
297-672-715.000	F.I.C.A.	9.58	11.00	11.00	1.91	1.91	9.09	17.36
297-672-964.000	REFUNDS & REBATES	184.64	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
Total Dept 672 - HUMAN DEV COMM		840,150.23	661,710.00	661,710.00	165,364.15	165,364.15	496,345.85	24.99
Dept 673 - HEALTH DEPT								
297-673-700.040	FLU SHOTS	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
297-673-700.080	GERIATRIC PROGRAM	22,143.10	26,795.00	26,795.00	0.00	0.00	26,795.00	0.00
Total Dept 673 - HEALTH DEPT		22,143.10	26,995.00	26,995.00	0.00	0.00	26,995.00	0.00
Dept 674 - SENIOR CITIZENS OTHER								
297-674-700.030	REGION VII AGENCY DUES	3,402.00	3,402.00	3,402.00	0.00	0.00	3,402.00	0.00
297-674-707.000	SALARIES - PER DIEM	3,350.00	3,100.00	3,100.00	0.00	0.00	3,100.00	0.00
297-674-715.000	F.I.C.A.	256.26	238.00	238.00	0.00	0.00	238.00	0.00
297-674-802.000	LEGAL	2,392.44	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
297-674-861.000	TRAVEL	1,210.36	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
297-674-955.000	SENIOR BALL/FAIR-SENIOR ALLIA	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
297-674-956.000	SENIOR DINNER/DANCE-SR.ADVISO	2,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
297-674-999.101	INDIRECT COSTS	5,826.00	5,478.00	5,478.00	1,369.50	1,369.50	4,108.50	25.00
Total Dept 674 - SENIOR CITIZENS OTHER		19,937.06	17,918.00	17,918.00	1,369.50	1,369.50	16,548.50	7.64
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		882,230.39	706,623.00	706,623.00	166,733.65	166,733.65	539,889.35	23.60
Fund 297 - VOTED SENIOR CITIZENS:								
TOTAL REVENUES		855,150.31	706,623.00	706,623.00	6.33	6.33	706,616.67	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		882,230.39	706,623.00	706,623.00	166,733.65	166,733.65	539,889.35	23.60
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(27,080.08)	0.00	0.00	(166,727.32)	(166,727.32)	166,727.32	100.00
BEG. FUND BALANCE		166,526.98	166,526.98	166,526.98		166,526.98		
NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 2023						(27,080.08)	(27,080.08)	

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		NORM (ABNORM)	BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	INCR (DECR)	NORM (ABNORM)	NORM (ABNORM)		
Fund 297 - VOTED SENIOR CITIZENS									
END FUND BALANCE		139,446.90	166,526.98	166,526.98		(27,280.42)			



Tuscola County

Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

[EXTERNAL] Home Delivered Meals

Kristy Sutherland <kristys@hdc-caro.org>

Tue, Jan 23, 2024 at 1:18 PM

To: "Clayette Zechmeister (zclay@tuscolacounty.org)" <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

Cc: Maryanne Eagle <maryannee@hdc-caro.org>, Brian Neuville <briann@hdc-caro.org>, Lori Offenbecher <lorio@hdc-caro.org>

Clayette:

Brian brought back great news that the Commissioners would be interested in figures to eliminate the waitlist for Home Delivered Meals Tuscola County’s homebound seniors. While we’ve been able to continue to serve 180-190 customers, we have a waiting list of 85 as of today. To eliminate the list we estimate the cost to be \$118,988 through the end of September (our fiscal year) or \$163,609 (your fiscal year). As we’ve talked about before these numbers fluctuate as the needs change in the community. The additional dollars would allow us to keep approximately 275 people on meals without a waiting list.

Maryanne and I plan to be at the meeting on Thursday in the event there are any questions. Please let me know if there is anything else that is needed prior to the meeting.

