



# TUSCOLA COUNTY

## Board of Commissioners

### BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 11, 2024 – 8:00 AM

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

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Prayer - Commissioner Young  
Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Vaughan  
Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
MAC Judiciary Committee  
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Local Units of Government Activity Report  
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**Koch**

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

**Bardwell**

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Caro DDA/TIFA  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
MAC 7th District  
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MAC Finance Committee  
NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

**Young**

Board of Public Works  
County Road Commission Liaison  
Dispatch Authority Board

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**Other Business as Necessary**

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**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, March 28, 2024**

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

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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, March 28, 2024, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Koch

Roll Call - Deputy Clerk Judy Cockerill

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

Commissioners Absent: Thomas Young

Others Present In-Person: Deputy Clerk Judy Cockerill, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Shelly Lutz, Mike Miller, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Tyler Ray, Jon Ramirez

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tyler Ray, Debbie Babich, Rebecca Evans, Mark Ransford, Tom Young, Carrie Tabar, Linda Strasz, Alecia Little, Crystal Knoblock, Shannon Beach, Karlee Romain, Tanya Pisha, Renee Francisco, Steve Root, Katie Robinson, Ashley Gaudett, Chad Tumblin, Tim Green

At 8:03 a.m., there were a total of 18 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2024-M-071

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

### Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2024-M-072

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 14, 2024 Regular meeting, March 19, 2024 Special meeting, March 25, 2024 Special meeting and Closed Session minutes from the March 25, 2024 Special meeting. Motion Carried.

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

None

**Consent Agenda**

2024-M-073

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the March 25, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Michigan State University Extension (MSUe) 2023 Tuscola County Annual Report - Move to receive and place on file the Michigan State University Extension (MSUe) 2023 Tuscola County Annual Report.
2. Refill Vacant Part-time Custodian Position - Move that per the request from Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds/Recycling Director, that Brooke Partridge be hired to fill the vacant part-time Custodian position at Step One of the pay scale at \$16.67 per hour, contingent on satisfactory background check, drug screen and physical with a tentative start date of April 1, 2024.
3. 2023 Year End Adjustment to the Friend of the Court Budget - Move to approve an additional appropriation of \$41,510.00 from the General Fund fund balance to the Friend of the Court budget for Fiscal Year-End 2023 to correct the deficit position. Also, any Necessary budget amendments are authorized.

**New Business**

1. Upcoming Treasurer's Office Closure - Ashley Bennett, County Treasurer, explained the need to close the office on May 6, 2024. Notices will be posted to inform the public.

2024-M-074

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to approve the upcoming closure of the Treasurer's Office on May 6, 2024 for state testing. Motion Carried.

2. Mid-State Health Network 2024 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Oversight Policy Advisory Board Intergovernmental Agreement - Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented the proposed agreement.

2024-M-075

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Bill Lutz that the 2024 Mid-State Health Network Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Oversight Policy Advisory Board Intergovernmental Agreement be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

3. Resolution Approving the Michigan Public Safety Communications Systems (MPSCS) Integration Agreement with Tuscola County -  
Jon Ramirez, Dispatch Director, presented the renewal contract explaining the terms and conditions with no financial commitment required by the County.

2024-M-076

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve Resolution 2024-04 approving the Michigan Public Safety Communications Systems Integration Agreement with Tuscola County.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: Thomas Young

Motion Carried.

4. Michigan's Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS) Amended and Restated Integration Agreement -  
Jon Ramirez, Dispatch Director, reviewed the proposed agreement.

2024-M-077

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that the Michigan's Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS) Amended and Restated Integration Agreement be approved and all necessary signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

5. Michigan's Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS) Member Subscriber Agreement with Tuscola County Central Dispatch -  
Jon Ramirez, Dispatch Director, reviewed the proposed agreement.

2024-M-078

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS) Member Subscriber Agreement with Tuscola County Central Dispatch be approved and all necessary signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

### **Old Business**

1. Personnel Committee Update on the Discussions with the New Controller/Administrator Mr. Neil Hammerbacher -  
Chairman Kim Vaughan and Commissioner Thomas Bardwell reviewed the discussion from the Personnel Committee meeting held with Neil Hammerbacher. The Commissioners were provided a copy of the draft contract to review.

2024-M-079

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to approve the tentative contract with Neil Hammerbacher as a 3-year contract with the following provisions:

- \$115,000.00 annual salary
- Contract term from April 8, 2024 to April 7, 2027
- Yearly cost of living increase to be the same as the non-union employee amount received
- 1st year to receive 10-days of vacation with the 2nd year to receive 15-days of vacation with the following year to be determined at that time
- Shelly Lutz to clarify with Mr. Hammerbacher the continuing education required to maintain his CPA License as to the cost of the class and the time needed to be away from the office to complete the course
- Proposed contract to be submitted to legal counsel for review

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

Absent: Thomas Young

Motion Carried.

2. Multi-County Materials Management Planning, Tuscola County -

Mike Miller, Building and Grounds/Recycling Director, presented the request for all three county agreements at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024.

2024-M-080

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to support that Tuscola County formally agrees to collaborate with Sanilac County on materials management planning; recognizing the mutual benefits and shared responsibilities in addressing materials management challenges. Also, authorize the Controller/Administrator to prepare any correspondence if necessary to EGLE or to Sanilac County as related to this action. Motion Carried.

3. Multi-County Materials Management Planning, Huron County -

2024-M-081

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to support that Tuscola County formally agrees to collaborate with Huron County on materials management planning; recognizing the mutual benefits and shared responsibilities in addressing materials management challenges. Also, authorize the Controller/Administrator to prepare any correspondence if necessary to EGLE or to Huron County as related to this action. Motion Carried.



4. Multi-County Materials Management Planning, Lapeer County -  
2024-M-082

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to support that Tuscola County formally agrees to collaborate with Lapeer County on materials management planning; recognizing the mutual benefits and shared responsibilities in addressing materials management challenges. Also, authorize the Controller/Administrator to prepare any correspondence if necessary to EGLE or to Lapeer County as related to this action. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Bardwell stated that the Board just approved something that they are unsure of how it will look in the future.

