

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012 – 8:30 A.M.

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

125 W. Lincoln Street
Caro, MI 48723

Phone: 989-672-3700
Fax : 989-672-4011

- 8:30 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Commissioner Allen
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)
New Business
 -Economic Development Corporation Update (See Correspondence #2)
 -Application for P.A. 32 Funding (See Correspondence #3)
 -Sheriff Request to Replace Vacant Position (See Correspondence #4)
 -Resolution in Opposition to Changes in Wind Turbine Taxation (See Correspondence #5)
 -Review of Recycling Work in Huron County
 -Medical Care Facility Millage Transfer Request (See Correspondence #6)
 -Thumb Cellular Tower Contract
 -Novesta Township National Flood Insurance Program
 -Recycling E-Waste Contract (See Correspondence #7)
Old Business
Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ALLEN

Board of Public Works
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Human Services Coordinating Council
Great Start Collaborative – Tuscola County
Parks & Recreation
MAC Judiciary & Public Safety Committee
NACo Agricultural Committee
NACo Rural Action Caucus
MAC Agriculture & Tourism

BARDWELL

Caro DDA
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
Economic Development Corporation
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
MAC 7TH District
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors
NACo

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
Tuscola 2020

PETZOLD

Recycling Advisory
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Technical Advisory Committee
Michigan Works
Multi-County Solid Waste
TRIAD
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Road Commission
Health Board

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 26, 2012 Full Board Minutes
- #2 Economic Development Corporation Update
- #3 Application for P.A. 32 Funding
- #4 Sheriff Request to Replace Vacant Position
- #5 Resolution in Opposition to Changes in Wind Turbine Taxation
- #6 Medical Care Facility Millage Transfer Request
- #7 Recycling E-Waste Contract Request & December 1st Committee Minutes
- #8 January 19, 2012 Road Commission Minutes
- #9 MAC 7th District Meeting Schedules
- #10 Tuscola County Profile
- #11 Invitation to Saginaw Bay Watershed Conference
- #12 Commercial Wind Power Tax Bills

DRAFT

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
January 26, 2012 Minutes
H. H. 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 26th day of January, 2012 to order at 8:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Kern
Pledge by Commissioner Bardwell

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

12-M-008

Motion by Peterson seconded by Allen to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

12-M-009

Motion by Peterson seconded by Petzold to approve the minutes of the 1/10/2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – Brent Morgan appeared regarding the proposed action with the DDA. He requested a meeting be scheduled to discuss.

Jim Will appeared to ask the board to reconsider its proposed budget cuts to MSU-E.

Walt Schlichting inquired regarding the appropriate time to address an item contained in the Consent Agenda.

John Sommerville appeared regarding proposed cuts to MSU-E.

Robert Mantey, Tuscola County Drain Commissioner, asked the board to delay its decision regarding proposed budget cuts.

Mark Reene stated he wished to comment on the proposed Consent Agenda.

Pat Finn appeared with a question regarding proposed budget cuts should the ballot question fail.

Melissa Payk from MSU-E appeared regarding proposed cuts.

Judy Adams appeared to offer suggestions to address needed budget cuts.

Walt Schlichting appeared regarding the proposed budget cuts.

Margie White appeared regarding the proposed budget cuts.

Hal Hudson with MSU-E appeared regarding the proposed budget cuts.

10:20 a.m. – recess

10:36 a.m.– meeting resumed

12-M-010

Motion by Peterson seconded by Petzold to approve the following
Consent Agenda Resolution:

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 1/12/12

Description of Matter: Move that the following actions be taken related to DDA/TIFA's in response to previous action on November 10, 2011:

Caro

- Honor and continue the 15 year resolution approved by the Board of Commissioners allowing the capture of 50% of the increase in tax in the expanded Caro DDA/TIFA area for which the County has discretion
- Request the City of Caro to correct the over billing in the original DDA/TIFA area because since the resolution was passed 100% was collected in the original area when in fact the resolution and agreement was to reduce this amount to 75%
- When the current resolution expires in 2015 discontinue allowing the capture (opt-out) in the area of the Caro DDA/TIFA for which the county has discretion

Mayville

- Honor and continue the 20 year resolution approved by the Board of Commissioners allowing the capture of 50% of the increase in tax in the Mayville DDA/TIFA area for which the County has discretion
- When the current resolution expires in 2017 discontinue allowing the capture (opt-out) in the area of the Mayville DDA/TIFA for which the county has discretion

