

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.

**H. H. PURDY BUILDING BOARD ROOM
125 W. Lincoln Street
Caro, MI**

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Caro, MI 48723

Phone: 989-672-3700
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- 6:00 P.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Peterson
Roll Call – Clerk White
Adoption of Agenda
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)
Brief Public Comment Period
Consent Agenda Resolution –None this Meeting
New Business
 -Applicants for District 1 Commissioner Vacancy
 -City/Village Appointment to Central Dispatch Authority Board (See
 Correspondence #2)
 -Probate Court –Weather Emergency (See Correspondence #3)
 -Probate Court – Petty Cash Request
 -Hiring of Part-Time Custodian
 -Mosquito Abatement Request to Purchase Control Materials &
 Equipment (See Correspondence #4)
 -Vending Machine Request
 -Medical Marijuana
 -Office Space Plan
 -March MAC Conference
Old Business
Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

KERN

Thumb Area Consortium
Human Development Commission
Health Board
Senior Services Advisory
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Behavioral Health Board
DHS/Medical Care Facility Liaison

BARDWELL

Caro DDA

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Economic Development Corporation

Tuscola 2011

MAC Economic Development/Taxation

MAC 7TH District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors

NACo

PETERSON

Enterprise Facilitation

Human Development Commission

MEMS

Michigan Association of Counties – Aging Work Group

Michigan Association of Counties – Environmental

LEPC

NACo

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Parks & Recreation

Dispatch Authority Board

County Planning Commission

PETZOLD

Recycling Advisory

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Technical Advisory Committee

Thumb Area Consortium

Multi-County Solid Waste

TRIAD

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Road Commission

Health Board

NEW COMMISSIONER

COUNTY BOARDS

Board of Public Works

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Human Services Coordinating Council

Great Start Collaborative – Tuscola County

Parks & Recreation

OTHER ENTITIES

MAC Judiciary & Public Safety Committee

NACo Agricultural Committee

NACo Rural Action Caucus

MAC Agriculture & Tourism

Closed Session (If Necessary)

Other Business as Necessary

Extended Public Comment

Adjournment

Note: If you need accommodations to attend this meeting please notify the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator's Office (989-672-3700) two days in advance of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 January 13, 2011 Full Board Minutes
- #2 Dispatch Authority Board Application
- #3 Probate Court Requests
- #4 Mosquito Abatement Request to Make Purchase
- #5 January 21, 2011 MAC Legislative Update
- #6 January 20, 2011 Michigan Report
- #7 January 6, 2011 Road Commission Minutes
- #8 H.H. Purdy Building Open House 1/27/11
- #9 Denmark Township Request for Industrial Development District

DRAFT
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
January 13, 2011 Minutes
HH Purdy Building

Chairman Thomas Bardwell called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 13th day of January, 2011 to order at 8:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Petzold
Pledge by Commissioner Bardwell

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

District #1 VACANT, District #2 Thomas Bardwell, District #3 Tom Kern, District #4 Roy Petzold, District #5 Gerald Peterson

11-M-005

Motioned by Peterson seconded by Petzold to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

11-M-006

Motioned by Peterson seconded by Kern to approve the minutes of the 12/29/10 regular meeting and 1/3/11 Organizational meeting Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – Russell Smith appeared regarding the Animal Shelter.

11-M-007

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold to approve the Tire Collection Site Agreement and authorize the chairman's signature. Motion carried.

11-M-008

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson to receive and place on file the letter of resignation from the county's Information Services Technology Director, Steven Lark, effective January 21, 2011. Motion carried.

Scott Zimmer with Zimco, Inc. appeared regarding his company's proposed agreement with the county.

11-M-009

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson to approve the contractual agreement with Zimco, Inc. to provide computer and technology support for the county and the available budgeted funds for the former Information Systems Director wage/fringe costs be reallocated to the contractual services line item in

the computer operations budget. Also, the chairman is authorized to sign said agreement with Zimco, Inc. Motion carried.

11-M-010

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson to implement the county step-up policy for the Information Systems Specialist in the absence of the IT Director for the term on the agreement with Zimco, Inc. Motion carried.

11-M-011

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson to proceed with moving the county clerk to the former Register of Deeds office and approve any needed structural changes to accommodate the county clerk's operation. Motion carried.