**Correspondence/Resolutions**

1. Rap Grant and Check for AED Project
2. Legislative Update 3-15-24 - The Michigan Association of Counties
3. Legislative Update 3-22-24 - The Michigan Association of Counties
4. 2024-003 Baraga County Resolution Citizens for Local Choice
5. 2024-004 Baraga County Resolution My Kids Bill
6. Ogemaw County Resolution 24-36
7. Ingham County Resolution #24-117

**Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports**

**Vaughan**

No Report

Board of Health

County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC Environmental Regulatory

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use

Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

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Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee -

There will be a meeting on April 22, 2024 to discuss the lack of Prosecutor candidates state-wide.

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

**Koch**

No Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government

**Bardwell**

Behavioral Health Systems Board -  
Meeting tonight

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee -  
Meets April 6, 2024

NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)

Local Units of Government Activity Report

**Young**

Absent

- Board of Public Works
- County Road Commission Liaison
- Dispatch Authority Board
- Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
- Great Start Collaborative
- Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)
- MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee
- Region VII Economic Development Planning
- Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
- Senior Services Advisory Council
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**Other Business as Necessary**

-Commissioner Bardwell asked for the status of hiring a new Assistant Prosecutor due to a retirement. Clayette Zechmeister did not have an update at this time.

-Clayette Zechmeister informed the Board that the Auditors will be on-site from April 1, 2024 to April 3, 2024. Also, that the General Fund expenditures for the 23/24 year increased approximately 7.4% and the revenue only increased approximately 1.35%. It was stated that the wage/fringe and health insurance costs are the top expenditures from the General Fund. Mr. Hammerbacher will be on-site on April 3, 2024 to meet the Auditors.

-Commissioner Bardwell reminded the Board a review of the Commissioner's salary needs to be completed and decided on before the new term.

**Extended Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

2024-M-083

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m.  
Motion Carried.

Judy Cockerill  
Tuscola County Deputy Clerk



# MINUTES

## Committee of the Whole Meeting

**8:00 AM - Monday, April 8, 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, April 8, 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, Neil Hammerbacher, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Tyler Ray, Brian Harris, Jon Ramirez

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Amanda Ertman, Debbie Babich, Renee Francisco, Cody Horton, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Register Marianne Brandt, Angie Daniels, Amy Dolinky, Barry Lapp, Carrie Tabar, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Estee Bitzer, Tim Green, Jodi Barrons, Bob Baxter, Karlee Romain, Katie Robinson, Ashley Gaudett, Judy Cockerill

At 8:14 a.m., there were a total of 25 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### **New Business**

1. Opioid Settlement Funds -

Amy Dolinky, Technical Advisor, Opioid Settlement Funds, Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), presented information and projected settlement amount regarding the Opioid Settlement.

Judge Amy Grace Gierhart explained the Harm Reduction Program that is currently being implemented to assist after a person is released from jail to help reduce opioid overdoses.

### **Old Business**

None

## Finance/Technology

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

1. Update on Animal Control Equipment Purchase for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Grant -  
Tyler Ray, Animal Control Director, provided an update on the costs of the Animal Control truck and accessories purchased. The USDA grant reimbursement funds are still pending.

Tyler Ray reported that the number of housed cats is under control but the kitten season is just starting. The number of dogs ready for adoption is on the rise.

2. 2024 First Quarter Reports -  
Debbie Babich, Fiscal Analyst, reviewed the Fund Balance Report highlighting various line items for voted millages, the 2.5% Indirect Cost amount associated with those as well as a couple of line items that are currently in a deficit. Debbie outlined corrections that need to be made on the presented General Fund Revenue report. The Total Revenue Month-to-Date ending balance should be \$834,405.80. There are expenses that need to be posted yet today. The Board requested that Debbie re-run the report and provide that to the Commissioners.
3. General Fund Ten Year Projections -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reviewed the reports included in the agenda packet. Clayette is projecting a shortfall in the 2025 budget cycle which will carry into 2026.

Neil Hammerbacher stated he will review the auditor's report as the auditors were on-site last week. The report that Clayette presented to the Board is in summary format and he wants to look at the detailed report before he makes a comment on the financial outlook.

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

1. Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) CDBG Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Grant Update -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, stated there is no update at this time.

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

-Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, reviewed the contracts that he has negotiated for cost savings or negating an increase. VOIP Refresh and Pivot Point projects are underway.

**Building and Grounds*****Primary Building and Grounds***

None

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

1. PSB Building Update -  
Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds/Recycling, stated that crews have been working on the HVAC and electrical systems. The foundation for the stair tower is nearing completion. He is planning to schedule a meeting with the Architect and Builder next week for a full update.
2. Purdy Building Renovation Update -  
Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds/Recycling, reported that the project is progressing forward. There is an issue with the window in the Drain Commissioner's Office, so he is planning to meet with Drain Commissioner Mantey for an update.
3. Multi-County Materials Management Planning Update -  
Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds/Recycling, stated that Sanilac County is meeting today to discuss the proposed mutual agreement. He does not know when the other counties are meeting.

**Personnel*****Primary Personnel***

1. Review Final Draft of Controller/Administrator Employment Agreement -  
-Commissioner Bardwell stated that the updated Employment Agreement for the Controller/Administrator has been presented to the Board and to Neil Hammerbacher in a final draft. The matter is to have final adoption and signatures authorized on Thursday. In the agreement, the title of the position should be changed from Administrator/Controller to Controller/Administrator. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
2. Proposed 2024-06 Resolution Honoring Eric F. Wanink -  
Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

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

None

**Other Business as Necessary**

1. Potential Closure for the Controller/Administrator's Office -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented the request to close the office during the retirement gathering for her. The staff in the Controller/Administrator's Office offered to use personal time during the closure. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

2. Update on County Millages Proposed for 2024 (matter added) -  
-Commissioner Bardwell addressed the proposed County Millages for 2024 for the Senior Services, 911 Dispatch and Animal Control as they were supposed to be brought back before the Board once all Commissioners were in attendance. Matter to be placed on the April 22, 2024 agenda.
3. Commissioner Salary and Benefit Review (matter added) -  
-Commissioner Koch requested this discussion to be placed on the May 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting. The Commissioner's salary needs to be set prior to the next term.