Cass City

- Effective for 2012 discontinue allowing the capture (opt-out) in the area of the Cass City DDA/TIFA for which the county has discretion

Millington

- Effective for 2012 discontinue allowing the capture (opt-out) in the area of the Millington DDA/TIFA for which the county has discretion

Vassar

- The City of Vassar has not expanded the original DDA/TIFA therefore the county has no authority to change the capture in the current DDA/TIFA

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 1/12/12

Description of Matter: Move that the county continue with the current National Association of Counties prescription card program and opt-out of receiving county administrative revenue from the use of the card which will enable county residents to receive the maximum prescription discount.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 1/12/12

Description of Matter: Move that amendments to the Board Rules of Order be changed as presented and incorporated in the Finance Committee packet of information at the January 12, 2012 meeting.

Agenda Reference: E

Entity Proposing: FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 1/12/12

Description of Matter: Move that the following actions be taken to adjust to declining county financial capabilities:

A) Amend the 2012 budget and charge the recycling fund full indirect costs according to the most current Indirect Cost Study as prepared by MGT (change from \$25,000 to \$35,713)

B) Amend the 2012 budget to charge 40% (2 days per week) of the Buildings and Grounds Director/Recycling Coordinator wage and fringe benefit costs to the Recycling Fund #230 to accurately account for the amount of time spent as Recycling Coordinator

(currently \$13,490 is charged – the amount of wage/fringe costs for 40% at recycling is \$32,653)

C) Amend the 2012 budget to eliminate county payment for any state and local bar dues (estimated at \$4,300)

D) Work with county officials to develop a plan to adjust fees (charges for services) that are under county discretion to increase county revenues by a minimum of \$30,000

E) Amend all the 2012 general fund training budgets (except mandatory training in the Sheriff, Security, and Equalization Departments) by 50% of the original budgeted amount

F) Amend the 2012 budget by reducing general fund appropriations as follows:

- Reduce the Health Dept. from \$240,000 to \$215,000
- Reduce the Sick/Vacation Payout Fund from \$30,000 to \$19,868
- Reduce MSU-e from \$107,619 to \$87,750
- Reduce the Economic Development Corporation from \$34,727 to \$29,727

G) Amend the 2012 budget by changing full-time positions to part-time (4 days per week) in the following departments:

- Equalization (estimated budget reduction - \$12,025)
- County Clerk (estimated budget reduction - \$10,426)
- County Prosecutor (estimated budget reduction - \$21,891)

H) If the Road Patrol millage fails amend the 2012 budget by changing the Emergency Services position from full-time to part-time (estimated budget reduction -\$36,052)

I) Effective January 1, 2013 reduce county commissioner, county clerk, prosecutor, drain commissioner, treasurer, sheriff and register of deeds wages by 10%

J) Effective January 1, 2013 change full-time positions to part-time (4 days per week) in the following departments:

- Building and Grounds (estimated budget reduction – \$25,099)
- Circuit/Family Court (estimated budget reduction - \$15,795)
- Circuit/Family Court (estimated budget reduction - \$27,267)
- Sheriff (estimated budget reduction - \$16,354)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that any motion, resolution, or other act of Tuscola County inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded, modified, replaced or superseded by this Resolution.

YEAS: Allen, Bardwell, Petzold, Peterson

NAYS: Kern

ABSTENTIONS: none

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

12-M-011

Motion by Peterson seconded by Allen that the 2012 county mileage reimbursement rate remain at the same rate as 2011 at \$.50 per mile. Motion carried.

12-M-012

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that the county hiring freeze be lifted and concur with the hiring of Mike Hodges as an assistant prosecutor effective 1/17/12 at the beginning step of the wage scale. Motion carried.

12-M-013

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the January 17, 2012 letter from Ione Vyse, reappoint Vyse Administrative Services as the Tuscola County Airport Zoning Administrator for three more years until the end of 2014 as an independent contractor according to the same terms as contained in the 2011 agreement with Vyse Administrative Services, LLC. Motion carried.

12-M-014

Motion by Kern seconded by Peterson that per the January 19, 2012 letter of recommendation from the County Planning Commission, appoint William E. Thayer to fill the vacant position (resignation of Deloris Damm) on the County Planning Commission. Motion carried.