11-M-012

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson to hire TSSF Architects to provide a plan to remodel the probate courtroom. Motion carried.

10:53 break

11:00 meeting resumed

Extended Public Comment – Ione Vyse contacted Curtis Stowe at Building Codes with regard to airport zoning.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk

#2

Mike Hoagland

From: Margie A. White [mwhite@tuscolacounty.org]

Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 4:04 PM

To: 'Mike Hoagland'; renee@tuscolacounty.org

Subject: Central Dispatch Authority

Mike/Renee,

Today, I received an application from Rick Lipan for appointment to the Central Dispatch Authority board representing City/Village government. This is the one remaining vacancy so needs to be placed on the commissioners' agenda for appointment. I will send a copy of the application via interoffice mail.

Thanks,

Margie

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk
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Caro, MI 48723
989.672.3780 office
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989.205.9739 cell

TUSCOLA COUNTY
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Print Form

Please return this questionnaire to the County Clerk's Office, Attention: Appointments Division, 440 N. State St., Caro MI 48723; by email to appoint@tuscolacounty.org ; or by fax at (989) 672-4266
Please submit your resume with this application.

Boards/Commissions for which you would like to be considered:

Boards/Commissions for which you would like to be considered:

First Name* Middle Initial* Last Name*

Have you ever used, or have you ever been known by any other name? Yes No

If yes, provide names and explain:

Home Address City Zip

Township County

Employer Name:

Employer Address City Zip

Position Title

Work Number* (10 digit) Home Number* (10 digit) Cell Number (10 digit)

Email majesticconst@centurytel.net (email is the preferred method of contact, please provide if available)

Are you a United States Citizen? Yes No

EDUCATION (Include degree and dates; if answered in full on your attached resume, please indicate):

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (if answered in full on your attached resume, please indicate):

See Resume

Do you hold any professional licenses? If so, please include numbers:

Builders License

What special skills could you bring to this position?

Previous government appointments:

City Council of Caro, DDA,

Please provide us with the names of your:

State Senator Green

State Representative Damrow

County Commissioner Bardwell

The following optional information is elicited in order to ensure that this administration considers the talent and creativity of a diverse pool of candidates. In addition, specific backgrounds or qualifications are legally required for appointment to some boards and commissions. You may, therefore, wish to provide this information in order to ensure that you are considered for relevant boards and commissions.

Age 58

Political Affiliation

Military Service Army

Spouse or Partner's Name Debra

CONSENT AND CERTIFICATION

I, Richard A. Lipan (please print name), hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I, the undersigned applicant, have personally completed this application. I understand that any misrepresentation, falsification or omission of information on this application or on any document used to secure employment shall be grounds for rejection of this application or immediate discharge if I am employed, regardless of the time elapsed before discovery.

Signed By [Signature]

#3

Mike Hoagland

From: Janie Diegel [jdiegel@tuscolacounty.org]

Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 11:18 AM

To: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org

Subject: Topics for BOC meeting

Attachments: LAO-WeatherClosing.doc

Hello-

Judge Roggenbuck asked me to e-mail you about two topics for the next BOC meeting.

The first is our Local Administrative Order regarding closing the office due to bad weather. We do not anticipate there to be a problem, and for us to be able to submit the LAO to SCAO we must have written correspondence back stating any questions or concerns raised, and if it was passed or not. (Please view the attachment to see our proposed LAO).

The second is our request to have petty cash in the office to make change. Since the treasurers office is no longer located in the courthouse, we now no longer have access to their office to make change when needed. We are requesting that we be allowed to keep \$50 in petty cash in the office at all times.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (989) 672-3850.

Thank you,
Janie Diegel, Probate Register

STATE OF MICHIGAN



TUSCOLA COUNTY
PROBATE COURT

440 NORTH STATE STREET
DEPT. 4
CARO, MICHIGAN 48723

TELEPHONE: (989) 672-3850
FAX: (989) 672-2057

AMANDA ROGGENBUCK
PROBATE JUDGE

JANIE DIEGEL
REGISTER OF PROBATE
(989) 672-3850

PATRICIA SAUBER
OFFICIAL COURT RECORDER
(989) 672-3851

Administrative Order 2011-

Unscheduled Court Closing Due to Weather Emergency

IT IS ORDERED:

This Local Administrative Order is issued pursuant to Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1998-5, and after consultation with the County Board of Commissioners to provide for procedures for suspension of court operations and closure of court facilities due to weather emergencies. It is the court's intent to ensure that decisions regarding suspension of court operations are consistent with decisions made regarding county/city operations to the extent possible without undue disruption of service to litigants.