**Public Comment Period**

-Eean Lee recognized Cody Horton for his assistance on the Pivot Point project and his subject matter knowledge.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.  
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO

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# TUSCOLA COUNTY CONTROLLER/ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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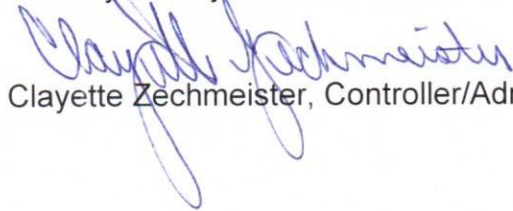
April 4, 2024

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Commissioners,

On April 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 my staff will be hosting an open house celebration for my retirement from the County. Since there are several items they have offered to be responsible for during and after this open house, as well as, they have expressed their interest in being able to freely participate, I would like to ask for the Controller/Administrators' Office to be closed from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. They will be taking their own personal compensation time for this closure. If any emergencies arise that they are needed in the office for, they will still be on site and available to address them.

Thank you for your consideration



Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator



# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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2024-05

## Retirement Resolution Honoring Clayette Zechmeister

**Whereas**, Clayette Zechmeister, Tuscola County Controller/Administrator, is retiring on April 19, 2024, and Clayette has been a valuable employee to Tuscola County for over 35 years, working in both the Clerk's Office where she started in 1988 and later in the Controller's Office, and

**Whereas**, in October of 1988, Clayette began her career with Tuscola County working as a part-time Account Clerk in the Clerk's Office until 1989 when she was promoted to a full-time Account Clerk II. In 1994, Clayette was again promoted to an Account Clerk III and then became the Accounts Payable Clerk in 1998, and

**Whereas**, in 2000, Clayette transferred to the newly established Accounting Department in the Controller's Office as the Accounts Payable Clerk and continued to excel, as she was promoted to the Chief Accountant in the Controller's Office in 2004 where she did a phenomenal job, and

**Whereas**, in June 2019, after many years of dedicated service to Tuscola County, Clayette was promoted to the Controller/Administrator position, and

**Whereas**, over the span of her career, Clayette has been involved in many changes within the County; from manually writing checks and keeping accounting records to processing the accounting functions using accounting software, as well as being involved as a very valued employee when the Accounting Department was established in the Controller's Office in 2000, and

**Whereas**, Clayette's outstanding knowledge of Governmental Accounting has been extremely valuable in the budgeting process for Tuscola County as well maintaining a balanced budget for the County each year. Due to Clayette's determination and hard work, Tuscola County has been awarded the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement (AFRA) for more than 20 years. The AFRA is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that on behalf of the residents of Tuscola County, the Board of Commissioners commends Clayette Zechmeister, the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator, for her tremendous contributions to Tuscola County during her time of service and wishes her many wonderful years of retirement.

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Kim Vaughan, Chairperson

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Thomas Bardwell, Vice-Chair

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Thomas Young, Commissioner

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Bill Lutz, Commissioner

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Matthew Koch, Commissioner

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at its meeting on April 11, 2024.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

2024 - 06

## Resolution Honoring Eric F. Wanink

**Whereas**, Eric F. Wanink, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, will be retiring from Tuscola County effective April 22, 2024 has been an asset since Day One to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the County, the State of Michigan and all the citizens thereof; and

**Whereas**, Eric began his employment with Tuscola County as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney on April 21, 2003. He continued in this role until January 1, 2009 when he was appointed Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney by Prosecuting Attorney Mark E. Reene; and

**Whereas**, Eric has undertaken his important role as a public servant with a unique level of dedication, determination and passion and always taking pride in his work; and

**Whereas**, Eric is well respected by those he works with both inside and outside of the Prosecutor's Office. He has fulfilled a leadership role in the Office with extraordinary attention to detail and has also embodied the goals established by the Office of courtesy, respect and professionalism; and

**Whereas**, Countless crime victims who have been beset with overwhelmingly difficult personal life challenges have been assisted by Eric with concern and dignity; and

**Whereas**, Eric has developed unparalleled expertise in multiple disciplines and subject matters and dedicated countless hours of his time to assisting law enforcement officers and prosecutors locally and around the State in their public service endeavors and earning widespread respect; and

**Whereas**, Eric understands the critical role a prosecutor fulfills in our form of government and has continually striven to obtain justice in every case by relying upon his commitment, knowledge and prowess; and

**Whereas**, Eric has more than earned the right to pursue other endeavors, but his contributions as a valued employee will be missed and his impact as a person will leave a significant and incalculable void.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that on behalf of the residents of Tuscola County, the Board of Commissioners commends Eric F. Wanink, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for his invaluable contributions to Tuscola County during his 21 years of service and wishes Eric many enjoyable and productive years of continued public service which will be a profound benefit to all of Michigan's citizens.

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Kim Vaughan, Chairperson

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Thomas Bardwell, Vice Chairperson

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Commissioner Thomas Young

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Commissioner Bill Lutz

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Matthew Koch

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at its meeting on April 11, 2024.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk

**Tuscola County**  
**Sheriff Road Patrol Millage Renewal**

Shall Tuscola County renew the current Sheriff Road Patrol millage levy of 1.3300 mills (\$1.33 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon the taxable value of property in Tuscola County, for a period of 8 years, 2025 through 2032, inclusive, for operation of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Road Patrol within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage raises an estimated \$2,903,000 in the first year that it is levied. All revenue will be disbursed to Tuscola County and shall be exclusively used for Sheriff's Road Patrol activities within Tuscola County.

**TUSCOLA COUNTY  
RECYCLING MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Shall Tuscola County renew the current Recycling millage levy of .1500 mills (\$.15 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) upon the taxable value of property in Tuscola County, for a period of 8 years, 2025 through 2032, inclusive, to provide funds for recycling within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage raises an estimated \$327,000 in the first calendar year after its approval. All revenue will be disbursed to Tuscola County and shall be exclusively used for recycling activities within Tuscola County.

**Tuscola County**  
**Senior Citizen Programs Millage Renewal**

Shall Tuscola County renew the current Senior Citizen Programs millage levy of 0.3200 mills (\$0.32 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon the taxable value of property in Tuscola County for a period of 8 years, 2025 through 2032, inclusive, for operation of Senior Citizen programs within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage raises an estimated \$698,000 in the first year that it is levied. All revenue will be disbursed to Tuscola County and shall be exclusively used for Senior Citizen activities within Tuscola County.