12-M-015

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the January 16, 2012 letter of request from the undersheriff, authorization is given to pursue a grant to provide electronic traffic ticket writing capabilities to law enforcement agencies in the county with the understanding a 10% match is required that would be paid by proportioning cost to the law enforcement agencies that participate in the system. Motion carried.

12-M-016

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the January 19, 2012 email from Kristin Momyer, authorize the use of the Courthouse lawn April 20 and 21, 2012 to support people who are victims of abuse. Motion carried.

12-M-017

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the resolution and intergovernmental agreement to manage floodplain development for the National Flood Insurance program for Almer Charter Township with enforcement of the construction code act provided through the agreement the county has with South Central Michigan Construction Code Commission. Also, all appropriate signatures for the resolution and agreement are authorized. Motion carried.

12-M-018

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the resolution and intergovernmental agreement to manage floodplain development for the National Flood Insurance program for Indianfields Township with enforcement of the construction code act provided through the agreement the county has with South Central Michigan Construction Code Commission. Also, all appropriate signatures for the resolution and agreement are authorized. Motion carried.

12-M-019

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that in order to comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act and prevent the budgeted use of more fund balance than actually available for 2012, a supplemental General Fund appropriation to the 292 Child Care Juvenile Fund of \$200,000 be authorized with \$100,000 in 2011 and \$100,000 in 2012. Also, appropriate budget amendments for 2011 and 2012 are authorized. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment – Pat Finn made the board aware of a MDA program. Ione Vyse thanked the board for their recent appointment to the Planning Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk



157 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan 48723 Phone: (989) 673-2849 Fax: (989) 673-2517
 E-mail tuscolaedc@centurytel.net website www.tuscolacountyedc.org

February 8, 2012

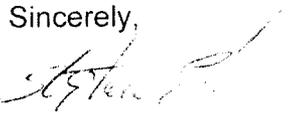
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
 c/o Mr. Mike Hoagland, Controller
 207 E. Grant St.
 Caro, MI 48723

Dear Board of Commissioners:

At the January 18, 2012 meetings of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the boards approved a resolution to recommend to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners that Mr. Jan Snyder of Stemco-Kaiser in Millington and Brian Neuville of the Human Development Commission in Caro be appointed as members of the Tuscola County EDC board and the County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority board.

These individuals whose current terms end on December 31, 2014 have agreed to serve the EDC and the Brownfield boards diligently. The Tuscola County EDC appreciates your consideration for appointment at your next board meeting of Mr. Jan Snyder and Mr. Brian Neuville to terms that will expire December 31, 2014. If possible, these members may attend a future Committee of the Whole meeting to make comments and answer any questions of the board.

If you have any questions, please call me at 989-673-2849.

Sincerely,


Steve Erickson, Executive Director
 Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation
 Tuscola County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

SE/gr
 cc: Margie White, Clerk

State 9-1-1 Committee
APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ACT NO. 32
PRIMARY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT
DISPATCHER TRAINING DISTRIBUTION

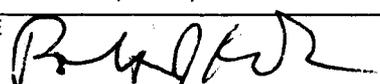
DISTRIBUTION YEAR	2012	EXPENDITURE PERIOD FOR 2012 FUNDS ENDS	12/31/2014
1. PRIMARY PSAP NAME Tuscola County Central Dispatch			
2a. MAILING ADDRESS 1303 Cleaver Road, Caro, MI 48723			
2b. REMITTANCE ADDRESS 1303 Cleaver Road, Caro, MI 48723			
3. FEDERAL ID NUMBER 38-6004893		4. ORI NUMBER MI790013N	

5. COUNTY IDENTIFYING THIS PRIMARY PSAP IN ITS 911 PLAN: Tuscola County

ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL	(6)	PAID HOURS WORKED 26,603
6. TOTAL NUMBER OF PAID HOURS IN 2011 (Enter total from the DTS-101W Eligible Employee Worksheet)		
7. FTEs (Item 6 divided by 2,080)	(7)	12.79

By signature, the authorized officials certify that all information contained in the registration documents are accurate. *Misrepresentation to obtain funds under this program constitutes fraud and is punishable as a felony under Section 750.218 Michigan Compiled Laws.*

8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (NAME AND TITLE) Thomas Bardwell, Chairman, Board of Commissioners	
ADDRESS 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723	TELEPHONE 989-672-3700
SIGNATURE	DATE

9. PRIMARY PSAP ADMINISTRATOR (NAME AND TITLE) Robert J. Klenk, Director		E-MAIL ADDRESS Tccd911@tuscolacounty.org
ADDRESS 1303 Cleaver Road, Caro, MI 48723		TELEPHONE 989-673-8738 ext 7
SIGNATURE 		DATE

10. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (NAME AND TITLE) Michael Hoagland	
ADDRESS 125 W Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723	TELEPHONE 989-672-3703
SIGNATURE	DATE

This signature page must be received at the State 9-1-1 Office no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2012.