Suspension of Operations

The Chief Judge (*or person designated by the Chief Judge*) will consult with the Tuscola County Commission Board Chair to determine if a weather emergency will result in a decision to close the facility where the court is located.

The decision to close the court will be announced by the Chief Judge, or persons the Chief Judge designate(s) as responsible for making this announcement, to court employees and local law enforcement by a means to reasonably assure notice.

Public notice will be made by posting a notice at all court entrances and providing announcements over local radio and/or television station(s).

Employees' Time Off Due to Weather Emergencies

If the funding unit declares a weather emergency and closes the facility where the court is located, court employees will charge time off in a manner consistent with the way the funding unit treats its employees for that closure, unless a collective bargaining agreement contains provisions to the contrary.

If the court closes and releases its employees, but the funding unit does not, then court employees must use accumulated leave time or take unpaid leave, unless a collective bargaining agreement contains provisions to the contrary.

The court adopts the funding unit policy (*collective bargaining agreement*) regarding closure due to weather which is attached.

Dated: January 21, 2011

Amanda Roggenbuck
Judge of Probate



TUSCOLA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

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

TO: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Michael Hoagland – Controller/Administrator

FROM: Kim Green ~ Rich Colopy : Co - Directors
Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement

Date: January 27, 2011

RE: Request to purchase control materials / equipment for 2011 season

On January 12, 2011 sealed bids for insecticide materials were opened at the Midland County Board of Commissioners Finance Committee meeting. After review of these bids, we are requesting permission to purchase the following materials.

Vendor / Insecticide	Quantity	Price Per Unit	Total Amount
BIDS			
Biomist 4+4	6,050 Gallons	\$14.98	\$90,629.00
BioSciences Corporation			
VectoBac G (<i>Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis</i>)	12,800 Pounds	\$1.30	\$16,640.00
Insecticide Total			\$107,269.00

These purchases total \$107,269.00, and will be deducted from the 2011 Mosquito Abatement budget from account 240-620-750-000, Abatement Materials.

In addition to the control materials, we are requesting permission to purchase from Clarke Inc. 1 ULV - Grizzly OHV Smart Flow #12208OHV. This will add an additional truck mounted sprayer to our fleet. This purchase (\$10,959.75) would be deducted from account 240-620-970-030. A credit of \$5,276.00 will be applied to this transaction.

These purchases were anticipated, and sufficient funds allocated to these accounts.

Thank You



MAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

January 21, 2011

In this week's update:

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GOVERNOR SNYDER OUTLINES PLAN IN STATE OF THE STATE, DETAILS TO COME

Hitting tones of reform and reinvention, Governor Rick Snyder (R-Washtenaw County) offered mostly positive rhetoric in his first State of the State speech. Most important for counties were two comments regarding local units of government.

First, Governor Snyder will make a major announcement regarding reform for local units of government in March, and second, he wants to offer "positive incentives" under revenue sharing for local units of government that adopt "best practices." While no other details were given, **MAC encourages you to talk to your legislators about the importance of taking into account the billions of dollars counties will save the state over the course of our revenue sharing "deal" with the state and the millions of dollars each year we provide in free service delivery for unfunded mandates.**

Another major item in the State of the State address this week was strong support by the Governor for the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) project. Further, the Governor pledged to eliminate the Single Business Tax and replace it with a business tax that is simpler and reduces the tax burden on businesses, but it will also most certainly increase the state's \$1.8 billion hole going into budget season. There were no budget details given in the speech. Also, Governor Snyder pledged to fund the Pure Michigan campaign at \$25 million annually, and wants the state to purchase 117 new parcels of recreational land that would increase the state's PILT obligation. **As details are available for these and other proposals, MAC will keep you updated.**