Thank you,

Kristy



KRISTY SUTHERLAND
 SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR
 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 989-673-4121

2023-M-134

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Matt Koch to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 25, 2023 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2023-M-135

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young that the Consent Agenda Minutes as corrected and Consent Agenda Items from the June 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Michigan Association of Register of Deeds (MARD) Conference Request For Overnight Accommodations Consideration -
Move that per the request from Marianne Brandt, Register of Deeds, to allow overnight accommodations in Midland at the Michigan Association of Register of Deeds (MARD) Conference. The conference falls just under the 60-mile restriction in our policy and requires Board approval. Sufficient funds are available in the department budget for this training.
2. New Materials Management Planning Designated Planning Agency (DPA) - Individual to Serve as the Contact Person -
Move that Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds/Recycling Coordinator, be the Designated Planning Agency (DPA). He shall serve as the contact person for the purpose of materials management planning for Tuscola County.
3. Lead, Educate And Develop (LEAD) Tuscola -
Move that Tim Green - Information Technology Office, Angie House - Controller/Administrator's Office and Nick Tselepis - Managed Assigned Counsel Office be appointed to represent Tuscola County in the Lead, Educate And Develop (LEAD) Tuscola Program. Funds are available in the Special Programs 101-104-965-070 budget for tuition costs.
4. Michigan Township Association (MTA) County Membership Dues for 2023/2024 -
Move to approve the payment of the Michigan Township Association (MTA) Dues for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$2,500.00. Funds are available in the special programs line item 101-104-965-070.
5. Courthouse Cooling Tower Carryover Project Budget Amendment -
Move to approve the 2023 budget amendment of \$151,490.00 in line item 483-931-985-019 for the approved Courthouse Cooling Tower project through the use of fund balance in the Capitol Improvements Fund (483).

PERIOD ENDING 01/31/2024

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	END BALANCE	2024		ACTIVITY FOR	YTD BALANCE		AVAILABLE		% BGD USED
		12/31/2023	ORIGINAL	2024		MONTH 01/31/24	01/31/2024		BALANCE	
		NORM (ABNORM)	BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	INCR (DECR)	NORM (ABNORM)	NORM (ABNORM)	NORM (ABNORM)		
Fund 208 - COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION										
Revenues										
Dept 000 - CONTROL										
208-000-643.100	VANDERBILT DUMP STATION	40.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00		100.00		0.00
208-000-651.100	VANDERBILT PARK CAMPING FEES	20,996.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00		15,000.00		0.00
208-000-652.000	VANDERBILT PARK- PARKING FEES	1,412.30	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00		5,000.00		0.00
Total Dept 000 - CONTROL		22,448.30	20,100.00	20,100.00	0.00	0.00		20,100.00		0.00
TOTAL REVENUES		22,448.30	20,100.00	20,100.00	0.00	0.00		20,100.00		0.00
Expenditures										
Dept 000 - CONTROL										
208-000-707.000	PARKS COMMISSION PER DIEMS	1,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00		2,500.00		0.00
208-000-715.000	F.I.C.A.	74.08	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00		200.00		0.00
208-000-718.000	RETIREMENT	4.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00		10.00		0.00
208-000-718.100	POB IN LIEU OF RETIREMENT	34.09	30.00	30.00	0.00	0.00		30.00		0.00
208-000-727.100	VANDERBILT PARK - SUPPLIES	46.87	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00		1,000.00		0.00
208-000-801.100	CONT. SVCS VANDERBILT PARK	5,612.08	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00		5,000.00		0.00
208-000-801.200	TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL	450.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00		1,500.00		0.00
208-000-861.000	TRAVEL	570.84	700.00	700.00	0.00	0.00		700.00		0.00
208-000-920.100	UTILITIES VANDERBILT PARK	8,161.81	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	0.00		7,000.00		0.00
208-000-936.100	GROUNDS CARE/MAINT VANDERBILT	1,746.79	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00		1,500.00		0.00
Total Dept 000 - CONTROL		17,700.56	19,440.00	19,440.00	0.00	0.00		19,440.00		0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		17,700.56	19,440.00	19,440.00	0.00	0.00		19,440.00		0.00
Fund 208 - COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION:										
TOTAL REVENUES		22,448.30	20,100.00	20,100.00	0.00	0.00		20,100.00		0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		17,700.56	19,440.00	19,440.00	0.00	0.00		19,440.00		0.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		4,747.74	660.00	660.00	0.00	0.00		660.00		0.00
BEG. FUND BALANCE		18,630.20	18,630.20	18,630.20				18,630.20		
NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 2023								4,747.74		4,747.74
END FUND BALANCE		23,377.94	19,290.20	19,290.20				23,377.94		