**Tuscola County**  
**Senior Citizen Home Delivered Meals Millage**

Shall Tuscola County impose a new Senior Citizen Home Delivered Meal millage levy of 0.3200 mills (\$0.32 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon the taxable value of property in Tuscola County for a period of 5 years, 2025 through 2029, inclusive, for operation of Senior Citizen Home Delivered Meals within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage raises an estimated \$ in the first year that it is levied. All revenue will be disbursed to Tuscola County and shall be exclusively used for Senior Citizen Home Delivered Meals within Tuscola County.

**Tuscola County**  
**Potential Animal Care and Control Millage**

**Shall Tuscola County be authorized to levy upon the taxable value of all property subject to ad valorem taxation, up to \_\_\_ mill, for a period of six (6) years, 2025 through 2030 inclusive, to be used exclusively for the sole purpose of maintaining funding support for county animal care and control program services and operations, including equipping, financing, and operation of the county animal shelter and animal care program services?**

TUSCOLA COUNTY

E-9-1-1 CENTRAL DISPATCH OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSITION

Shall the County of Tuscola, Michigan, be authorized to levy upon the taxable value of all property subject to ad valorem taxation, up to .3000 mills (\$0.30 per \$1,000 of taxable value" , for a period of up to four (4) years, 2025 through 2028 inclusive, to be used exclusively for the funding of 9-1-1 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch services within Tuscola County, including facilities, equipment and maintenance, and operating costs associated with the necessary equipment for the 9-1-1 central Dispatch System to effectively provide and ensure twenty-four hour public safety communications service for the citizens, communities, and public safety responders of Tuscola county?

If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage raises and estimated \$\_\_\_\_\_ in the first year that it is levied.



## TUSCOLA COUNTY MRF

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**NOTE**

Numbers used in this calculation are based on the EGLE report to provide counties with information to support future materials management planning. Furthermore, other data, i.e. demographic information has been gathered from the counties, reports, studies, etc. support future materials management planning.

***This project has two primary goals.***

*Firstly, it aims to generate profits.  
 Secondly, we want to enjoy, what we do, find a common place to do better for a greater future.  
 We aspire to connect with the community and involve industry stakeholders while educating the kids.  
 This entails establishing a strong public presence and undertaking emotionally-driven initiatives.*

**FACTS**

**Population / County**

Tuscola	52,683.00
Sanilac	41,188.00
Huron	31,105.00
Lapeer	87,966.00
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>212,942.00</b>

<b>Material Volume / County in Tons (as per EGL)</b>	<b>Waste</b>	<b>Recyclables</b>	<b>Organics</b>	<b>Commercial</b>
Tuscola	25,264.00	3,092.00	2,005.00	1,401.00
Sanilac	19,082.00	1,754.00	1,570.00	1,333.00
Huron	13,993.00	905.00	1,186.00	1,772.00
Lapeer	41,010.00	4,002.00	3,358.00	2,895.00
<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>99,349.00</b>	<b>9,753.00</b>	<b>8,119.00</b>	<b>7,401.00</b>

*Tuscola Residents each produce roughly 26.7 pounds / year.*

**Estimated Volume (as per EGLE)**

	<b>Volume / Year 2023</b>	<b>Volume / Year 2024</b>	<b>Volume / Year 2025</b>	<b>Volume / Year 2026</b>
Total Volume 4 counties	9,753.00	10,240.65	10,752.68	11,290.32
Total Volume Commercial	7,401.00	7,771.05	8,159.60	8,567.58
	<b>17,154.00</b>	<b>18,011.70</b>	<b>18,912.29</b>	<b>19,857.90</b>
Volume / Week	187.56	196.94	206.78	217.12
Volume / Day	31.26	32.82	34.46	36.19
<b>Volume / Hour</b>	<b>4.47</b>	<b>4.69</b>	<b>4.92</b>	<b>5.17</b>
incl. Commercial	7.76	8.24	8.66	9.09
Total Counties + Commercial	12.22	12.93	13.59	14.26

**MRF SET UP INVEST**

<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>EXT. IN COST</b>
INPUT SYSTEM		
SORTING SYSTEM		
SORTING CONTAINER		
MATERIAL STORAGE		
BALER		
OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE		
CONTINGENCY		
<b>EQUIPMENT TOTAL</b>		<b>998,000.00</b>
	<i>Estimated Annual Depreciaiton (10 years)</i>	<i>99,800.00 / Year</i>
<b>BUILDING</b>		
	UPDATE EXIST. BUILDING incl. Offices / Restrooms / Kitchen	55,000.00
	ADD. BUILDING "TIPPING / SORTING"	350,000.00
<b>BUILDING TOTAL</b>		<b>405,000.00</b>
	<i>Estimated Annual Depreciaiton (40 years)</i>	<i>10,125.00 / Year</i>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT START UP COST</b>		<b>1,403,000.00</b>
<b>POTENTIAL SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>		
Privat Investment		500,000.00
Grants		
	Materials Management County Engagement Grants	395,000.00
	EGLE Infrastructure Grant, Foundation	25,000.00
	EGLE Infrastructure Grant, Upgrade Office Building	25,000.00
	EPA	100,000.00
	MMP + Handling Fee / County, 55.000	165,000.00
	From Operations	379,245.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS START UP COST</b>		<b>1,589,245.00</b>

**FACILITY / OPERATION / MANAGEMENT COST**

Material Management / Sorting	205,000.00
Equipement Operation	80,000.00
Equipement Maintenance	30,000.00
Building Maintenance	30,000.00
Scale / Admin Assistance	55,000.00
Supervisor / Manager	90,000.00
MRV General Operations and Management	421,000.00
Workman's Comp & Overhead	100,000.00
Insurance	5,000.00
Administration	70,000.00
Energy	8,000.00
Building Utility	6,000.00

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**TOTAL OPERATING COST** **1,100,000.00**