SENATE INTRODUCES BILLS ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WAGES AND BENEFITS

Three pieces of legislation were introduced this week that seek to contain public employee wage and benefit costs. Unfortunately, the bills would also usurp the county commission's responsibility to the people they serve regarding their own employee costs and if the state can make counties cut their employee wages and benefits, it can also tell them to increase them when times are good with no cost to the state. SJR B would cut base wages for all public employees by five percent for three years. SJR C would allow the state to regulate all public employee healthcare and forbid local governments from differing from the benefits dictated by the state. SB 7 would require that public employees contribute 20% of the total for their health benefits. Again, while the goal is laudable, containing the cost of government, the problem arises when the state gets its hands on a new arena

of influence with no responsibility for its actions. **The possibilities for unfunded mandates would increase significantly under these proposals.**

ACTION REQUIRED: PLANNING COMMISSION LEGISLATION REQUIRES COUNTIES ACT SOON

* **Commissioners, please be aware that your planning commission may be in jeopardy.** According to Public Act 33 of 2008, which created the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, County Planning Commissions must be established by an ordinance that meets the standards established in P.A. 33 (2008). The specific guidelines are laid out in P.A. 33 of 2008 and if your ordinance or resolution creating the planning commission does not adhere to these guidelines the planning commission may be in violation after July 1, 2011. In 2008, P.A. 33 laid out new requirements for planning commissions, if your current resolution or ordinance was created under P.A. 285 of 1931, P.A. 282 of 1945, or P.A. 168 of 1959 then you may have to repeal your current resolution/ordinance and adopt a new one. Please take a moment to check and make sure that your ordinance/resolution is in compliance with this new act. For your convenience we have included a copy of the legislation with this week's update.

CONSUMERS ENERGY LONG-TERM STREETLIGHT REPLACEMENT PLAN

In a few weeks, Consumers Energy plans to release detailed information regarding their plans to replace mercury vapor streetlights, as they are being phased out in favor of more energy efficient bulbs. Changes in policy at the federal and state level have lead to this massive undertaking that will impact every community throughout the entire state. Impacted communities will be notified directly by Consumers Energy at the end of the month, and from there it will be up to the local officials to determine what strategy they would like to pursue. Consumers will offer several options for replacement, depending on what is selected, there may be a cost associated with the replacement. Please refer to the attached letter from Consumers Energy for more information on this issue.

MCWCF DIVIDEND INFORMATION AVAILABLE

We are proud to advise that the 2010 Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Fund surplus premium totaling **\$2.2 million** has been approved by the State of Michigan. The dividend checks will be in the mail on Monday, January 24th for the MCWCF members.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome Trustee Pete Redmond (Cheboygan Co.) and Trustee Paul Hramiec (Emmet Co.) to the board. We look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Please contact MAC at 800-258-1152 if you have any questions about your county's specific information.

MACSC WORKS WITH BCBSM

The Michigan Association of Counties Service Corporation is committed to providing valuable, cost saving services to counties and county entities.

MACSC is a trusted partner with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, specializing in health insurance administration, providing your staff with one-stop, dedicated customer service assistance. This service is offered to your county and your agent free of charge.

Call us today to enquire how we can help you make reductions in your budget while offering quality services. Call us today at 517-372-5374 or 800-258-1152 for more information.

MSUE WORKSHOPS**Tips and Techniques for Board and Committee Chairs**

How can you help your board work together in a productive manner? The program will focus attention on:

- Understanding the job
- Board and committee rules
- Open Meetings Act and FOIA
- Meeting the challenges of leadership

January 31, 2011

Marshall

5Pm-8PM

Cost: \$65 includes MSU Extension instructors, resource materials, refreshments and a book on Roberts Rules of Order. All county board members are encouraged to attend! To register, please visit <http://slg.anr.msu.edu>.

Budget & Finance for County Commissioners

Workshop Topics:

- County budget approaches and process
- Finance Trends
- Uniform Accounting and Budget Act
- County financial data and revenue realities
- Intergovernmental cooperation
- Performance measures in county budgeting

February 7, 2011 Plainwell 3PM-8PM	February 14, 2011 Big Rapids 3PM-8PM	February 22, 2011 Gaylord 10AM-3PM
February 28, 2011 Frankenmuth 3PM-8PM	March 7, 2011 Chelsea 3PM-8PM	April 11, 2011 Manistique 4PM-7:30PM
	April 12, 2011 L'Anse 4PM-7:30PM	

Cost: \$100 includes a meal, MSU Extension instructors, and resource materials. To register, please visit <http://slg.anr.msu.edu>.