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Clayette Zechmeister

Caro, MI 48723

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Attn: Kim Vaughan, Chairman

125 W. Lincoln St, Suite 500

Caro, MI 48723

January 19, 2024

Dear Chairman Vaughan,

I am writing to formally announce my retirement from Tuscola County, effective April 19, 2024. After careful consideration and reflection, I have decided that it is time for me to embark on the next chapter of my life.

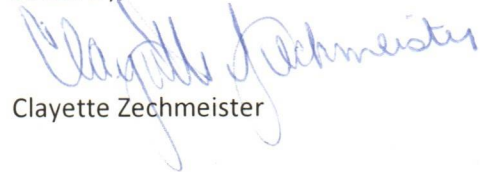
It has been an incredible journey working at Tuscola County for over 35 years. I am very grateful for the opportunities, experiences, and growth that I have gained during my tenure here.

Throughout my time at Tuscola County, I have witnessed many positive changes and I hope that positive changes will continue to happen into the future. I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the incredible journey I have had at Tuscola County.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,



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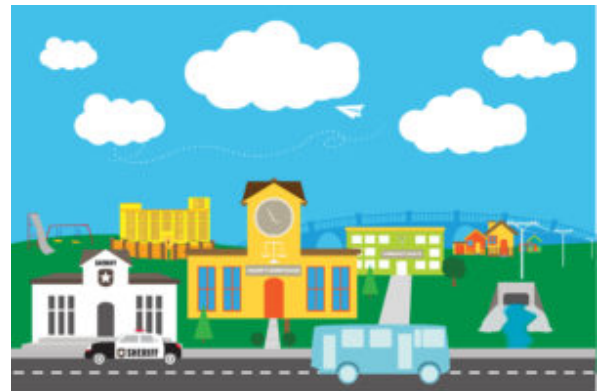
Legislative Update 1-12-24

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MAC unveils 2024 legislative priorities

A commitment to the financial health of Michigan counties undergirds a robust legislative agenda released today by the Michigan Association of Counties for 2024.

Among the priorities for MAC in Lansing this year are revenue sharing, state reimbursement for lost revenue due to the disabled veteran property tax exemption, extending the sunset on our ability to collect fees that fund our trial courts, tackling the issue of Medicaid for jail inmates set to be released and ongoing challenges in financing infrastructure improvements and maintenance.



Revenue Sharing Trust Fund

MAC places a high priority on securing and enhancing the revenue sharing for counties. [House Bills 4274-75](#) carve out a portion of the state sales tax and dedicates it to revenue sharing passed the House last November with overwhelming bipartisan support. Getting this policy through the Senate and to the governor's desk tops the list of our priorities this year.

Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption reimbursement

Since 2014, MAC has been seeking reimbursement for the state policy exempting 100 percent disabled veterans from paying property taxes. When the policy was initially passed, the cost estimate for locals was in the ballpark of \$18 million. Today, the cost is closer to \$100 million for all recipients of property tax revenue. Working with the veterans organizations and policy-makers, we have come up with a mechanism to reimburse local units for their lost revenue. Unfortunately, the state is more than hesitant to take financial responsibility for the exemption. MAC will continue to work with the administration to stress the importance of the reimbursement to counties.

Increasing resources for juvenile justice services

MAC recognizes the need for additional beds for juveniles across the state and the challenges counties face with a lack of available and qualified workers to staff these facilities. The only way to address these critical shortages is to infuse additional funds into the system. MAC will seek state funds for staff recruitment, retention and training, plus direct funding for facilities.

Extending the sunset on trial court funding authorization

To maintain the effectiveness of the judicial system, MAC calls for an extension of the sunset on trial court funding authorization. The current authorization for the collection of fees that help to fund our trial courts expires in May. We will seek an extension of this authorization to May of 2026 and in the interim seek the enactment of the recommendations from the Trial Court Funding Commission.

Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy

While federal legislation to address necessary reforms to the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP) is under way, and several states have been approved for Medicaid Section 1115 waivers to allow for Medicaid coverage for incarcerated individuals, Michigan counties still face burdensome costs in anticipation of these reforms.

To alleviate the financial burden imposed by the MIEP, MAC is pursuing a policy to require health care providers to bill at the Medicaid-established rate for all incarcerated individuals who do not possess private health care and receive medical care outside of the county jail. In addition, MAC is working on an initiative to require the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a Medicaid Section 1115 Re-entry Waiver, which several other states have been approved for, to reinstate Medicaid benefits for incarcerated individuals prior to release from county jails.

Infrastructure funding

Addressing Michigan's infrastructure needs, MAC prioritizes road funding in its legislative agenda. Proposals include sustainable and long-term solutions to maintain and improve the state's transportation infrastructure. With declining gas tax revenue due to more efficient vehicles and the influx of electric vehicles and road quality declining, a new approach must be found. MAC envisions safer roads, reduced congestion and enhanced connectivity contributing to economic growth and overall community well-being.

For more information on [MAC's 2024 priorities](#), please contact Deena Bosworth at bosworth@micounties.org.

Experts: \$14 billion to spend from state General Fund in fiscal 2025

Michigan legislators will have about \$14 billion in General Fund revenue to use for the fiscal 2025 budget, economic and budget experts said Friday in the first Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC) of 2024.

These conferences are required by statute to determine the state of Michigan's financial resources as lawmakers draft annual budgets, including spending areas that are critical to county needs, such as revenue sharing.

As for impacts on county priorities in 2024, MAC Governmental Affairs Director Deena Bosworth said the projections leave the potential for MAC's goal to enact a dedicated Revenue Sharing Trust Fund this year in good shape. but the meager growth does hinder the possibility for investment in other MAC priorities.

As for the perennial question of infrastructure funding, Bosworth said the clear need there is for the state to develop a new method to fund road maintenance and improvements in the face of pressures on traditional fuel taxes.

The Legislature will begin its budget work in earnest in February when Gov. Gretchen Whitmer presents her Executive Budget recommendations. The next revenue conference, in May 2024, will set the final numbers available for spending for the FY25 state budget, which is supposed to be finished, by statute, by June 30.

For more information on MAC's budget advocacy, contact Deena Bosworth at bosworth@micounties.org.



'Ax Tax' proposal headed back to the Board of State Canvassers next week

Earlier this week, MAC, in a special Podcast 83 episode to launch its 2024 season, reviewed a radical ballot proposal that, if adopted, would blow a nearly \$3 billion hole in county revenues.

The podcast guest, Steve Liedel of the firm of Dykema in Lansing, is an expert in elections law, discussed the process that the group "Ax MI Tax" is using to try to ban property taxes in Michigan.



Since the taping and release of this episode, the Ax MI Tax group has altered their course and is again going before the Board of State Canvassers to have their ballot proposal summary language approved before they start the signature collecting process. The meeting to approve the language is set for Jan. 19.

MAC is part of a group of interested parties engaging and closely monitoring this proposal and will keep our membership updated as we learn more.

For more information on this issue, please contact Deena Bosworth at bosworth@micounties.org.

Ballot group formed to challenge energy siting law

A ballot committee announced its plan last week to bring a voter initiative on a new law to revamp legislation that grants the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) the ability to override local governments in the permitting of renewable energy facilities.



Citizens for Local Choice is behind the proposal and aims to gather 550,000 signatures before May to get the initiative on the ballot for the November 2024 election. The group hopes to raise \$7 million to \$10 million to fund their work. (Under Michigan’s “indirect” initiative process, the measure would first go to the Legislature, which could choose to adopt it. If the Legislature rejected the initiative, the question would then move to the voters.)

