

DRAFT – Agenda
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole – Monday, February 8, 2016 – 8:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

Finance

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Bierlein

Primary Finance

1. EDC Project Activity Update
2. Approval of Incentive Grant Award for Veteran Affairs (See A)
3. Contract for Indianfields Township Webpage (See B)
4. SB 571 Campaign Law Update – Local Millage Issues (See C)
5. Standard and Poors Bond Rating to Issue Pension Bonds
6. Decision Regarding County Clerk/Register on Agenda or not for 2/11/16
7. Retaining Huron/Tuscola County Joint Equalization Director
8. Secretary II Vacancy Prosecutor's Office
9. 2016 Work Program Objectives (See D)

On-Going Finance

1. Johnson Controls Energy Efficiency (See E)
2. Reese Mobile Home Park Sewer/Water Issue
3. Road Commission Legacy Cost (Schedule)
4. Phragmites Grant Application Update
5. Draft Social Media and Email Policies
6. Dispute Concerning Wind Turbine Assessing/Taxation
7. Update Multi-year County Financial Plan

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioner Trisch

Primary Personnel

1. Dispatch Staffing

On-Going Personnel

Building and Grounds
Committee Leader-Vacant

Primary Building and Grounds

1. Vanderbilt Park Grant Application Update
2. Requests to use Courthouse Lawn (See F)

On-Going Building and Grounds

Other Business as Necessary

1. Airboat Dedication (See G)
2. Huron County Resolutions (See H)
3. Board Picture for Webpage 2/11/16
4. MAC 7th District Meeting
5. State Child Care Fund Grant Approval (See I)

Public Comment Period

From: Mark Zmierski [mailto:mzmierski@tchd.us]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 4:55 PM
To: 'Mike Hoagland'
Cc: Mark Zmierski (mzmierski@tchd.us <mailto:mzmierski@tchd.us>); 'Gretchen Tenbusch'; 'Debra Cook'
Subject: Tuscola County Veterans Affairs County Incentive Grant Award Received for up to \$2,500.00

Good Afternoon Mike,

We received a County Incentive Grant Award for the Tuscola County Veterans Affairs Office for technology upgrades/investment items. As you can see from the attached award letter that a signed letter from the Chairman of Tuscola County's Board of Commissioners or the County Administrator stating the county is accepting the grant funds up to \$2,500.00 to support technology upgrades/investments for their County Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA). This letter needs to include: Name of County Treasurer (individual responsible to receive the funds), Federal Tax ID, Transmittal routing and account numbers, and the County's billing address.

Respectfully,

Mark D. Zmierski

SCPO USN Retired

Tuscola County Veterans Affairs Director

1309 Cleaver Road Suite B

Caro, MI 48723

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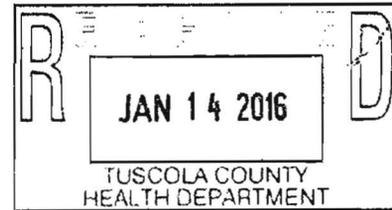
STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

JEFF BARNES
DIRECTOR

January 8, 2016

Mark Zmierski
1309 Cleaver Rd., Suite B
Caro, MI 48723



Re: County Incentive Grant Award

Dear Mr. Zmierski,

Congratulations! Tuscola County has been selected to receive a financial award from the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, based on your proposal to enhance its veteran service provision.

The total amount of the award is a one-time payment up to \$2,500 which will be electronically transferred once our agency receives the following information which needs to be submitted by Thursday, June 30, 2016:

- A signed letter from the Chairman of Tuscola County's Board of Commissioners or the County Administrator stating the county is accepting the grant funds up to \$2,500 to support technology upgrades/investments for their County Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA). This letter must also include: Name of County Treasurer (individual responsible to receive the funds), Federal Tax ID, Transmittal routing and account numbers, and the County's billing address.
- Receipt(s) for the technology upgrades/investment items.
- A signed letter from the Director of the County's Department of Veterans Affairs stating which Michigan Public Act their CDVA is formed under. This letter must also include if your county is levying a mileage for the Veteran's Relief Fund (PA 214 of 1899) and how much, if you are.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact your local Regional Coordinator, Kate Logan at (248) 978-2513 or by email at Logan@micounties.org.

Included with this award letter is an informational sheet outlining the different initiatives and programs available to County Departments of Veterans Affairs to further enhance your veteran service provision.

Sincerely,

Jeff S. Barnes
Director



Tuscola County Information Systems

Website Maintenance Agreement

Between Tuscola County Information Systems and Indianfields Township

Summary:

Tuscola County Information Systems (hereafter referred to as TCIS) will always do its best to fulfill the needs and meet expectations of Indianfields Township. This agreement is designed to define roles, responsibilities of the two parties involved, define the project, and define payment expectations and schedules. TCIS has the best intentions for both parties, now and in the future.

Indianfields Township, located at 1633 Mertz Road, Caro, MI 48723 is partnering with TCIS located at 207 E Grant St, Caro, MI 48723 to support and maintain the existing website, per an annual total price of \$500.00 as outlined in our previous correspondence.

Agreement:

Indianfields Township: Has the authority to enter into this agreement on its own behalf. Indianfields Township agrees to deliver content needed to complete the project in appropriate formats. The Township will review all work completed by TCIS, provide feedback and approval in a timely manner. Both parties will be held to deadlines and both parties will set dates together. Indianfields Township also agrees to the payment structure defined at the end of this agreement.

TCIS: Will fulfill expectations in a professional and timely manner, meet every deadline that's set and maintain the confidentiality of Indianfields Township's business.

Details:

Design

Indianfields Township already has an existing webpage (located at www.indianfieldstownship.org). With this proposed agreement, no changes to design or layout of existing webpage will happen. This agreement is only for maintenance and hosting of existing webpage.



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Text content

TCIS is not responsible for writing or authoring any text for the existing webpage. If new content is needed, it will be provided by Indianfields Township. If it is requested of TCIS to author or draft new content, that service will be provided in a separate estimate. Any existing content will be copied and migrated to the new site. Any typos or content proofing will be done by Indianfields Township. Corrections will be submitted to Tuscola County helpdesk and processed in a timely manner.

Photographs

Indianfields Township should supply graphic files in an editable, vector digital format. It is preferred to supply photographs in a high resolution digital format. If chosen to buy or use stock photographs, TCIS can suggest stock libraries. TCIS disclaims any liability from copyright infringement on photographs provided by Indianfields Township.

HTML, CSS and JavaScript

TCIS will deliver web page types developed from HTML5 markup, CSS2.1 + 3 stylesheets for styling and unobtrusive JavaScript for feature detection, polyfills and behaviours.

Browser testing

Browser testing no longer means attempting to make a website look the same in browsers of different capabilities or on devices with different size screens. It does mean ensuring that a person's experience of a design should be appropriate to the capabilities of a browser or device.