<b>Estimated additional Income Sources</b>		monthly	yearly
		1,000.00	
		5,000.00	
		5,000.00	
		3,000.00	
		2,500.00	
		1,000.00	
		<b>17,500.00</b>	<b>210,000.00</b>

**PROFORMA OPERATING RESULTS**

REVENUE BREAK EVEN

Operating Cost		1,100,000.00
Investor Return		100,000.00
Profit, Contingency, and Reserves (20%)		240,000.00

**CALCULATED REVENUE NEEDED** **1,440,000.00**

SOURCES OF INCOME

Tipping Fee / Ton	90.00	877,770.00
Material Sales / Ton (avg)	75.00	731,475.00
Other Income		210,000.00

**1,819,245.00** *126%  
of Revenue needs*

INCOME STATEMENT

Revenue		1,819,245.00
Operating Cost		-1,100,000.00
Depreciation		-109,925.00

**PRE TAX NET INCOME** **609,320.00** **\$62.48 / T**

Cash Flow

Net Income		609,320.00
Addback: Depreciaton		109,925.00
Investor Dividends		-100,000.00

**PRE TAX CASH FLOWS** **619,245.00**

TUSCOLA COUNTY  
TUSCOLA COUNTY SHERIFF  
-and-  
POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION of MICHIGAN  
(Bargaining Unit 1, Non-Supervisory Act 312 Eligible Unit)

**Amended Letter of Understanding regarding Miscellaneous Matters**

The parties agree to amend the Letter of Understanding regarding Miscellaneous Matters included in the parties' January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 Agreement to provide as follows:

1. An emergency manager appointed under the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, 2012 PA 436, MCL 151.1541 to 141.1575, may reject, modify, or terminate the Collective Bargaining Agreement as provided in the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act. ***Inclusion of the language required under section 15(7) of the Public Employment Relations Act does not constitute an agreement by the Union to the substantive or procedural content of the language. In addition, inclusion of the language does not constitute a waiver of the Union's right to raise Constitutional and/or other legal challenge (including contractual or administrative challenges) to the validity of: (1) appointment of an Emergency Manager; (2) 2012 PA 436 (Local Financial Stability and Choice Act); or any action of an Emergency Manager which acts to reject, modify, or terminate the collective bargaining agreement.***
  
2. Employee Steve Anderson has held the position of Tuscola County Emergency Services Director since November 5, 2012. Steve Anderson shall continue to be paid at the wage rate established for Sergeant/Detective Sergeant. All other terms and conditions of his employment shall be governed by the collective bargaining agreement between Tuscola County and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (Unit I) (Non-Supervisory Act 312 Unit).
  
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 14.8 (College Incentive Pay), Steve Anderson will receive college incentive pay at the rate of \$.29 per hour.

FOR THE COUNTY

FOR THE UNION

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## National Day of Prayer

P. O. Box 289    Caro, MI 48723  
(989) 673-2500 (cell 989-545-0279)

February 20, 2024

Board of Commissioners (672-3700)  
125 W. Lincoln Street  
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Chairman of the Tuscola Board of Commissioners:

Please allow us to submit this “annual” request to hold the National Day of Prayer gathering on the Tuscola County courthouse lawn on **Thursday, May 2, 2024**. We plan to meet at 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m.

We also kindly request permission to put up our banner a few days ahead; as well as to put up a tent for the event. (The tent would go up the day before or the morning of the event and taken down that day or the next.)

As in previous years, we would need your approval for the use of an electrical outlet for a portable sound system from the building codes department. We will pick up any paper trash left behind.

If you have any questions, please call me at 989-545-0279. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

**Nancy Matuszak**  
National Day of Prayer Volunteer Coordinator

**Tuscola County Board of Public Works  
Meeting Minutes April 4, 2024**

Designee, Robert Mantey, Drain Commissioner, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. at 125 W Lincoln St, Suite 100, Caro, MI 48723.

Also Present: Alecia Little, Tuscola County Drain Commission Office

**Agenda:**  
Adopted

**Minutes:**  
Approved minutes from February 6, 2024.

**Meeting dates:**  
Adopted

**BPW Update:**  
No business to report

**Public Participation:**  
No Public Comment

**Adjournment:**  
Meeting adjourned at 1:33

Next meeting scheduled for August 6, 2024.

Respectfully submitted- Alecia Little



**RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING THE CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE BALLOT INITIATIVE  
03282024 – LC**

**Whereas**, local units of government should be able to determine for themselves which projects should, or should not, be in their local communities; and

**Whereas**, Public Act 233 of 2023 strips away local community control with regards to wind and solar energy operations. The Act places authority to make these decisions for local communities in the hands of the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC); and

**Whereas**, Public Act 233 of 2023 removes the responsibility for which local officials are elected, that being, to protect the health safety and welfare of their residents as well as act in the best interests of their community; and

**Whereas**, the MPSC does not have the fundamental knowledge, background, or interest to know what is in the best interest of the citizens of Crawford County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners is opposed to this specific legislation, and any other proposed legislation, that bypasses local governmental units and grants authority to some other public body to determine what is in the best interests of the residents of Crawford County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Crawford County Board of Commissioners supports the statewide ballot initiative that is being promoted by the Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan. This group is working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 of Public Act 233 of 2023. To restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER REOLVED**, that this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Michele Hoytenga, Representative Ken Borton, the Michigan Association of Counties and all other 82 counties in the state of Michigan.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Commissioner Jamison	Yes	Commissioner Kraycs	Yes
Commissioner Frederick	Yes	Commissioner Powers	Absent
Commissioner Goscicki	Yes	Commissioner Jansen	Absent
	Commissioner Lewis	Yes	

ADOPTED DATE: March 28, 2024

I, Jamie McClain, Clerk of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Crawford, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board on March 28, 2024.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court at Grayling, Michigan, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
 Laurie Jamison, Chair  
 Crawford County Board of Commissioners