The intent of the initiative is to nullify part of Public Act 233 of 2023, which allows solar and wind developers to apply for a permit directly to the MPSC if the local unit has not adopted a Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance. If the local unit has such an ordinance, the developer may eventually appeal adverse decisions to the MPSC. Ultimately, the ballot initiative is an attempt to retain full local zoning authority.

According to Ballotpedia, the 2024 signature requirement for an initiated law is 356,958.

MAC was opposed to the act’s provisions that stripped decision-making from local governments, but that is not an indication of our position on clean energy goals. MAC is not a member of Citizens for Local Choice and has not been involved in the group’s work.

MAC-backed coalition will recognize promising practices on opioids

The Opioid Advisory Commission (OAC) is partnering with the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association, to spotlight local governments that are demonstrating promising practices, in alignment with national guidance.



Individuals can nominate their local government for recognition by the OAC, within quarterly and annual reports of the Commission —completion of this form allows for nomination of a jurisdiction.

Click [here](#) to nominate your local government.

Through nomination, the work of local governments may also be shared with the [National Association of Counties \(NACo.\) Opioid Solutions Center](#) for recognition on their website or within publications, and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health as nomination for [Awards for Excellence in the Application of the Opioid Litigation Principles](#).

Data collected from this survey will be housed with the OAC and shared with the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Townships Association, and Michigan Municipal League.

For more information, contact oac@legislature.mi.gov.

Learn about \$6 million ‘Catalyst Communities’ grant opportunity on Jan. 26

The [Catalyst Communities Initiative](#) is a comprehensive program to provide education, training, planning, and technical resources to local governments as they work toward their sustainability goals. This initiative offers an array of resources on various environmental, social, and economic topics to help communities across Michigan make a just transition to decarbonization and meet our [MI Healthy Climate Plan goals](#). The initiative aims to provide a range of resource options to meet communities wherever they are, regardless of geography, population size, or pre-existing knowledge. The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Catalyst Communities Initiative is hosting this webinar series free to communities.



Next event: Jan. 26, 11 a.m. to noon (Eastern) – Community Energy Management Program RFP and Application Overview

The Community Energy Management Program has been amended to expand the total amount of funding available, eligible projects areas, and the maximum award size. These changes were made possible by additional federal funding from the State Energy Program’s (SEP) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allocation and the Department of Energy’s Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) allocation. This webinar will highlight the additional funding and increased award sizes that are available, along with the expanded eligible project areas that communities can consider when applying.

Noteworthy details:

- Program solicitation closes June 30, 2024, or when all funding is expended, whichever comes first.
- Total funding available is \$5,850,000

- Project awards have been expanded to a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$100,000.
- For the SEP portion of the funds, any local government, tribal government, or other public service entity physically located in Michigan is eligible to apply.
- For the EECBG portion of the funds, any local government or tribal government physically located in Michigan that did not receive direct EECBG funding allocations is eligible to apply.
- The grant period will end, and funds must be expended by Aug. 31, 2025.

Webinar recordings are posted online for future viewing on the [Catalyst Communities Webinars Webpage](#) and anyone registering to join will get a notification when the recording is available.

MAC's YouTube page has dozens of new videos

The Michigan Association of Counties holds numerous educational events each year to help members stay abreast of policy and financial developments. And, for those members who are unable to attend, either in person or via digital links, MAC routinely records presentations and makes them available through our channel on YouTube.



Be sure to bookmark our [YouTube page](#) to see all of MAC's video work.

Recent additions to the channel include:

- Content from [MAC's 2023 Policy Summit](#), held on Dec. 7, 2023
- Newest episodes of [Podcast 83](#), MAC's podcast about all things related to county government in Michigan
- Content from the [2023 Michigan Counties Annual Conference](#), held Oct. 1-3, 2023, in Kalamazoo

Be sure to bookmark the page on your browser, as we will add videos throughout the year.

MAC offices closed for MLK holiday

MAC's offices in Lansing will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15 to observe the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Normal office hours will resume at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

For information on MAC committee meetings, [click here](#). For information on MAC events, [click here](#).