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Mike Hoagland

From: Tom Bardwell [tbardwell@hillsanddales.com]
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 8:38 AM
To: Amanda Roggenbuck; Jerry Peterson; Mary Drier; Mike Hoagland; Tom Kern
Subject: FW: Michigan Report, Thursday, January 20, 2011

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Michigan Report

The Capitol Record Since 1906

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STATE ESTIMATES TAX EXPENDITURES OF \$33.8 BILLION FOR FY'11

Tax credits, deductions and exemptions in Michigan law will result in estimated tax expenditure for fiscal year 2010-11 of \$33.8 billion, a report issued by the Department of Treasury said.

The number is higher, but just fractionally, than the \$33.72 billion in tax expenditures the state expected in the 2009-10 fiscal year, the report said. The increase is 0.3 percent, according to the report.

The report was the 31st such report issued as required under state law.

And the report shows that tax expenditures continue to grow with changes in state tax law and the economy.

For example, the estimated \$33.8 billion in tax expenditures is more than 20 percent higher than the \$27.8 billion in tax expenditures the state estimated during the 2003-04 fiscal year, the first full fiscal year under former Governor Jennifer Granholm.

The tax expenditure report includes about \$8.2 billion in mostly local tax expenditures. More than \$8 billion of that is in property taxes and \$168 million is in city income tax expenditures.

Still the net state tax expenditures of nearly \$23.5 billion exceed the amount of tax revenues the state expects this year. Last week, the Revenue Estimating Conference forecast total general fund and School Aid Fund revenues for the 2010-11 fiscal year of \$18.2 billion. The figure is about 74 percent of the total expected in tax expenditures.

The biggest total expenditure comes from consumption taxes, mostly from the sales tax and mostly from the exemption of sales taxes on services.

The report estimated total tax expenditures on consumption of taxes for the current year of \$14.275 billion. That figure is \$428.9 million more than the estimated expenditure in 2009-10, a 3 percent increase.

In contrast, the state forecasts consumption tax revenues from sales, use and tobacco taxes of more than \$8 billion this fiscal year.

The income tax expenditure for the year is forecast to \$8.6 billion, but that is down \$156 million, or 1.8 percent, from the previous year. The level is affected somewhat by the improvement in unemployment.

In contrast the state is projecting income tax revenues of \$5.5 billion.

Business tax expenditures will total an estimated \$2.6 billion in the current fiscal year, up \$322 million or 13.9 percent from the previous year.

Total business tax revenues are forecast at about \$2.25 billion.

Transportation taxes are expected to see expenditures of \$47.8 million, down \$140,000, or less than 1 percent from the expenditures in the previous years.

It is also one of the few areas where revenues will outpace expenditures, as the state is forecasting nearly \$1.8 billion in transportation related revenues.

Lower property assessments because of the economy are one reason why property tax expenditures are expected to decline to \$8 billion this fiscal year from \$8.5 billion last fiscal year. That is nearly a 6 percent decline in the revenues.

The city income tax expenditures of \$168 million are 2.2 percent higher than the previous year. Again, the expenditures are outpaced by total revenues, as the city income tax is expected to bring in \$450 million to those cities with the tax.

SNYDER BEGINS FILLING REJECTED APPOINTMENTS

Governor Rick Snyder has begun his effort to fill vacancies on various boards and commissions left open by Senate rejections of the appointments of former Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Mr. Snyder filed appointments to the Central Michigan University, Grand Valley State University and Northern Michigan University boards of control with the Senate on Thursday. As would be expected, Mr. Snyder brought in his own nominees in place of those Ms. Granholm had proposed, even in the case of some Republican nominees.

On Central Michigan, which Ms. Granholm had tried only once to fill, Mr. Snyder appointed William Kanine of Petoskey to succeed Gail Torreano and Patricia Maryland of Bloomfield Hills to succeed Stephanie Comai. Both of the terms expire December 31, 2018.



Governor Rick Snyder filed new university appointments Thursday with the Senate.

On the Grand Valley board, which Ms. Granholm had tried three times to fill and was rejected by the Senate, Mr. Snyder appointed David Hooker of Grand Rapids to succeed Lucille Taylor and John Kennedy of Grand Raids to succeed Dorothy Johnson, both for terms expiring December 31, 2018.