  
 Jamie L. McClain  
 Clerk/ROD



## Resolution 22-2024

Date: March 20, 2024

### Resolution of Support for Adoption of SB662\_2024

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 10, 1960, and resolved to establish a special assessment district for the purpose of constructing a dam on Duck Lake, located in Green Lake Township, to control the level of Duck Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 29, 1986, and resolved (#133-86) to establish a special assessment district to determine and maintain a high-water level for Silver Lake, located in Garfield and Blair Townships, and to promote drainage from the lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the 13th Circuit Court has issued orders for the maintenance of lake levels on Duck Lake and Silver Lake, and dams were constructed on both lakes for the control of drainage from the lakes in furtherance of maintaining the Court-ordered lake levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, is entitled "Inland Lake Levels," being Section 324.30701, et seq. of Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL). Part 307 regulates the maintenance of the "normal level" of lakes established by Court orders in accordance with Part 307; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners entered into an Administrative Consent Agreement (ACO-05362, dated: July 15, 2019) with the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy to resolve the State's Failure of Notice claim attendant to the 13th Circuit Court's proceedings in 2017 to re-affirm the "normal level" of Duck Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, ACO-05362 imposes normal level maintenance obligations upon Grand Traverse County to maintain monthly minimum flows out of Duck Lake in addition to maintaining the "normal level"; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 court case Citizens for Higgins Lake Legal Levels v. Roscommon County Board of Commissioners in Michigan's Court of Appeals held that a normal lake level must be strictly maintained with no variance allowed to the Court's-ordered level; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court of Appeals ruled that Roscommon County had a clear legal duty to maintain the normal lake level at the precise elevation set forth in the Circuit Court Order, such that even the slightest deviation constituted a breach of that ministerial duty; and

**WHEREAS**, the appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court of Michigan's Court of Appeals ruling in Citizens for Higgins Lake Legal Levels v. Roscommon County Board of Commissioners has not resulted in establishing any revision to the Court of Appeals' ruling in the matter of "normal level" maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 89-2021 to delegate limited authority to the Grand Traverse County Drain Commissioner to operate the lake level control structures (dams) that maintain the normal levels of Duck Lake and Silver Lake pursuant to Part 307 of the NREPA; and

**WHEREAS**, Duck Lake Dam is equipped with an automated lake level monitor that continuously measures, records and broadcasts the Duck Lake level to the Grand Traverse County website for the benefit of stakeholders, including the Drain Commissioner who utilizes monitoring with weather forecasting in an effort to maintain the "normal level" and the ACO-mandated minimum outflows; and

**WHEREAS**, Duck Lake has multiple streams that inlet to the lake and which, in addition to natural springs, provide water flow into Duck Lake affecting normal level; and

**WHEREAS**, Duck Lake has only one, solitary, outlet stream which is the headwater flow of the Betsie River, which flow is controlled by the Duck Lake Dam; and

**WHEREAS**, the normal level of Duck Lake can be influenced by factors downstream of the Duck Lake Dam, which is outside the control and limited authority of the Drain Commissioner and can include the natural actions of beaver and other wildlife, woodland deadfall obstructions, human activities that restrict or increase stream flow, and the unregulated flows of downstream tributaries to the Betsie River that occupy its stream channel capacity for flows; and

**WHEREAS**, the Drain Commissioner is a licensed Professional Engineer, examined by the State of Michigan and found competent to practice in the engineering areas of hydraulics, hydrology, open-channel flow and hydrogeology, and has reviewed 2½ years of Duck Lake Dam operational data along with the engineering studies previously commissioned by the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners in establishing and affirming the "normal level" for Duck Lake. The Drain Commissioner has also reviewed the "Betsie River Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study, May 2014," commissioned by the Water Resources Division of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy in conjunction with the Drain Commissioner's limited authority to the maintain normal level of Duck Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the Drain Commissioner has found it is technically impractical, perhaps impossible, to consistently maintain the normal level of Duck Lake utilizing the Duck Lake Dam for flow control, and that the additional obligations to maintain minimum flows imposed by ACO-05362 can counter efforts to maintain a normal level if minimum flows out of Duck Lake diminish lake levels at and below the normal level; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 662 of the 2024 legislative session proposes to amend Part 307 of the NREPA, including the definition of “normal level”. The proposed "normal level" would allow for temporary fluctuations in water level resulting from weather, natural events, or construction activities—offering greater flexibility to Grand Traverse County to comply with the current Circuit Court Order and with ACO-05362; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 662 was passed out of the Senate by a considerable majority and now resides in the House Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 662 has been reviewed by outside Civil Counsel to the County Board of Commissioners who identify benefit to the County if the bill is adopted into law as presently written.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT** Grand Traverse County supports Senate Bill 662 of 2024 as currently written, and hereby urges the Michigan Legislature to amend the current definition of “normal level” under Part 307 of Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, with the definition included in Senate Bill 662 introduced to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Grand Traverse County Clerk is requested to forward copies of the adopted resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the State Senate Majority and Minority leaders, the State House Speaker and Minority Leader, the members of the Grand Traverse County delegation to the Michigan Legislature, and the other 82 counties of Michigan as commissioner correspondence.

**RESOLUTION**  
**DESIGNATING LAPEER COUNTY AS A**  
**“FREEDOM TO HOMESCHOOL” COUNTY**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R03**

- WHEREAS,** it is the parent(s) fundamental right to direct the upbringing and education of *their children*, this right is protected by the U.S. Constitution and Michigan Constitution; and,
- WHEREAS,** Article VIII, Section 1 of the Michigan Constitution states: “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,
- WHEREAS,** Section 380.10 of the Michigan Revised School Code states: “It is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children”; and,
- WHEREAS,** parental rights include, however are not limited to, making decisions regarding children’s education and health care in a manner consistent with their family values, and parents must do so to promote *their* children’s general health and well-being as well as their right to direct the education of *their* child, be it public, homeschooling, private or parochial education; and,
- WHEREAS,** according to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Due Process Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment protects parental rights. The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed that they are fundamental rights; and,
- WHEREAS,** parents have every right to seek accountability, choice, and transparency in *their children’s* education, and that Government officials must be held accountable for what’s promoted to children; and,
- WHEREAS,** no single form of education can meet the needs of all students or families; and,
- WHEREAS,** the lower a student-to-teacher ratio is, the greater the ability to individualize education for an individual student becomes, as well as a better outcome; and,
- WHEREAS,** Homeschooling offers profound flexibility in how education is delivered to students, as well as open ended opportunities to customize and individualize education around learning styles, interests, moral and religious beliefs and life goals of the student; and,
- WHEREAS** no teacher or institution can know or love a child more than a child’s parent(s); and,
- WHEREAS** Statistics show that Homeschooled students have consistently shown above-average results on all standardized tests and are likely to be at least one grade ahead of public-school students; and,
- WHEREAS,** State Superintendent Michael Rice has asked the Michigan Legislature for a Homeschool Registry. This is a violation of Parental rights and privacy that would result in placing barriers that would have an intimidating adverse effect while placing obstacles and unnecessary restrictions on those wishing to Homeschool their children in Lapeer County; and,
- WHEREAS,** Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has stated she supports “monitoring” the private homes of Homeschoolers to inspect their private properties, a blatant violation of our 4<sup>th</sup> amendment rights.