Desktop browser testing

TCIS will test all work in current versions of major desktop browsers including those made by Apple (Safari), Google (Chrome), and Microsoft (Internet Explorer now referred to as "Edge"). TCIS will make every effort to support older versions of browsers, but compatibility will not be guaranteed for older technologies in this agreement. If Indianfields Township needs an enhanced design for an older browser, a separate estimate can be provided for that.



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Mobile browser testing

Testing popular small screen devices is essential in ensuring that a person's experience of a design is appropriate to the capabilities of the device they're using. TCIS will test work in:

iOS: Safari, Google Chrome Android 4.x: Google Chrome and Firefox

Currently, Blackberry, Opera Mini/Mobile, Windows Phone or other mobile browsers will not be tested. If Indianfields Township requires testing these browsers, a separate estimate can be provided for that.

Technical support

TCIS will not host the Townships webpage. TCIS doesn't offer support for website hosting, email or other services relating to hosting. Indianfields Township already has a professional hosting account through GoDaddy. For continuity purposes, the webpage will remain hosted on GoDaddy.com. All fees to host this service will be included in the annual support and maintenance costs. For migration of this account, TCIS will ask for FTP access to current host. TCIS will set up your site on the remote server and provide any documentation for that account. Any statistics software such as Google Analytics can be added if desired. TCIS can provide a separate estimate for that.

Changes and revisions

TCIS doesn't want to limit Indianfields Township's ability to change their mind and is happy to be flexible. Once agreement is signed, any changes to content will be submitted via email to "helpdesk@tuscolacounty.org". Those changes will also be completed by TCIS technicians in a timely and expert manner.

Legal

TCIS will not be liable to Indianfields Township or any thirdparty for damages, including lost profits, lost savings or other incidental, consequential or special damages. Finally, if any provision of this agreement shall be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this contract and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.



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Copyrights

Indianfields Township guarantees that all elements of text, images or other artwork provided are either owned by the Township, or that permission to use them has been granted.

When your payment has been accepted, copyright will be automatically assigned as follows: Indianfields Township will own the visual elements created for this project. Source file ownership and finished files will be provided. Indianfields Township should keep them somewhere safe as TCIS is not required to keep a copy. Indianfields Township will own all elements of text, images and data provided, unless someone else owns them.

TCIS loves to show off our work and share what we've learned with other people, so we reserve the right, with Indianfields Township's permission, to display and link to your project as part of our portfolio and to write about it on websites, in magazine articles and in books.

Cancellation

Either party can cancel this agreement with a written 30 day notice. Upon cancellation, no prorated refunds will be given. All purchased deliverables shall remain property of Indianfields Township.

Payments

A final invoice will be sent at the completion of the project. That invoice is to be paid promptly and using NET30 billing terms. Indianfields Township will agree to the following payment structure.

Service Frequency Price

Annual maintenance, hosting
and support of web page.
Annually \$500.00

Disclaimer

Indianfields Township will not transfer this agreement to anyone else without TCIS permission. This contract stays in place and need not be renewed. Although the language is simple, the intentions are serious and this contract is a legal document under exclusive jurisdiction of Tuscola County courts.



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Signatures

Signed by and on behalf of Tuscola County Information Systems.

Eean Lee, Director of Technology

Date _____

Signed by and on behalf of Indianfields Township

Date _____

This morning, the U.S. District Court hearing on PA 269 was left without a decision. The court will consider arguments and will render a written decision on a temporary restraining order within a few days.

The Michigan Association of Counties has joined an array of other local government and school groups today in a federal lawsuit against the changes in Subsection 57(3) of the Michigan Campaign Act -- changes that impose a "gag order" on local officials properly communicating with voters in the 60 days prior to a local ballot measure election.

Immediate action is required since more than a dozen counties have ballot measures before their voters on March 8.

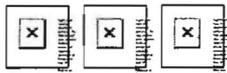
MAC will continue to keep you updated on the issue. For more information, contact Steve Currie, scurrie@micounties.org or (517) 372-5374.

The Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) founded on February 1, 1898, is the only statewide organization dedicated to the representation of all county commissioners in Michigan.

MAC is a non-partisan, non-profit organization which advances education, communication and cooperation among county government officials in the state of Michigan. MAC is the counties' voice at the State Capitol, providing legislative support on key issues affecting counties.

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From: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2016 1:27 PM
To: Senator Mike Green; Representative Canfield
Cc: Dana Gill; ctrisch@tuscolacounty.org; 'Bardwell Thom'; 'Bierlein Matthew'; 'Kirkpatrick Craig'
Subject: FW: Repeal of election law restrictions is vital
Attachments: Commenting on Upcoming Millage Article.pdf

Senator Green and Representative Canfield

Tuscola County Commissioners have again asked me to contact you to respectfully request that you vote yes on SB 703. This bill was introduced by Senator Dale Zorn and Representative Andy Schor to correct the serious issues created by Act 269 of 2015. The communication below was sent by the Michigan Association of Counties requesting that county officials contact you regarding this issue. Also, in case you have not seen it, a recent local newspaper article is attached expressing the frustrations of Tuscola Commissioners.

The rules have always been that information can be produced using public funds to explain ballot issues as long as a vote yes or no position was not stated. Tuscola Commissioners believe passage of Act 269 of 2015 is a disservice to the public. Voters need and deserve to have explanatory information provided in order to be informed on important topics that impact their lives. There are even some with the opinion that Act 269 may even violate first amendment rights.

Your support of SB 703 to correct this problem would be tremendously appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike

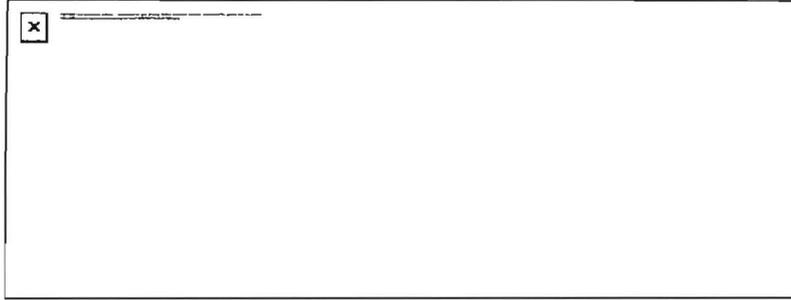
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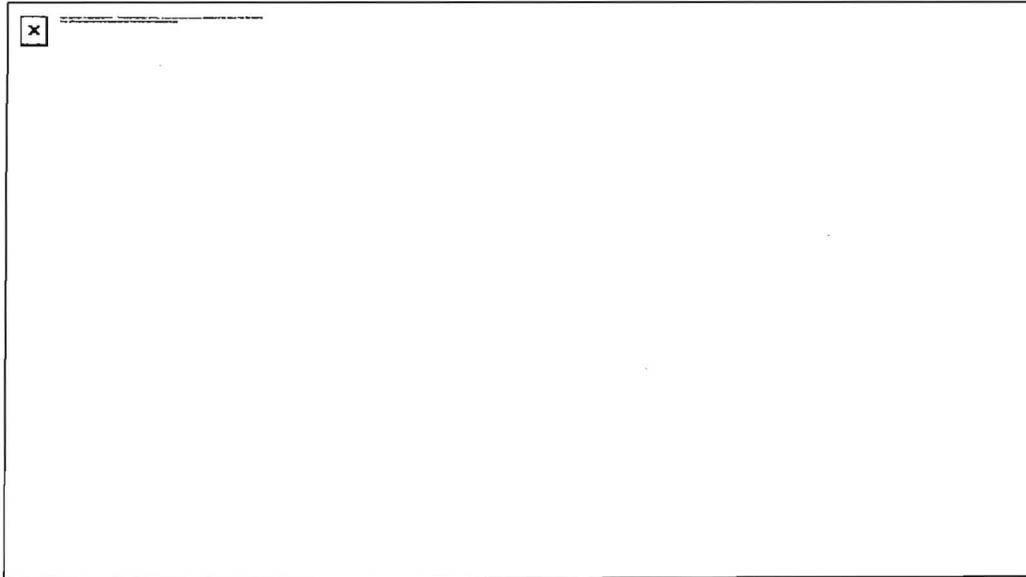
From: Michigan Association of Counties [mailto:melot@micounties.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 5:10 PM
To: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Subject: Repeal of election law restrictions is vital; call your legislators

To view this email as a webpage [click here](#)

CALL TO ACTION: Election law restrictions



Jan. 14, 2016



Repeal of restrictions on ballot measure comments needed now

With county leaders already facing restrictions to their work to inform voters in the March 8 election, it is vital that you reach out to your local legislators and tell them to adopt an immediate, full repeal of the changes wrought in Section 57 by Gov. Rick Snyder and the Legislature in recent weeks.

Sen. Dale Zorn (R-Monroe) has filed just such a repeal measure (SB 703) and MAC urges strong support of it and plans by Rep.

Andy Schor (D-Ingham) for a similar measure in the House.

Immediate action is required since counties such as Sanilac, Tuscola, Luce and Montcalm have ballot measures before their voters on March 8; measures that now cannot be properly explained due to the restrictions imposed by the new law.

Please use the information below to contact your representative and senator and tell them that repeal is needed now.

Michigan Senate Contact List
Michigan House of Representatives Contact List

For more information on this issue, contact Steve Currie, scurrie@micounties.org or 517-372-5374.

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2016 INITIAL WORK PROGRAM

Finance – Ongoing

1. Complete bonding for pension system and change new hires to defined contribution plan
2. Work to resolve the dispute concerning wind turbine assessing/taxation
3. Continue to escrow wind turbine revenue until the dispute is resolved
4. Monitor wind turbine development and the impact on county financial capabilities
5. Update the multi-year county financial plan
6. Monitor the results of MSU-e/4-H millage request
7. 2015 year-end financial standing summary
8. 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Plan (Audit) preparation/presentation
9. 2017 County Budget development
10. Obtain a road commission update regarding legacy cost liabilities
11. Update audit financial information for local governmental units in the county
12. Continue to review service consolidations between counties and governments within the county
13. Review future drain-at-large costs and impact on the budget

Finance – New

1. Review potential pension bonding for health department
2. Determine if operational efficiency audits will be performed and establish specific objectives
3. Primary road, bridge and recycling millage renewals
4. Determine millage renewals for 2017 and 2018
5. Determine if register of deeds and county clerk positions will be combined
6. Review potential cost adjustment to the assessing contact with the City of Caro
7. Restore full SCMCCI lease payment
8. Bid county health insurance per state law with assistance from Brown and Brown
9. Bid the 2016 county audit work
10. Develop solutions to continuing Huron/Tuscola county equalization director
11. Determine if a foundation fund raising program will be pursued
12. Consider modifying the county hiring policies

Building and Grounds – On-going

1. Complete Vanderbilt park grant application, parking enforcement, achievement of self sufficiency

2. Complete an energy efficiency study of county buildings to target capital expenditures
3. Pursue grant funding assistance to increase building energy efficiency
4. Update the county fixed asset inventory
5. Determine if the county will acquire land from the state near the Caro Regional Center
6. Complete appraisal of county property and negotiate purchase price with Medical Care Facility

Building and Grounds – New

1. Develop a solution to county storage needs
2. Use energy efficiency study to target capital improvement expenditures
3. Update the 10 year capital improvements plan
4. Determine when capital improvement project funding will be resumed
5. Review and determine new location for county recycling operation
6. Fragmites removal grant implementation
7. Review of jail needs and alternative solutions
8. Parking enforcement at Vanderbilt park

Technology – On-Going

1. Provide a GIS status report of the county and determine next objectives
2. Provide a fiber optic update
3. Continue to develop and advance online services
4. Update and make adjustments to web site so it remains relevant and useful to all parties

Technology – New

1. Complete and review the five-year county technology plan
2. Conduct an audit of county computer system backup and other procedures
3. Obtain an update regarding technology plans for the register of deeds operation

Personnel – On-going

1. Update regarding ACA and record keeping requirements
2. Update regarding exempt and non-exempt employee law changes
3. Assure corrections are made by the software company to time attendance system
4. Open enrollment for health/dental insurance coverages

Personnel – New

1. Review court system reorganization
2. Review and approve updated personnel policies
3. Establish labor negotiation objectives, wages, health insurance changes, etc.
4. Update the emergency plans for to protect employees in county buildings

General/Other Personnel – On-going

1. Health Department federally qualified health provider
2. Monitor and assist with the Cass River Greenways project improvements
3. Monitor the potentials of a Dairy Farmers of America Phase II project in Cass City
4. Assist in strengthening EDC financial stability
5. Review the Region 6 prosperity plan and how it can help economic development
6. Review and approve the updated solid waste management plan

General/Other Personnel – New

1. Load all current county policies on county web site with an index system
2. Review the potential of conducting employee flu shots by the County Health Department

State Legislative Proposal/Changes – MAC Concerns

1. Proposal to increase juveniles age to 17 which would likely increase county costs
2. Preemptive parole for state prisoners
3. Potential reduction in State Revenue Sharing
4. Review MAC weekly state legislative reports to protect county interests
5. Review and comment on MAC platform
6. Dark store assessing
7. Unfunded state mandates
8. Water of the United States
9. Future diversion of state general fund monies for road funding
10. Tac capture districts