Nominations open for Hometown Health Hero awards

The Michigan Public Health Week Partnership, a collaboration of 12 organizations, including MAC, working to increase the visibility of significant accomplishments in public health, is seeking nominations of individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to preserve and improve their community's health for its annual Hometown Health Hero awards. Hometown Health Hero awards are presented every spring as part of Michigan Public Health Week, April 8-14. Award recipients will be honored at a reception April 10 in the atrium of Heritage Hall in the State Capitol.



Michigan Public Health Week is observed as part of National Public Health Week the first week of April to recognize the contributions of public health and to highlight issues that are important to improving the nation's health. Each year, the American Public Health Association develops a campaign to educate the public, policy makers and health care providers about issues related to that year's theme.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from Michigan.gov/mphw. Completed nominations should be sent to Jim Koval via email at kovalj@michigan.gov or faxed to [517-335-8392](tel:517-335-8392) by **Wednesday, Jan. 31**.

Staff picks

- [Macomb County juvenile court officials plan to expand programing for offending youths](#) (Macomb Daily)
- [The oldest counties in Michigan](#) (map) (MLive)
- [Fiscal Snapshot: State Parks](#) (Michigan House Fiscal Agency)
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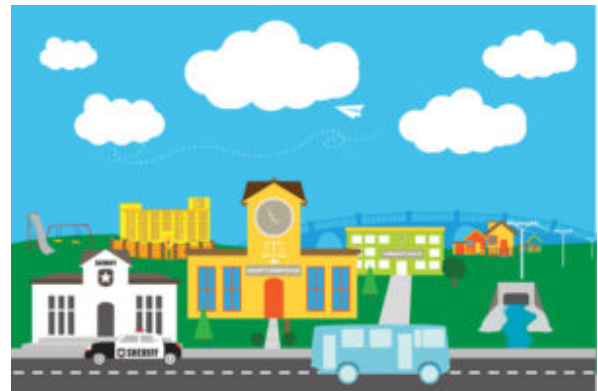
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Podcast team reviews MAC policy priorities for 2024

A long-sought policy to create a secure source of county revenue sharing dollars and changes in juvenile justice and court policies are discussed in the [latest episode of Podcast 83](#), MAC's podcast on all matters county-related in Michigan.

Host Stephan Currie led the Podcast 83 team of Deena Bosworth, Madeline Fata and Samantha Gibson through a review of MAC's [2024 legislative priorities](#) in Lansing.



Topping the list, said Bosworth, is the creation of a Revenue Sharing Trust Fund to hold dedicated state dollars to share with local governments.

“It might still be a little bit of an uphill battle because it does carve out a portion of the state sales tax and cuts into the unrestricted funds the Legislature uses ... Hopefully we get some movement on it this spring,” she explained.

Bosworth also reviewed the legislative state of play on reimbursements for losses due to a property tax exemption for disabled veterans, while Gibson discussed the need to reset a legislative “sunset” on the authority of local trial courts to levy fees on defendants and Fata described the numerous challenges to infrastructure funding.

View the full video of the episode, recorded on Jan. 16, by [clicking here](#).

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

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

MAC releases new tool to aid counties on opioid settlement investments

MAC has released a new tool to assist members with investing opioid settlement dollars to maximize public health gains.



The [Michigan Opioid Settlement Funds: Steering](#)

[Committee Development and Tips for Processing Requests for Funds](#) guidance document came out on Jan. 4. This tool is intended to assist counties with the creation of steering committees to guide planning efforts around opioid settlement funds and review committees associated with funding requests. Attention is paid to who should be involved in the process, which practices should be formalized for purposes of clarity and sustainability, as well as where to consider conflicts of interest. The document also highlights no-cost technical assistance resources available to counties. Guidance around the topics of planning and review committees focuses on the crucial aspects of providing a fair and transparent processes for utilization of settlement funds.

The document is housed alongside other guidance documents and tools in the Templates section of the [Michigan Association of Counties Opioid Settlement Resource Center](#).

For more information, contact MAC's opioid settlement technical adviser, Amy Dolinky, at dolinky@micounties.org.

Webinar on Feb. 6 to explain federal program helpful to EMS entities

On Feb. 6, a webinar will brief local leaders on a federal program that could assist local emergency responders.