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Lapeer, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a "Freedom to Homeschool County," and,

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this board affirms its full support for the right of parent(s) to educate *their children*, and that freedom of educational choice will lead to the best possible outcome for each individual student.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners call upon our Lapeer County Sheriff and Lapeer County Prosecutor to defend our 4<sup>th</sup> amendment constitutional rights on this matter and specifically any efforts by the those outside our county that may result in any attempt to force warrantless searches of the homes and properties of Homeschool families.

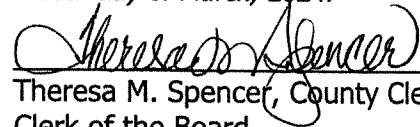
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners shall not authorize or appropriate new funding, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers or offices for the sole purpose of enforcing any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation that restricts the rights of parents to Homeschool *their children*.

**BE IT FURTHER ESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan State Senators; Ruth Johnson and Kevin Daley, Michigan State Representatives; Greg Alexander, Phil Green, Jamie Greene and the other 82 County Board of Commissions in the State of Michigan, U.S. Congress Representative, Lisa McClain, U.S. Senators; Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, Lapeer County Sheriff Scott McKenna, Lapeer County Prosecuting Attorney John Miller, and all County Department Directors.



Tom Kohlman, Chairman of the Board

*I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by a roll call vote at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lapeer, State of Michigan, on this 28th day of March, 2024.*



Theresa M. Spencer, County Clerk  
Clerk of the Board

**LAPEER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Resolution Opposing Public Act 233 of 2023**  
Resolution NO. 2024-R06

**WHEREAS,** citizens, through their local governments are best able to assess the needs of their communities and should be allowed to determine what plans and projects are appropriate; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Michigan legislature has passed, and the governor has signed Public Act 233 of 2023, which strips away local control of utility scale wind and solar projects and places control with the Michigan Public Service Commission; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Lapeer County Board of Commissioners, will do everything it legally can to prevent special interests from taking away local control from our citizens.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners expresses its strong disapproval of Public Act 233 which takes away local zoning control from our communities; and,

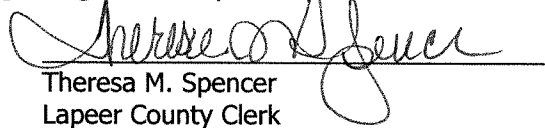
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the **Lapeer County Board of Commissioners** supports the statewide ballot initiative, Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023 which would restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to all Michigan counties, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Governor, and all of our State Representatives and State Senators that represent Lapeer County.



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Tom Kohlman, Chairman  
Lapeer County Board of Commissioners

*I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners and that such resolution was duly adopted by a roll call vote at a regular meeting held on March 28, 2024, and that notice of such meeting was given as required by law.*



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Theresa M. Spencer  
Lapeer County Clerk

# Legislative Update 3-29-24

WRITTEN BY [DEREK MELOT](#) ON MARCH 29, 2024. POSTED IN [BLOG](#), [EVENTS](#), [LEGISLATIVE](#), [MAC NEWS](#), [MACSC](#), [MARKETING](#), [NACO](#)

## Lenawee commissioner explains beginnings of ballot campaign on energy sites

“This is strictly a question of who decides how to site these things, the (Michigan Public Service Commission) or local units of government.”



So explained Lenawee County Commissioner Kevon Martis [about the ballot campaign he and other concerned citizens formed now to contest Public Act 233](#), the controversial state law adopted in 2023 on the siting of renewable energy facilities.

“Public Act 233 has really taken away any meaningful local control of wind, solar and battery storage regulation,” Martis explained to Podcast 83 host Stephan Currie in [a new special episode](#). “We’ve taken the approach that people should have a vote on this, and we’re trying to place the repeal of that local zoning preemption on the ballot this November.”

Under the name “[Citizens for Local Choice](#),” this group wants voters to have a chance to modify the law to protect local control.

“We introduced this as initiated legislation and that legislation targets only the local zoning preemption (in the law),” Martis explained. “We’re not touching any of the energy policy side of this.”

The group, [of which MAC is now a part](#), needs 357,000 signatures by May 29 to meet its goal of reaching the November 2024 ballot.

“My strong recommendation to (Michigan’s county commissioners) is if each of you go out and collect one or two pages of signatures — and each page has 12 signatures — that will make a meaningful difference in our efforts,” Martis said.

View the full episode, recorded on March 22, [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](#).





## Use new portal to help state direct broadband investments

The [State Challenge Process](#) is open for residents and businesses to test the quality of their high-speed internet. The \$1.55 billion Michigan is set to receive through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program (BEAD) will go toward unserved and underserved locations. But, for the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office (MIHI) to determine which locations truly meet that criterion, people must participate in the challenge process.

The maps were initially built using data from internet service providers, state, and federal entities. The challenge process is meant to fact-check that data and ensure funds are being allocated accurately. The challenge began on March 25 and will run through April 23.

Residents are unable to submit challenge results directly to the state, however, Merit has generated [a portal for this purpose](#). Merit is a nonprofit regional research and education network which will gather residential data from the portal and submit it to the state on behalf of individuals. Community leaders should refer their constituents to the Merit platform to participate in the challenge.

For more information on MAC's advocacy on broadband, contact Madeline Fata at [fata@micounties.org](mailto:fata@micounties.org).



## MAC-backed bill to expand drug courts awaits House vote

Legislation to expand drug treatment court availability remains on the House floor, likely until a majority is reinstated after upcoming special elections in mid-April.