Energy Savings Analysis

Projected Usage & Savings

Facility Name	BENCHMARK TARGETS													
	KWH Future	KWH SAVED	\$ SAVED KWH	KW FUTURE	KW SAVED	\$ SAVED KW	FUEL MMBTU FUTURE	FUEL MMBTU SAVED	\$ SAVED MMBTU	WATER /SEWER FUTURE	WATER /SEWER SAVED	WATER /SEWER \$ SAVED	TOTAL \$ SAVED	PERCENT \$ SAVED
Court House	183,876	55,964	\$6,180	0	0	\$0	998	52	\$423	490,000	210,000	\$1,637	\$8,239	20%
Sheriff/Jail	349,572	102,508	\$4,121	755	221	\$4,750	1,748	1,125	\$8,961	1,657,600	710,400	\$7,381	\$25,214	29%
DHHS	103,859	6,341	\$701	0	0	\$0	568	94	\$764	522,200	223,800	\$2,409	\$3,874	15%
Health Department	108,388	18,652	\$2,052	0	0	\$0	542	226	\$1,849	164,500	70,500	\$726	\$4,628	20%
Purdy Building	-	1	\$1	0	0	\$0	403	162	\$1,368	79,800	34,200	\$342	\$1,711	29%
Annex	69,454	13,866	\$1,531	0	0	\$0	189	122	\$1,041	27,300	11,700	\$104	\$2,676	22%
Adult Probation	27,651	7,380	\$812	0	0	\$0	213	61	\$510	67,200	28,800	\$285	\$1,607	23%
Animal Shelter	20,482	1,341	\$147	0	0	\$0	410	81	\$668	156,800	67,200	\$572	\$1,387	17%
Dispatch	86,400	7,760	\$856	0	0	\$0	130	22	\$175	30,100	12,900	\$117	\$1,148	10%
TOTALS	640,682	213,812	\$16,462	755	221	\$4,750	5,203	1,941	\$16,758	1,065,500	430,500	\$13,672	\$50,483	

NOTE: Utility costs are based on utility bills provided by the County

The above graph reveals that after implementing the proposed improvement measures, the annual cost reduction will be \$50,483/yr from \$221,017 to \$170,534 in annual utility expenditures (electric, natural gas & water/sewer).

Additionally, \$1,500 of potential operational costs avoided for an **annual savings of \$51,983.**

From: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 3:57 PM
To: 'Tuscola County Victim Services'
Subject: RE: Request for Courthouse Lawn Use

Hi Nancy

I will take your request to the Board of Commissioners meeting on February 8, 2016 for review and approval.

Mike

From: Tuscola County Victim Services [mailto:tcvs@tuscolacounty.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 9:34 AM
To: Mike Hoagland <mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org>
Subject: Request for Courthouse Lawn Use

Mike,

Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center and Tuscola County Victim Services are planning a "Clothesline Project" for the upcoming **2016 National Crime Victims Rights Week**. We are asking for permission to hold this event on the courthouse lawn the week of April 10-16. We are hoping to raise community awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault.

During the week, we will be hanging Tshirts made by victims and in memory of victims in our county distributing written information/brochures, and possibly an afternoon or two for people to create their own shirts on site. We have not fully developed a plan yet, but are hoping to secure the dates with you and move forward on this project.

If we need to provide more information, please let me know, as well as providing us with any guidelines/restrictions for holding events on county property. Feel free to call me or email me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

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Nancy Almborg

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FRIENDS OF EXTENSION & 4-H

#4-H FOREVER

February 1, 2016

TO: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

FROM: FRIENDS OF EXTENSION & 4-H, Pat Gettel

We are requesting permission for use of the sidewalk in front of the Tuscola County Courthouse for rallies to be held on February 29, March 1 & 2, 2016 between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 PM.

Our Co-Chairman, Jim Will has already contacted the City of Caro about these rallies.

Please reply to this email with consent or denial. Thank you.

mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org

From: Leland Teschendorf <lttesch@tuscolacounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 10:05 AM
To: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org; beth@tcadvertiser.com; mcloskey@charter.net
Subject: FW: Invitation to the Commissioning of the "Sheriffs' Endeavor" Airboat
Attachments: Invitation to the Commissioning of the Sheriffs' Endeavor Airboat 2-2-16.doc

Please see the attached information regarding the new airboat event.

Mike, would you please pass it on to the board.

Beth, let me know if you can have someone at the event.

Jim. Would you please forward to Senator Green, I believe Sheriff Hanson contact Rep. Canfield.

Thanks and let me know if you need any additional information.

Lee Teschendorf

From: Kelly Hanson [mailto:hansonk@co.huron.mi.us]
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 6:08 PM
To: Sheriff Teschendorf; Steve Anderson; Glen Skrent
Cc: Duane Miller; Randy Miller
Subject: Invitation to the Commissioning of the "Sheriffs' Endeavor" Airboat

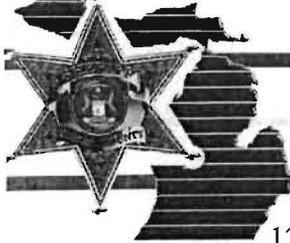
Gentleman,

The attachment is the invitation to the commissioning of the new airboat "Sheriffs' Endeavor". Forward or give to whomever you chose but please attempt to take a head count for those who you think will be eating lunch. I did not send anything to Mike Green because he's not our Senator so you'll have to send him one if you want to invite him. Other than that, we'll have our invitations sent out to our county's dignitaries by Friday, which will include local and state media, all Region 3 members and Coast Guard Stations Harbor Beach and Saginaw River . I will begin working on the press release to issue during the commissioning and will send it you guys a few days prior for review.

Training begins tomorrow morning at the Caseville Fire Hall if you want to see it. There'll also be training on Thursday and Friday too.

Steve: We'll take you up on your trailer offer because the ice training dive originally planned for offshore that day had to be switched to a pond north of Caseville due to bad ice where we normally dive. The 28' trailer used to support the divers will be brought over after the exercise, which will be close to the ceremony time. Our 24' Safety Trailer and our Incident Support Truck will be there though, which can power your trailer also if you need it. If you can bring around twenty five chairs and a heater please do or let me know what you need. We'll be in touch I'm sure a couple times before that day.