On the Northern Michigan board, also subject of three appointment attempts by Ms. Granholm, Stephen Gulis of Rockford was appointed to succeed Larry Inman and Richard Popp of Northville Township succeeds Doug Roberts, also for terms expiring December 31, 2018.

But Mr. Snyder did not leave Mr. Roberts without work. He appointed the former treasurer to chair the Tax Commission, succeeding Robert Naftlay. The chair appointment is at the pleasure of the governor.

Mr. Snyder did follow Ms. Granholm's lead on one panel, reappointing John Madigan of Munising and J.R. Richardson of Ontonagon to the

Natural Resources Commission. Both are Republicans and both terms expire December 31, 2014.

WALSH: JUDICIARY NOT TACKLING SENTENCING GUIDELINE OVERHAUL

Members of the House Judiciary Committee need to understand how the state's sentencing guidelines were developed, but as far as the panel pursuing a complete overhaul, that's not in the cards at the moment, said chair Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia).

The committee held its organizational meeting on Thursday and afterward got a primer from criminal defense attorneys and a county prosecutor on how the sentencing guidelines work.

"I got the question, 'What's next?'" Mr. Walsh said.

While he expects some bills to be introduced on the subject, House Republicans have not discussed pursuing massive changes to the guidelines, he said.



Judiciary chair Rep. John Walsh said an overhaul to the state's sentencing guidelines aren't on the House

"I'm just trying to get members up to speed. There are less attorneys (on the committee) than in the past," Mr. Walsh said, noting that even while he is an attorney, he didn't handle sentencing issues in his prior career.

Changing sentencing guidelines has been a hot topic in town in recent years as former Governor Jennifer Granholm often called for changes as a way to trim the state's prison population.

About 20 percent of people convicted of a felony will actually end up in prison, said Eaton County Prosecutor Jeff Sauter, while the remaining 80 percent will be sentenced to jail or probation.

Prison sentences have a minimum and maximum, with the range for the minimum sentence determined by the guidelines. Pushback to changing the system has often centered on the state's truth in sentencing provision that requires prisoners to serve their minimum sentence before being paroled.

GOP agenda at this time.

Sheila Deming, who served on the commission that created the guidelines in the 1990s, said there have been minor changes to the guidelines since their adoption. There are currently about 800 felonies outlined in Michigan law.

But Rep. Mark Meadows (D-East Lansing), the leading Democrat on the committee, said there were plenty of groups pushing, and support among members of both parties, to change the guidelines last term and, once they make their pitch to Mr. Walsh, he may change his mind.

Mr. Meadows said focusing on determinate sentences, as opposed to the indeterminate sentencing range provided in the guidelines, would allow people to stay in prison for a more appropriate amount of time related to their crime while protecting the public and saving on corrections cost.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL CRISIS ON PANEL'S AGENDA

Understanding the state of finances for local governments across Michigan will be one of the first areas the House Local, Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs Committee will delve into.

Chair Rep. Mark Ouimet (R-Scio Township) said he plans to meet with members of the committee in small groups to gauge what issues in particular they want to focus on this term, but certainly having a grasp on how seriously locals are in financial straights will be a pressing matter.

He said stakeholder groups such as the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Association of Counties will be asked to speak with the committee.

In his State of the State Address, Governor Rick Snyder said he will pursue a revenue sharing incentive to get local governments to consolidate and share services, which is something Rep. Woodrow Stanley (D-Flint), the leading Democrat on the committee, said he hopes will be brought before the panel.

Mr. Snyder also called for changes to the state's emergency financial manager law, which Mr. Ouimet said might come before his committee.

"We're interested," Mr. Stanley said of the EFM proposal.

BOLGER CREATES 3 NEW SUBCOMMITTEES; JOINT PANELS ANNOUNCED

Agricultural processing, economic development and trade, and forestry and mining issues will get a little more attention in the House as Speaker Jase Bolger created three subcommittees specifically for those topics.

The subcommittees were announced Thursday. Rep. Sharon Tyler (R-Niles) will chair the Subcommittee on Economic Development and Trade and will be joined by Rep. Ben Glardon (R-Owosso), Rep. Mike Shirkey (R-Clark Lake), Rep. John Switalski (D-Warren) and Rep. John Olumba (D-Detroit).