[House Bill 4525](#), by Rep. Graham Filler (R-Clinton), would amend state law to allow certain offenders to be admitted to a drug treatment court with the approval of the judge, prosecutor and any known victim.



HB 4525 is part of a three-bill package, including HBs [4523](#) and [4524](#), by Reps. Kara Hope (D-Ingham) and Joey Andrews (D-Berrien), respectively. The package would expand the use of mental health and drug treatment courts, which are currently limited to nonviolent offenders, to include certain violent offenders — but again, only with approval from a judge and prosecutor and consent of any victim.

The bills were voted out of the Senate; however, they were sent back to the House, as they are required to provide a concurrence vote due to amendments made in the Senate. Despite prior approval in the House, HBs 4523 and 4525 failed to move, and likely will not receive another vote until later this spring.

### **MAC supports this legislation.**

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

## **NACo webinar to give update on ‘elective pay’ under federal IRA**

An April 16 webinar from the National Association of Counties is designed to answer county questions about the “elective pay” portion of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

On March 5, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) issued final regulations for the elective pay mechanism established in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Using elective pay, also known as direct pay, counties and other tax-exempt entities can monetize certain clean energy tax credits that they have previously been unable to access due to their lack of tax liability. Treasury also unveiled a new proposed rule to provide criteria regarding the eligibility of certain ownership structures to claim elective pay. During this webinar, counties will hear from Treasury and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on these new regulations and other funding opportunities available under IRA.



To register for the webinar on April 16, which will run from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern, [click here](#).

## **County efforts earn Hometown Health Hero awards**

The Michigan Public Health Week Partnership, in which MAC participates, has named the recipients for its 2024 Hometown Health Hero awards.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the award, which is presented to individuals and/or organizations that have made significant and measurable contributions to preserve and improve their community’s health. Awardees are selected solely from nominations received.

Washtenaw County’s Community Voices for Health Equity will receive one of 10 awards this year.



## Honorable Mentions will be awarded to:

- Ottawa County Migrant Health Task Force
- Kathy Moore, Muskegon County health officer
- Oakland County Health Division, Maternal and Child Nutrition
- Cass County Medical Care Facility
- Women of Ottawa County Health Department

All the awards will be presented on April 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Atrium of Heritage Hall in the State Capitol. The event is open to the public. The event is held during Michigan Public Health Week, whose theme this year is f “Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health.”

## Staff picks

- [U.S. Supreme Court establishes clear test for classifying private social media use as state action](#) (NACo News)
- [Great Lakes invasive carp barrier slowed by stalemate](#) (Bridge Michigan)
- [Addressing rural challenges: A conservation with \(Marquette County's\) Scott Erbis](#) (Rural Insights)
- [Feds award \\$1.5 billion for Palisades nuclear plant restart](#) (Bridge Michigan)



**RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING THE CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE BALLOT INITIATIVE  
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**Whereas**, local units of government should be able to determine for themselves which projects should, or should not, be in their local communities; and

**Whereas**, Public Act 233 of 2023 strips away local community control with regards to wind and solar energy operations. The Act places authority to make these decisions for local communities in the hands of the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC); and

**Whereas**, Public Act 233 of 2023 removes the responsibility for which local officials are elected, that being, to protect the health safety and welfare of their residents as well as act in the best interests of their community; and

**Whereas**, the MPSC does not have the fundamental knowledge, background, or interest to know what is in the best interest of the citizens of Crawford County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners is opposed to this specific legislation, and any other proposed legislation, that bypasses local governmental units and grants authority to some other public body to determine what is in the best interests of the residents of Crawford County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Crawford County Board of Commissioners supports the statewide ballot initiative that is being promoted by the Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan. This group is working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 of Public Act 233 of 2023. To restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER REOLVED**, that this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Michele Hoytenga, Representative Ken Borton, the Michigan Association of Counties and all other 82 counties in the state of Michigan.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

Commissioner Jamison	Yes	Commissioner Kraycs	Yes
Commissioner Frederick	Yes	Commissioner Powers	Absent
Commissioner Goscicki	Yes	Commissioner Jansen	Absent
	Commissioner Lewis	Yes	

**ADOPTED DATE:** March 28, 2024

I, Jamie McClain, Clerk of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Crawford, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board on March 28, 2024.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court at Grayling, Michigan, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
 Laurie Jamison, Chair  
 Crawford County Board of Commissioners

  
 Jamie L. McClain  
 Clerk/ROD

March 14, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 8:00 A.M.

Present: Road Commissioners Gary Parsell, Julie Matuszak, and Duane Weber; County Highway Engineer Brent Dankert, Operations Engineer Will Green, Superintendent/Operations Manager Jason Root, and Director of Finance/Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey.

Absent: Road Commissioners John Laurie and David Kennard.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Weber that the minutes of the February 29, 2024 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Weber, Matuszak, Parsell --- Motion Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$134,286.00 and bills in the amount of \$144,618.52 covered by vouchers #2024-13, #2024-14, #2024-15, and #HRA-131 were presented and audited.

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

Brief Public Comment Segment:  
None.

Motion by Weber seconded by Matuszak to approve the request from the Almer Township Board for the installation of a Directional Sign on Deckerville Road for the Darbee Park. Weber, Matuszak, Parsell --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Weber seconded by Matuszak to approve the Annual Agreement with BMJ Engineers and Surveyors for "as needed" Engineering Services. Weber, Matuszak, Parsell --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Weber granting Richard Shaver a Medical Leave of Absence through April 1, 2024; all in accordance with the Union Agreement. Weber, Matuszak, Parsell --- Motion Carried.

Director of Finance Michael Tuckey presented to the Board a memorandum from M.C.R.C.S.I.P. regarding the updated CDC Covid-19 Guidelines.

Superintendent/Operations Manager Jason Root provided a report to the Board regarding current road maintenance operations.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Weber that the Board go into closed session at 8:15 A.M. for the purpose of discussing Union Negotiations. Weber, Matuszak, Parsell --- Motion Carried.

At 8:25 A.M. the Board returned to open session.

Management and the Board discussed the upcoming C.R.A. Annual Highway Conference in Lansing.

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

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Chairman

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Secretary-Clerk of the Board