Hanson



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JAIL ADMINISTRATOR

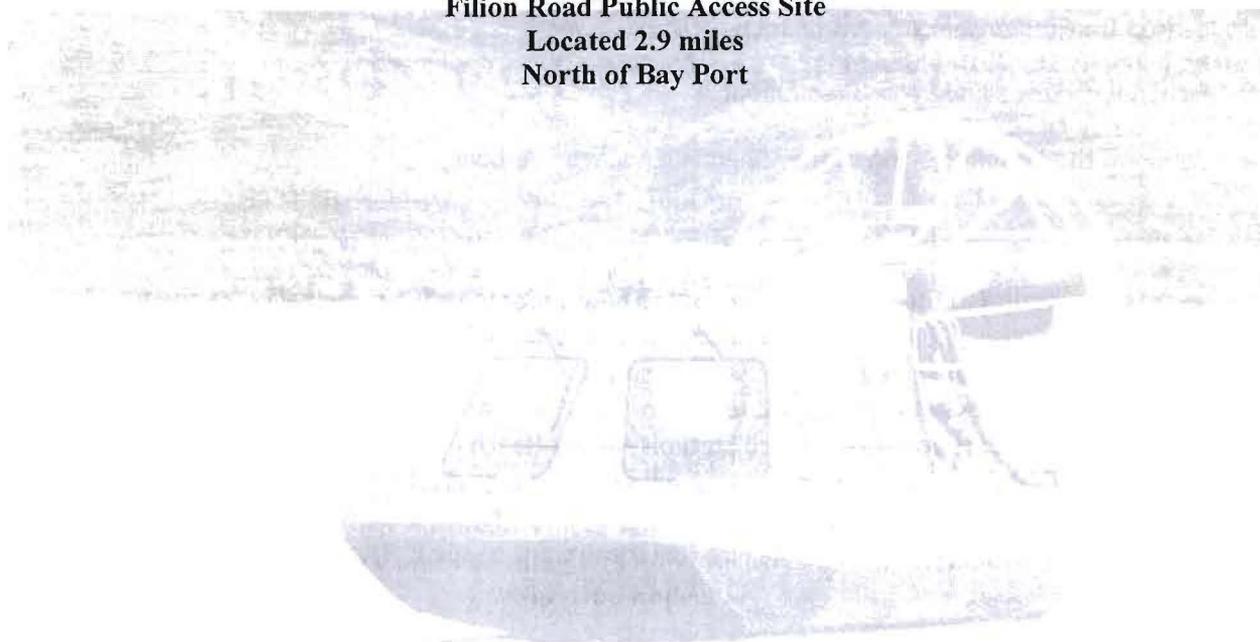
DUANE D. MILLER
UNDERSHERIFF

LT. BRIAN WISENBAUGH
ROAD PATROL SUPERVISOR

**The Huron County Sheriff's Office
And The Tuscola County Sheriff's Office
Wish To Invite You or A Representative To The
Official Commissioning Of Our New Airboat/Patrol Boat
"Sheriffs' Endeavor"**

**Thursday, February 18, 2016
11:30 a.m.**

**Filion Road Public Access Site
Located 2.9 miles
North of Bay Port**



On ice demonstrations will be offered aboard our new 20' Airboat/Patrol Boat. This boat will be replacing our current 1999 16' Airboat, that has been in service since 2000 and has been responsible for saving many lives. The new nearly \$150,000 airboat project is the result of a joint County Sheriffs' Office venture involving our office and the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office. All but \$35,000 has been funded through Region 3 Homeland Security Grants. Those wishing to partake in actual on ice demonstrations are advised to wear proper cold weather, winter attire. Shelter will be available in heated trailers before and after the ceremony.

Warm lunch and beverages will be provided.

In case of unfavorable ice conditions, alternative locations will be the Bay Port Public Access Site or the Geiger Road Public Access Site, with both only minutes away. Signs will be posted should an alternative be needed.

RSVP's will be helpful and are requested to call 989-269-9910.

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RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

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

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Center for Public Integrity and Global Integrity conducted a national study of state ethics and transparency laws and safeguards, in which the State of Michigan was ranked last; and

WHEREAS, some of the reasons cited for the State's poor ranking was weak public records laws and the absence of laws requiring personal financial disclosures by lawmakers and top state officials; and

WHEREAS, another glaring issue cited was the exemption of the governor and the legislature from state open records laws; and

WHEREAS, the State has required transparency from local municipalities through EVIP and CIP, yet the State has chosen to not take the opportunity to lead by example; and

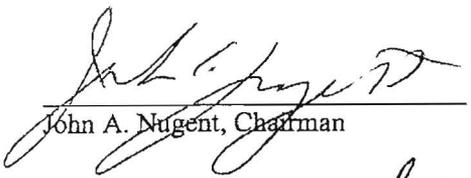
WHEREAS, this Board feels it is time that State lawmakers and top officials stop exempting themselves from the laws that they expect others to follow; now

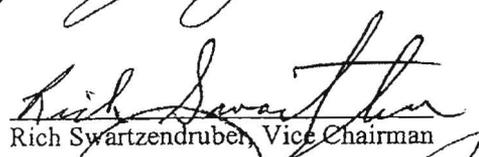
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners urges State lawmakers and top officials to stop the hypocrisy of exempting themselves from the laws that they enact for the governance of the State of Michigan, of which they are included; and

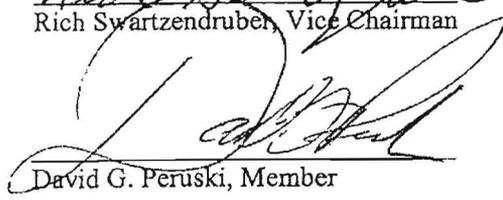
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, Senator Phil Pavlov, Representative Ed Canfield, Governor Rick Snyder, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Respectfully submitted,

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE


John A. Nugent, Chairman


Rich Swartzendruber, Vice Chairman


David G. Peruski, Member

Dated: January 27, 2016

VOICE / ~~ROLL CALL~~ VOTE:

COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT
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RESOLUTION: ADOPTED DEFEATED TABLED

Michigan ranks last in laws on ethics, transparency

Paul Egan, Detroit Free Press 12:34 p.m. EST November 9, 2015



(Photo: Getty Images)

LANSING — Michigan ranks last in a national study of state ethics and transparency laws and safeguards, set for release today, partly due to its weak public records law and an absence of laws requiring personal financial disclosures by lawmakers and top state officials.

In all, 11 states received failing grades of F in the study, but Michigan's rating was last in the study by the Center for Public Integrity and Global Integrity, two nonprofit organizations that promote government transparency and ethics.

Michigan scored 50.5 points out of a possible 100. The other 10 states that received an F were: Wyoming, with 50.9; Delaware, with 55.5; South Dakota, with 55.9; Nevada, with 57.1; Pennsylvania, with 57.9; Oregon with 57.9; Maine, with 58.6; Kansas, with 58.6; Louisiana, with 58.8; and Oklahoma, with 59.

"What you see across the board is just a lack of some of those accountability and transparency laws and practices that some states have enacted," Nicholas Kusnetz, the project director, told the Free Press on Friday.

Michigan's worst--in-the-nation ranking doesn't mean Michigan is the most corrupt state. The score doesn't speak to the level of corruption in Michigan, since that's not what's being measured, Kusnetz said. Instead, the study looks at what laws are in place and how those laws are implemented, in order to assess the systems intended to prevent corruption and expose it when it does occur.

The center has modified its criteria since that first study, which in itself could affect a change in the rankings.

But Michigan, which already had a distinction as one of only two states where both the governor and the Legislature are exempted from state open records laws, has moved backward since 2012 in at least one respect.