Due to the change in submission requirements you may submit a copy of this page by

MAIL: Michigan State Police Headquarters
State 9-1-1 Office, Attention Ms. Mary Jo Weigel
333 S. Grand Avenue, P.O. Box 30634
Lansing, Michigan 48909-0634

E-MAIL: SNCdispatchertraining@michigan.gov

FAX: (517) 241-0387 (please include a cover page to attention of Ms. Mary Jo Weigel)

Authority: 1986, P.A. No. 32,
as amended
Completion: Voluntary
Penalty: No funding w/o forms



Tuscola County Sheriff's Office

420 Court Street • Caro, MI 48723

Lee Teschendorf, Sheriff
Glen Skrent, Undersheriff

Phone (989) 673-8161

Fax (989) 673-8164

January 31, 2012

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Michael Hoagland, County Controller

I am requesting authorization to hire a full-time deputy sheriff for the uniform division of the Sheriff's Office.

The position will replace the vacancy we have due to the assignment of a current full-time deputy to the Tuscola County Road Commission under contract.

We feel that our 2012 budget will allow this position to be filled and keep the expense within the limits of the current millage.

We have an MCOLES certified deputy sheriff that is currently a part-time employee undergoing field training, Tyler Agnew, who can start full-time on 03/03/2012 when the 90 day replacement time period provided by the contract expires.

Sincerely,

Leland Teschendorf, Sheriff

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**TUSCOLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

125 W. Lincoln Street
Suite 500
Caro, MI 48723

Telephone: 989-672-3700
Fax: 989-672-4011

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING CHANGES TO THE TRENDING MULTIPLIER SCHEDULE FOR
SITE IMPROVEMENTS OF WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS**

Whereas, the State Tax Commission recently adopted a new trending multiplier schedule which greatly reduces the true cash value of wind energy systems across the State of Michigan; and significantly reduces critical local tax revenue unfairly; and

Whereas, this schedule acts as a guideline for Michigan Assessors in their calculation of taxable value for wind energy systems; and

Whereas, under the previous schedule wind energy systems where the true cash value multipliers went from 100% to 30% over a 15 year period; and

Whereas, under the new schedule true cash value multipliers start at an 80% value and decreases to 30% over a 7 year period; and

Whereas, the Article IX, Section 3, of the Michigan Constitution requires Assessors to determine the true cash value of property and uniformly assess at 50% of the true cash value; and

Whereas, we believe the previous State Tax Commission schedule more accurately reflects the true cash value of the wind turbines;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners does hereby vehemently oppose the State Tax Commission changes to the 2012 wind energy system report for wind turbines because the previous schedule more accurately met the constitutional requirement to assess property at 50% of its true cash value.

Be it Further Resolved, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Michigan State Tax Commission, State Senator Mike Green, State Representative Kurt Damrow and other counties with existing or planned wind energy projects.

Date _____

Thom Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, Margie White, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution supported by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on February 14, 2012.

Date _____

Margie White
Tuscola County Clerk

Tuscola County Medical Care Facility

1285 CLEAVER ROAD ♦ CARO, MICHIGAN 48723

PHONE (989) 673-4117 ♦ FAX (989) 673-6665

Administrative Staff

Margot Roedel, R.N., N.H.A. – Administrator

Arshad Aqil, M.D. – Medical Director

Brenda Kretzschmer, R.N., B.S.N. – Director of Nursing



Department of Human Services Board

Robert Hirn - Chairman

Kelly Clements – Co-Chair

Doug Hall - Member

February 1, 2012

Mr. Mike Hoagland, Controller
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
207 E. Grant Street
Caro, MI 48723

RE: Funds Transfer Request

Dear Mr. Hoagland:

This letter is to request the following transfers of funds:

1. **From:** Millage Fund #298-000-001-000, \$22,490.15
To: General Fund Account #291
For: Expense related to the Facility as follows:
Joerns Healthcare, Inv#90340037
4 lifts & Attachments

2. **From:** Millage Fund #298-000-001-000, \$8,416.10
To: General Fund Account #291
For: Expense related to the Facility as follows:
Arnold Sales, Inv#1011819
Advance Auto Scrubber (floor machine).