The Subcommittee on Agricultural Processing will be chaired by Rep. Cindy Denby (R-Fowlerville).. She is joined by Rep. Joel Johnson (R-



Rep. Sharon Tyler (R-Niles) will lead a panel on economic development and trade.

Clare), Rep. Bruce Rendon (R-Lake City), Rep. Charles Brunner (D-Bay City) and Rep. Marcia Hovey-Wright (D-Muskegon).

The Subcommittee on Forestry and Mining will be chaired by Rep. Matt Huuki (R-Atlantic Mine), who will be joined on the panel by Rep. Peter Pettalia (R-Presque Isle) and Rep. Harold Haugh (D-Roseville).

"There are several issues that will require significant attention and rapid action," Mr. Bolger said. "The subcommittees will now be able to delve into those issues while the full committees continue with their aggressive workload."

Mr. Bolger (R-Marshall) also announced members of the joint committees.

Serving on the Capitol Committee are Rep. Wayne Schmidt (R-Traverse City) as chair, House Majority Floor Leader Jim Stamas (R-Midland) as vice chair, Rep. Holly Hughes (R-White River Township), Rep. Joan Bauer (D-Lansing) as minority vice chair and Rep. Thomas Stallworth III (D-Detroit).

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules will include Rep. Rick Olson (R-York Township) as chair, Mr. Rendon as vice chair, Rep. Kenneth Horn (R-Frankenmuth), Rep. Bob Constan (D-Dearborn Heights) as minority vice chair and Rep. Barb Byrum (D-Onondaga).

The Legislative Council will consist of Mr. Bolger as chair, Mr. Stamas as vice chair, Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia), Rep. Chuck Moss (R-Birmingham), Rep Mark Meadows (D-East Lansing) as minority vice chair and Rep. Stacy Erwin Oakes (D-Saginaw).

Also, the House Fiscal Agency Governing Board will be chaired by Mr. Moss. He is joined by Mr. Bolger as vice chair, Mr. Stamas, Rep. Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland) as minority vice chair, Minority Leader Richard Hammel (D-Mount Morris Township) and Minority Floor Leader Kate Segal (D-Battle Creek).

In addition, Mr. Bolger also made some swaps in terms of committee assignments to reflect conf

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January 6, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 8:00 A.M.

Present: Road Commissioners John Laurie, Gary Parsell, Mike Zwerk, Julie Matuszak, and Pat Sheridan; County Highway Engineer Michele Zaverucha, Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey, Director of Finance/Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey.

Also present: County Commissioner Roy Petzold.

Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey called the meeting to order.

Nominations were opened for Chairman of the Board.

John Laurie was nominated by Gary Parsell and seconded by Mike Zwerk.

John Laurie was unanimously elected.

Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey turned the meeting over to Chairman Laurie.

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Gary Parsell was nominated by Mike Zwerk and seconded by Julie Matuszak.

Gary Parsell was unanimously elected.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the minutes of the December 22, 2010 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$124,499.19 and bills in the amount of \$3,014.31 covered by vouchers #10-48, and #11-01 were presented and audited.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak that the payroll and bills be approved, and that bills be paid next week upon receipt of Michigan Transportation Funds at the discretion of the Director of Finance. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Brief Public Comment Segment:

(1) Mr. Al Merchant appeared before the Board to discuss the Daus Road Structure over the Boulton Drain which was recently repaired last season. Mr. Merchant reports that the added guardrail to the structure has made the roadway too narrow for farm equipment. County Highway Engineer Zaverucha explained the scope of the project which included the installation of concrete headwalls due to erosion with the addition of new guardrail. The Board requested that the Engineer research any other alternatives for the guardrail in order to gain width across the structure.

(2) County Commissioner Roy Petzold welcomed the new Road Commissioners to the Board.

At 8:15 A.M. the following bids were opened for one (1) Leased Motor Grader:

Bidder

Make/Model

36-Month Lease

60-Month Lease

Michigan Cat

Caterpillar 140M

\$2,746.37 per month \$2,404.45 per month

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the bid for one (1) Leased Motor Grader be accepted, reviewed by Management, and tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the proposed Benefit Expense Reduction Plan and the M.E.R.S. Employee Contribution Rate introduced at the last regular meeting be tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha presented to the Board the 2010 P.A.S.E.R. (Pavement Surface Evaluation Rating) for the Primary Road System. Zaverucha also presented to the Board a list of deficient structures that are eligible for Local Bridge Program Funding.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to approve advertising for bid three (3) Leased Roadside Mower Tractors with one (1) alternate bid for an extended boom-mower attachment. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board reviewed and discussed winter maintenance operations and procedures.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board

We Have Moved!