In 2013, Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law (<http://archive.freep.com/article/20131227/NEWS06/312270093/Snyder-issue-ad-campaign-law>) Senate Bill 661, which among other changes enshrined into state law the anonymity of donors who pay for campaign "issue ads" that may praise or criticize candidates for elected office but don't expressly advocate how people should vote. Such ads have proliferated in recent years as part of the growth in the influence of "dark money" on political campaigns.

Wording was added to the bill to keep the donors secret just hours after Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, who, like Snyder, is a Republican, announced she would seek changes to administrative rules that would require the identify of such donors to be publicly disclosed.

Snyder, who said he favored disclosure of issue ad donor during his first campaign for governor in 2010, argued the bill increased overall transparency by requiring that disclaimers identifying sponsors be included with automated telephone calls, known as robocalls, and other political ads. But campaign finance reform advocates said those changes were minor when compared to the legalizing of dark money under state law.

"That was certainly a move in the wrong direction," said Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, a watchdog organization based in Lansing. "I'm well aware of how bad disclosure is on campaign finance." As for reporting required by lobbyists, state law is "bad and hasn't improved," he said.

Not everyone agrees SB 661 was a step backward.

"Everyone should have a right to speak out on issues; if they want to do it anonymously, that's their right as well," said Steve Linder, a partner in the Sterling Corp., a Lansing-based Republican consulting firm that was instrumental in amending the bill to keep the identify of issue ad donors secret. Issue ads, he said, are not anonymous, but sponsored by corporations that have to register and make certain disclosures with the Internal Revenue Service.

On campaign disclosure issues, groups such as the Center for Public Integrity share an agenda "to shame and intimidate people so they will be chilled from participating in democracy," Linder said.

The Center for Public Integrity study also noted that Michigan has no laws requiring public financial disclosures by elected officials or top bureaucrats and no "revolving door" legislation that prevents lawmakers or top officials from going to work for corporations that were in a position to benefit from their official actions.

Of the 245 "corruption risk indicators" in 13 categories examined in the study, Michigan ranked last for laws and systems related to executive accountability, legislative accountability, judicial accountability and management of pension funds.

Michigan also received grades of F, but did not get ranked last in the nation, in categories related to public access to information, political finance, civil service oversight, procurement, lobbying oversight and ethics oversight.

Only in the areas of election oversight and the state budgeting process did Michigan perform well. The state ranked fifth and eighth in those two areas, respectively.

Sara Wurfel, a spokeswoman for Snyder, said she was surprised by Michigan's low ranking.

"I think many would be hard pressed to find other elected officials who have implemented more transparency and accountability projects," from dashboards featuring metrics for each department to creation of a citizen's guide to how state and local governments spend money, Wurfel said.

She pointed to a 2013 report by the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan that gave the state an A- and said Michigan had made "great progress" in the area of transparency in government spending reporting.

"We're always focusing on continuous quality improvement," attempting to make Michigan a leader in transparency and ethics, she said.

No state was graded higher than the C that Alaska was awarded in the study. The two other top states were California and Connecticut, which each received a C-.

There could be a silver lining to Michigan's last-place ranking.

In the 2012 study, it was Georgia that ranked 50th. Kusnetz said good government groups there used the poor performance to amplify their ongoing push for reforms. The result was a modest law the following year that created a \$75 cap on the value of lobbyists' gifts to public officials, he said. The change helped boost the state's score in the category of legislative accountability to a C-, sixth best in the nation, though Georgia still scored a D-overall.

There are bills before the Legislature to include the governor's office and state lawmakers in the Michigan Freedom of Information Act and require the filing of financial disclosure reports by lawmakers.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, would address "pay to play" issues by limiting the awarding of state contracts to campaign donors, Irwin said.

"I don't think of Michigan as having a corrupt political climate, but I do think we have some amazing holes in our law that invite abuse," Irwin said.

As it may have done in Georgia, could embarrassment with Michigan's performance lead to changes here as well?

"No one wants to be last," said Kusnetz, who declined to make a prediction.

Robinson said he was not hopeful.

"I've never seen any indication that shame still exists in the Michigan Legislature," and "the governor has always talked a better game than he has executed," he said.

Contact Paul Egan: 517-372-8660 or pegan@freepress.com. Follow him on Twitter @paulegan4.

Michigan was ranked last in the nation for its ethics and transparency laws in a study of all 50 states released Monday.

Michigan data

RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

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

WHEREAS, HB 5016 would amend Section 13 of Public Act 368 of 1925, which regulates the use of public right of ways along roads by requiring local governments and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to give a one year notice to entities licensed under the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA) of any plan to relocate any in ground or above ground utilities or transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, these licensed entities already benefit from the free use of public right of ways that would cost them a significant amount of money if they were required to purchase use of said public right of ways; and

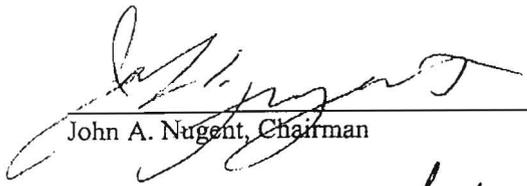
WHEREAS, requiring local governments and MDOT to notify the entities one year in advance of any relocation of utilities or transmission lines is unnecessary, burdensome, potentially costly, and punitive to the extent that it levies a fine in the form of paying for relocation costs for failure to timely notify the entities; now

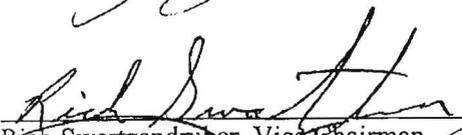
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners firmly opposes HB 5016 and respectfully asks the support of Senator Pavlov and Representative Canfield in our opposition; and

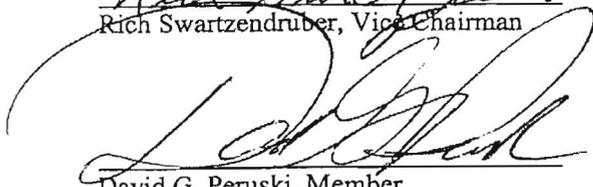
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan Counties, Representative Ed Canfield, Senator Phil Pavlov, Governor Snyder, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Respectfully submitted,

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE


John A. Nugent, Chairman


Rich Swartzendruber, Vice Chairman


David G. Peruski, Member

Dated: January 27, 2016

VOICE ~~ROLL CALL~~ VOTE:

COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT
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Legislative Analysis



RELOCATION OF BROADBAND FACILITIES: GOVERNMENT NOTICE OR REIMBURSEMENT

Phone: (517) 373-8080
<http://www.house.mi.gov/hfa>

House Bill 5016 (proposed H-4 substitute)
Sponsor: Rep. Eric Leutheuser
House Committee: Communications and Technology
Updated on 12-15-15

Analysis available at
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

REVISED SUMMARY:

House Bill 5016 would amend Section 13 of Public Act 368 of 1925, which regulates the usage of public right of ways along roads, to require a local unit of government or the state Department of Transportation (MDOT) to provide notice one year in advance if relocation is to be requested or required of facilities of an entity holding a license under the Michigan Telecommunications Act, or an entity holding a franchise under the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act. If such notification is not provided, then those entities would have to be reimbursed by the local unit or MDOT for relocation costs. The bill would take effect 180 days after the date it is enacted.