The total amount of this request is \$ 30,906.25. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Margot D. Roedel
Administrator

Cc: Pat Donovan, Tuscola County Treasurer

Joerns Healthcare

105867

Tuscola County Medical Care Facility

Invoice Number	Description	PO No	Date	Amount	Discount	Net Amount
105867	4 Lifts & Attachments	9576	12/07/11	\$22,490.15		\$22,490.15

Check Date:	12/09/11	Check Number:	39528	Amount:	\$22,490.15
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Tuscola County Medical Care Facility
Invoice Control Report

Transaction Detail
59673 Due Date: 12/09/11
105867 Invoice Amount: 22,490.15
12/07/11 Discount Amount: 0.00
User ID: KCULBERT

Invoice ID:
Invoice No:
Invoice Date:
Check Date:

Check Number: Check Amount:

yes = \$22,490.15
units = \$0.00
id = \$0.00
ved = \$22,490.15

Invoice

BILL-TO PARTY

TUSCOLA COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FA
 1285 CLEAVER ROAD
 CARO MI 48723-9377



SHIP-TO PARTY

TUSCOLA COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FA
 1285 CLEAVER ROAD
 CARO MI 48723

INFORMATION

Account Number	105867
Invoice Number	90340037
Invoice Date	11/15/2011
Order Number	269055
Customer PO Number	9577/9576
Payment Terms	Net due in 30 days
Sales Rep	PAUL KIMMEL
Credit Rep	Matt Green
Carrier	YRC
Contact Name	Admin
Contact Telephone	(989)673-4117

Material Number	Material Description	Quantity	Price	Extended Price
HOY-PRESENCE	✓ 9347, 9348 HOYER PRESENCE CRANE LIFT w/500LB CAP TRACKING #: YRC 1969386300	2 EA	\$3,123.12	\$6,246.24
HOY-4PT-APC	9347A, 9348A ✓ HOYER ADAPTIVE POWERED CRADLE TRACKING #: YRC 1969386300	2 EA	\$1,310.32	\$2,620.64
NA25503	9347B,C, 9348B,C ✓ SLING, 4-POINT, STD, MED TRACKING #: YRC 1969386300	4 EA	\$187.44	\$749.76
NA25504	9347D,E,F, 9348D,E,F,G ✓ SLING, 4-POINT, STD, LG TRACKING #: YRC 1969386300	7 EA	\$187.44	\$1,312.08
NA25505	9347G, 9348H ✓ SLING, 4-POINT, STD, X-LG TRACKING #: YRC 1969386300	2 EA	\$187.44	\$374.88
NA25513	9347H, 9348I ✓ SLING, PROF 4-PT, MESH, MED TRACKING #: YRC 1969386300	2 EA	\$227.04	\$454.08
NA25514	9347I, 9348J ✓ SLING, PROF 4-PT, MESH, LG TRACKING #: YRC 1969386300	2 EA	\$227.04	\$454.08
HOY-ELEVATEWSC	✓ 9345, 9346 HOY-ELEVATE W/SCALE TRACKING #: YRC 1969386300	2 EA	\$4,312.00	\$8,624.00
NA13500N	9345A,B, 9346A,B ✓ TRACKING #: YRC 1969386300	4 EA	\$163.68	\$654.72

Joerns Healthcare, LLC
 5001 Joerns Drive Stevens Point, WI 54481-5040
 Phone: 800-826-0270 Fax: 715-341-3602

MOE 10/15/120mas.