The Federal Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Program is overseen by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). GEMT provides funding and support to eligible health care providers through state agencies, aiming to ensure individuals without reliable



transportation can access emergency medical care. This program improves access to emergency services for Medicaid beneficiaries, bridging the gap between patients and health care facilities and facilitating timely care during emergencies.

To register for the webinar, which starts at 12:30 p.m. (Eastern), [click here](#).

While Michigan doesn't currently participate in the program, our state has the eighth-highest number of Medicaid enrollees in the nation. Local emergency services and ambulance providers are not fully reimbursed by Medicaid to cover the costs of medical transportation for this significant segment of our communities. The GEMT initiative in Michigan seeks to address health disparities, promote health equity and reimburse local agencies and emergency services providers for serving vulnerable populations.

County agencies that may benefit from this program include:

- Central Huron Ambulance Service Association
- Alcona County EMS
- Alger County Ambulance Service
- Benzie County EMS
- Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority
- Eastern Huron Ambulance Service
- Emmet County Emergency Medical Services
- Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority
- Gratiot Emergency Services Authority
- Iosco County EMS
- Lapeer County EMS
- Livingston County EMS
- Missaukee County EMS
- North Oakland County Fire Authority
- North Ottawa EMS
- Northeast Ingham Emergency Services Authority
- Northern Bay Ambulance
- Northwest Wexford Emergency Authority
- Office of Genesee County Sheriff – Paramedic Division
- Ogemaw County EMS Authority
- Osceola County EMS
- Oscoda County EMS
- Otsego County Ambulance Corps
- Southwest Shiawassee Emergency Alliance

For more information on MAC's work on health issues, contact Samantha Gibson at gibson@micounties.org.

Apply now for NACo's Juvenile Justice Innovation Network

NACo's County Juvenile Justice Innovation Network (CJJIN) aims to increase the practical understanding and capacity of counties to address the needs of youth involved in their local juvenile justice systems. NACo will facilitate a network that will learn about best practices and evidence-based resources to inform a strategic action plan that invests in the well-being and future of the youth within their community.



Counties selected for the network will have the opportunity to be featured in case studies highlighting innovation and lessons learned, a series of briefs on best practices and implementation and a webinar series. All resources related to CJJIN will be part of the forthcoming CJJIN Resource Hub and will be updated [on this page](#).

CJJIN is a nine-month opportunity for county teams to engage both virtually and in-person to share challenges and successes, learn from national and local experts, exchange ideas with other counties to achieve program and policy change that empowers and improves youth outcomes.

CJJIN will support a community of practice for up to five counties to identify challenges, strategies and an action plan to better support youth by strengthening county juvenile justice systems. Counties participating in the network will identify a core team of up to four champions working across youth-serving systems to join in-person CJJIN activities but are encouraged to invite additional stakeholders that can support the implementation of their strategic action plan.

Applications to join the inaugural cohort will close on Feb. 2 at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern) and can be [downloaded here](#). Applicants will also submit the Team Composition Form, which can be [accessed here](#).

Please send completed applications and questions to Meg Siwek, program manager for justice, at msiwek@naco.org.

Start the new year off with leadership development!



MAC congratulates the September 2023 NACo Leadership Academy graduates from Michigan. They join more than 10,000 graduates and current participants from across the country benefitting from the 12-week online program enabling existing and emerging county leaders to achieve their highest potential:

- Joe Porterfield, county administrator, Wexford County

Counties can celebrate the 10th anniversary of the [High Performance Leadership Academy](#) by utilizing a special deal: each county can enroll 10 leaders for \$15,000 in 2024. The next cohort starts on April 22.

[Click here to enroll and learn more.](#)

Staff picks

- [Berrien County looks ahead on the opioid epidemic](#) (The Herald-Palladium)
- [One-quarter of U.S. 40-year-olds have never married, a record high](#) (Pew Research Center)
- [State and Local Tax Collections Per Capita \(map\)](#) (Tax Foundation)

- [Michigan Indoor Radon Results Map](#) (Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy)



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