This written notification must occur at least one year before the relocation is to occur, and must be done by first-class mail or electronic mail. As part of the written notification, the requesting unit of government must specify the rights-of-way affected, including the beginning and ending points, affected cross streets and structures, and the planned start date of the project. Beginning one year after the effective date of the bill, if MDOT or a local unit of government fails to send a required notice to an entity in the way described above, then they would be required to reimburse that entity for 50% of relocation costs, but only if the entity invests money in broadband infrastructure in Michigan.

The notification requirement would not apply in the event that facilities must be moved as the result of "an act of God", which the bill would define as: "An unanticipated grave natural disaster or other natural phenomenon of an exceptional, inevitable, and irresistible character, the effects of which could not have been prevented or avoided by the exercise of due care or foresight."

The entity could still be required by the unit of government to obtain any permits or conduct any surveys or studies related to the relocation. However, the local unit of government would be required to waive any permit fees and/or reimburse for survey or study costs.

The bill would define "relocation costs" as all costs for relocating an entity's facilities in the public right of way, including, but not limited to, boring costs and labor costs associated with that relocation.

"Broadband infrastructure" would be defined as "all facilities, hardware, and software and other intellectual property necessary to provide broadband services in this state, including, but not limited to, voice, video, and data."

"Study" would be defined as "a study or survey, including, but not limited to, drainage, soil, or center line studies."

FISCAL IMPACT:

Background

Statutory Authority – Public utility structures and facilities, including above-ground telecommunication and electric lines, as well as below-grade fiber-optic lines, gas transmission pipelines, water and sewer lines, and steam pipes, are frequently placed within highway rights-of-way. The use of these rights-of-way is governed in Michigan law by Public Act 368 of 1925. Public Act 368 authorizes utilities to occupy the right-of-way of public highways, subject to the consent of the public highway owner. The law also makes the construction and maintenance of the utility structures subject to "the paramount right of the public to use such public places, roads, bridges, and waters..." Access by utilities to public highway right-of-way is typically granted by permit issued by the highway agency.

Reimbursement – The widening or reconstruction of a highway or street by the Michigan Department of Transportation, or a local road agency (city, village, or county road commission), may require the relocation of utility facilities within the right-of-way. Under Michigan law, when a utility's facilities are within the right-of-way by permit, the highway agency typically does not pay for relocation. The department or a local road agency only pays for utility relocation when the utility has an easement or actual ownership of the property on which its facilities are placed.

While highway agencies typically do not pay for utility relocation costs, except under circumstances described above, utilities typically do not pay for occupying public highway rights-of-way. Utilities benefit from this free use of the public right-of-way that would otherwise be very costly to purchase.

Federal Participation in Relocation Costs – Federal-aid highway funds will participate in the cost of highway-related utility relocation under provisions of 23 CFR 645. Specifically, federal funds will participate in utility relocation costs necessitated by highway construction only under one or more of the following circumstances: the utility has a property interest in its present location; the state has a law or some legal basis for payment which provides authority to pay for utility relocations; the utility is municipally owned; or the relocation involves implementing safety corrective measures. Federal participation is made on a reimbursement basis; the state is reimbursed for relocation costs only after it is demonstrated that state funds have paid for relocation. A complete description of the federal regulations governing reimbursement of utility relocation is found in the Federal Highway Administration publication, *Utility Relocation, and Accommodation on Federal-Aid Highway Projects*. See: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/reports/utilguid/index.cfm>

Fiscal Impact

In requiring the Michigan Department of Transportation and local road agencies to pay for a portion of the costs of relocating certain telecommunication facilities under the

circumstances described in the bill, House Bill 5016 could have a negative fiscal impact on the department and local road agencies. The impact would vary by year and by agency depending on the circumstances of specific highway projects. For many agencies the bill would have no impact or minimal impact in most years. However, in those circumstances where a highway construction or reconstruction project necessitates the relocation of certain telecommunication facilities – in particular, major projects in urban areas – the costs to the highway agency could be substantial.

Because federal funds would not participate in those relocation costs, the relocation costs would have to come from the State Trunkline Fund with respect to state trunkline projects, or from local road or street funds with respect to county or city/village projects.

Note that the bill would only apply to an entity holding a license under the Michigan Telecommunications Act, or an entity holding a franchise under the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act, under circumstances defined in the bill. The bill would have no impact on the treatment of other utilities occupying public highway rights-of-way, such as electric transmission companies, gas pipelines, water or sewer lines or steam pipes.

Legislative Analyst: Josh Roesner
Fiscal Analyst: William E. Hamilton

■ This analysis was prepared by nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency staff for use by House members in their deliberations, and does not constitute an official statement of legislative intent.

RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

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

WHEREAS, SB 703 would amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act" by amending section 57 (MCL 169.257), as amended by 2015 PA 269; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would remove the unreasonable restriction that was included in 2015 PA 269, that being the inability to discuss ballot questions during the period of 60 days before the election in which the ballot question will appear; and

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2015, this Board passed a motion to contact Governor Snyder and request that he veto SB 571 as it is was presented to him, which included the language that a public body shall not discuss local ballot issues during the period 60 days prior to the election in which the issue appears on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, in signing the bill, Governor Snyder called for a "trailer" measure to clarify what is proper and improper communications; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners supports SB 703 to remove this restriction on how County officials communicate with their constituents about local ballot questions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan Counties, Representative Ed Canfield, Senator Phil Pavlov, Governor Snyder, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Respectfully submitted,

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE



John A. Nugent, Chairman



Rich Swartzendruber, Vice Chairman



David G. Peruski, Member

Dated: January 27, 2016

~~VOICE~~ ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT
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SENATE BILL No. 703

January 14, 2016, Introduced by Senator ZORN and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled
"Michigan campaign finance act,"
by amending section 57 (MCL 169.257), as amended by 2015 PA 269.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 57. (1) A public body or a person acting for a public
2 body shall not use or authorize the use of funds, personnel, office
3 space, computer hardware or software, property, stationery,
4 postage, vehicles, equipment, supplies, or other public resources
5 to make a contribution or expenditure or provide volunteer personal
6 services that are excluded from the definition of contribution
7 under section 4(3)(a). The prohibition under this subsection
8 includes, but is not limited to, using or authorizing the use of
9 public resources to establish or administer a payroll deduction

1 plan to directly or indirectly collect or deliver a contribution
2 to, or make an expenditure for, a committee. Advance payment or
3 reimbursement to a public body does not cure a use of public
4 resources otherwise prohibited by this subsection. This subsection
5 does not apply to any of the following:

6 (a) The expression of views by an elected or appointed public
7 official who has policy making responsibilities.