An open house will be held on:

Jan. 27, 2011

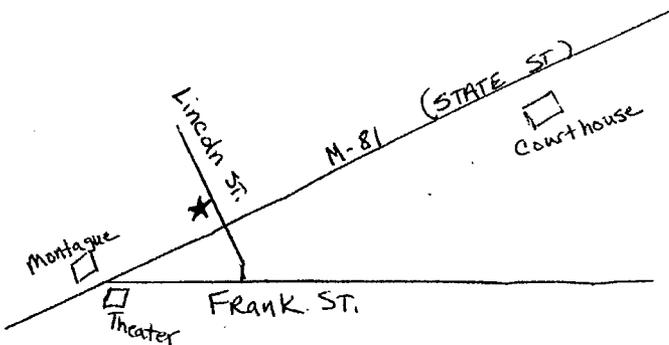
2:30pm-5:30pm

At the H.H. Purdy Building

125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI

The following Tuscola County offices have moved locations:

- Board of Commissioners
- Drain Commission Office
- County Controller's Office
- County Treasurer Office
- Register of Deeds Office
- Equalization Office



Please join us!

Refreshments served!

January 3, 2011

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
125 W. Lincoln Street
Caro, MI 48723

Attention: Mike Hoagland, Controller

Re: Hearing on a Proposed Resolution for the Establishment of an Industrial
Development District in Denmark Township.

Dear Tuscola County Board of Commissioners,

Star of the West Milling Company has requested that Denmark Township approve the establishment of an Industrial Development District for its property, pursuant to Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended.

A public hearing on the resolution will be held on January 31, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Denmark Township Hall, 9386 W. Saginaw Street, Richville, Michigan.

Since the tax collected by the Tuscola County may be reduced if the Industrial Development District is approved, a Tuscola County representative is entitled to appear and be heard.

If you have any questions, please call the Tuscola County EDC at 989-673-2849.

Sincerely,



Patricia Bittner
Denmark Township Clerk

cc: Star of the West Milling Company
enc. Public Notice

- PUBLIC NOTICE -

HEARING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
IN DENMARK TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that on January 31, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Denmark Township Hall, 9836 W. Saginaw Rd. Richville, Michigan, a hearing will be held before the Denmark Township Board pursuant to Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended, on the petition of Star of the West Milling Company for the establishment of an Industrial Development District covering the following described property:

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 29, Town 12 North Range 7 East, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 674.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 640.41 feet to the East line of said Northwest quarter of the South quarter; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 11 seconds West along the East line of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter 231 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 640.41 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 231 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Patricia Bittner, Township Clerk

January 3, 2011

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
125 W. Lincoln Street
Caro, MI 48723

Attention: Mike Hoagland, Controller

Re: Hearing on a Proposed Resolution for the Approval of one Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate in Denmark Township.

Dear Tuscola County Board of Commissioners,

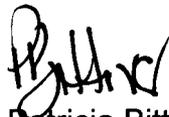
Star of the West Milling Company has requested that Denmark Township approve an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (tax abatement) for an expansion project, pursuant to Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended.

A public hearing on the resolution will be held on January 31, 2011 at 6:15 pm in the Denmark Township Hall, 9386 W. Saginaw Street, Richville, Michigan.

Since the tax collected by Tuscola County may be reduced if the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate is approved, a Tuscola County representative is entitled to appear and be heard.

If you have any questions, please call the Tuscola County EDC at 989-673-2849.

Sincerely,



Patricia Bittner
Denmark Township Clerk

cc: Star of the West Milling Company
enc. Public Notice

- PUBLIC NOTICE -

HEARING ON THE APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR AN
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
IN DENMARK TOWNSHIP

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Part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 29, Town 12 North Range 7 East, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 674.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 640.41 feet to the East line of said Northwest quarter of the South quarter; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 11 seconds West along the East line of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter 231 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 640.41 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 231 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Patricia Bittner, Township Clerk