8 (b) ~~Subject to subsection (3), the~~ THE production or
9 dissemination of factual information concerning issues relevant to
10 the function of the public body.

11 (c) The production or dissemination of debates, interviews,
12 commentary, or information by a broadcasting station, newspaper,
13 magazine, or other periodical or publication in the regular course
14 of broadcasting or publication.

15 (d) The use of a public facility owned or leased by, or on
16 behalf of, a public body if any candidate or committee has an equal
17 opportunity to use the public facility.

18 (e) The use of a public facility owned or leased by, or on
19 behalf of, a public body if that facility is primarily used as a
20 family dwelling and is not used to conduct a fund-raising event.

21 (f) An elected or appointed public official or an employee of
22 a public body who, when not acting for a public body but is on his
23 or her own personal time, is expressing his or her own personal
24 views, is expending his or her own personal funds, or is providing
25 his or her own personal volunteer services.

26 (2) If the secretary of state has dismissed a complaint filed
27 under section 15(5) alleging that a public body or person acting

1 for a public body used or authorized the use of public resources to
2 establish or administer a payroll deduction plan to collect or
3 deliver a contribution to, or make an expenditure for, a committee
4 in violation of this section, or if the secretary of state enters
5 into a conciliation agreement under section 15(10) that does not
6 prevent a public body or a person acting for a public body to use
7 or authorize the use of public resources to establish or administer
8 a payroll deduction plan to collect or deliver a contribution to,
9 or make an expenditure for, a committee in violation of this
10 section, the following apply:

11 (a) The complainant or any other person who resides, or has a
12 place of business, in the jurisdiction where the use or
13 authorization of the use of public resources occurred may bring a
14 civil action against the public body or person acting for the
15 public body to seek declaratory, injunctive, mandamus, or other
16 equitable relief and to recover losses that a public body suffers
17 from the violation of this section.

18 (b) If the complainant or any other person who resides, or has
19 a place of business, in the jurisdiction where the use or
20 authorization of the use of public resources occurred prevails in
21 an action initiated under this subsection, a court shall award the
22 complainant or any other person necessary expenses, costs, and
23 reasonable attorney fees.

24 (c) Any amount awarded or equitable relief granted by a court
25 under this subsection may be awarded or granted against the public
26 body or an individual acting for the public body, or both, that
27 violates this section, as determined by the court.

1 (d) A complainant or any other person who resides, or has a
2 place of business, in the jurisdiction where the use or
3 authorization of the use of public resources occurred may bring a
4 civil action under this subsection in any county in which venue is
5 proper. Process issued by a court in which an action is filed under
6 this subsection may be served anywhere in this state.

7 ~~— (3) Except for an election official in the performance of his~~
8 ~~or her duties under the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL~~
9 ~~168.1 to 168.992, a public body, or a person acting for a public~~
10 ~~body, shall not, during the period 60 days before an election in~~
11 ~~which a local ballot question appears on a ballot, use public funds~~
12 ~~or resources for a communication by means of radio, television,~~
13 ~~mass mailing, or prerecorded telephone message if that~~
14 ~~communication references a local ballot question and is targeted to~~
15 ~~the relevant electorate where the local ballot question appears on~~
16 ~~the ballot.~~

17 (3) ~~(4)~~ A person who knowingly violates this section is guilty
18 of a misdemeanor punishable, if the person is an individual, by a
19 fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 1
20 year, or both, or if the person is not an individual, by 1 of the
21 following, whichever is greater:

22 (a) A fine of not more than \$20,000.00.

23 (b) A fine equal to the amount of the improper contribution or
24 expenditure.



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
LANSING

NICK LYON
DIRECTOR

January 21, 2016

Thomas Bardwell
125 W. Lincoln Street, Ste. 500
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Commissioner Bardwell:

Your 2015-16 annual plan and budget for Child Care Fund (CCF) expenditures is approved for state reimbursement. This approval reflects the \$1,208,897.22 gross amount of your County/Tribe's In Home Care components and anticipated placement costs, which will be eligible for 50% reimbursement.

Additionally, Tuscola is approved to receive \$15,000 in Basic Grant monies at 100% reimbursement.

This brings the total approved budget amount to \$1,223,897.22 with an anticipated State reimbursement amount of \$619,448.61.

Acceptance and use of FY 2016 CCF reimbursement certifies that, to the best of the County/Tribe's knowledge and belief, the data contained in the reports are correct and in accordance with the instructions and definitions established by Child Care Fund-related statute, administrative rules, policy, and the net reimbursable expenditures represent no cost for capital outlay. Appropriate documentation will be required and maintained to support costs reported. Monthly reimbursements are approved subject to further fiscal and program review. By accepting reimbursement, the County/Tribe agrees to accept responsibility for any exception or other payment irregularity in the program found after fiscal and program review.

Any claim for State monies from the Child Care Fund to cover expenditures incurred between October 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016, will signify acceptance of the terms of this approval letter.

Please contact me at (517) 241-4780 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Kelly Walters, Manager
Child Care Fund Monitoring Unit

Attachment: CCF Approval Detail

cc: The Honorable Kim David Glaspie, Family Court Judge, Tuscola County
Denise Stacer, Court Administrator, Tuscola County
Irene Bazan Waller, Director, Tuscola County MDHHS
Keith Schafer, Child Care Fund Chargeback Unit



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

NICK LYON
DIRECTOR

Re: Tuscola County
Child Care Fund (CCF) Annual Plan & Budget Approval Detail
FY 2016 (October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016)

The following **In-Home Care components** are authorized for CCF reimbursement (50%):

Expenditure	Admin. Unit	Gross Amt.
Truancy Intervention Program	Court	\$ 24,246.94
Intense Probation Program	Court	\$ 129,051.16
Juvenile Computer and Cultural Center	Court	\$ 49,841.08
STOP/FIGHT Program	Court	\$ 16,249.89
Sex Offender Services (SOS) Program	Court	\$ 10,824.15
Parent Education and Supervised Visitation Program (PESVP)	MDHHS	\$ 106,684.00

The following **Basic Grant components** are authorized for CCF reimbursement (100%):

Expenditure	Admin. Unit	Gross Amt.
Basic Grant/Truancy program	Court	\$ 15,000.00

Additionally, the following **Anticipated Placement Expenditures** have been reported:

Expenditure	Admin. Unit	Gross Amt.
Family Foster Care	Court	\$ 52,000.00
Institutional Care	Court	\$ 250,000.00
Independent Living	Court	\$ 5,000.00
Family Foster Care	MDHHS	\$ 300,000.00
Institutional Care	MDHHS	\$ 300,000.00
Independent Living	MDHHS	\$ 15,000.00

Act 87, P.A. 1978 prohibits the state from reimbursing county Child Care Fund expenditures which exceed a county's approved budget.

If expenditures exceed your original approved budget it is necessary to submit an amended budget no later than September 1, 2016, with the three required signatures.