07995.00 Dep Exp.
 00105045 Acc Dep.

Please Remit to:
 Joerns Healthcare, LLC
 PO Box 933733
 Atlanta, GA 31193-3733

Invoice

Invoice Number 90340037
 Customer No. 105867
 Customer Name TUSCOLA COUNTY MEDICAL

Material Number	Material Description	Quantity	Price	Extended Price
NA13498N	SLING, STAND-AID, STANDING TRACKING #: YRC 1969386300 9345 C, D ✓ 9346 C, D ✓	4 EA	\$163.68	\$654.72
	SLING, LARGE, STANDING TRACKING #: YRC 1969386300			
Items Subtotal				\$22,145.20
Freight Charges				\$344.95
Total Amount (USD)				\$22,490.15

Freight 344.95 = 4 =

9347 J 86.24
 9348 K 86.24
 9345 E 86.24
 9346 E 86.23

TUSCOLA COUNTY
 MEDICAL CARE FACILITY
 RECEIVED

5/21/11

1 yr covered warranty slings
 2 yr useful life on slings -

Joerns Healthcare, LLC
 5001 Joerns Drive Stevens Point, WI 54481-5040
 Phone: 800-826-0270 Fax: 715-341-3602

Arnold Sales

ACCT:

tusco110

Tuscola County Medical Care Facility

Invoice Number	Description	PO No	Date	Amount	Discount	Net Amount
TUSCO110	Inv# 1014756	9833	12/26/11	\$814.00		\$814.00
TUSCO110	Inv#1014756	9834	12/26/11	\$78.45		\$78.45
TUSCO110	Inv# 1013198	9740	12/26/11	\$297.30		\$297.30
TUSCO110	Inv# 1013199-1	9740	12/26/11	\$35.84		\$35.84
TUSCO110	Inv# 1014015	9783	12/26/11	\$702.18		\$702.18
TUSCO110	Inv# 1014016	9784	12/26/11	\$516.11		\$516.11
TUSCO110	Inv#1011819 Advance Autoscrubber	9760	12/28/11	\$8,416.10		\$8,416.10

Check Date:	12/30/11	Check Number:	39652	Amount:	\$10,859.98
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Tuscola County Medical Care Facility
Invoice Control Report

Transaction Detail

Invoice ID: 60032 Due Date: 12/30/11
 Invoice No: TUSCO110 Invoice Amount: 8,416.10
 Invoice Date: 12/28/11 Discount Amount: 0.00
 Check Date: User ID: KCULBERT

Check Number: Check Amount:

\$8,416.10
 \$0.00
 \$0.00
 \$8,416.10



Remit To:	Invoice:	Date:
ARNOLD SALES Complete Janitor Supply, Inc. 1218 N. Lincoln Ave. Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 894-2931 (810) 767-7943 FAX (989) 894-4449	1011819 PO Number Al Lord Order Date 29-Nov-2011 Ship Date 13-Dec-2011 Terms Net 30 Due Date 15-Jan-2012 Carrier Our Truck	12/13/11

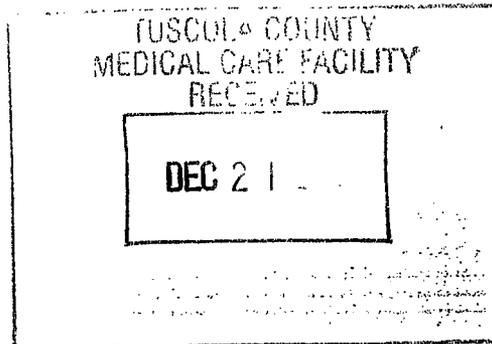
Bill To:	Ship To:
TUSCOLA COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY 1285 Cleaver Rd. Caro MI 48723-9241	TUSCOLA COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY 1285 Cleaver Rd. Caro MI 48723-9241

Description	Item Code	Ordered	Shipped	BYO	Price	Amount
HPS pricing						
Advance Autoscrubber 56112399 w/Eco w/310 amp hour batteries and an on board charger. S/N: N4000032680	410499EA	1	1	0	8,416.10	\$8,416.10
A service charge of 1.5%/month (18%/yr) will be charged on all past due accounts						Merch Total \$8,416.10 Taxable Sales \$0.00 0.0% Sales Tax \$0.00 Ship/Handling \$0.00 Ppd Deposit \$0.00 Total Due \$8,416.10
PLEASE INCLUDE INVOICE NUMBER WITH REMITTANCE.						
Thank you for your order!						Salesman 014 Cust Acct TUSCO110

16970.05
00675.02
00105.04

T 09365
60 mo. / 5415
MME

04995.00
00105.45



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Mike Hoagland

From: Mike Miller [mmiller@tuscocounty.org]

Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 11:23 AM

To: Mike Hoagland

Subject: Board meeting

Attachments: RAC Min. December1st 2011.doc

I need to add another item to the Board agenda; it is for the Recycling E-Waste contract (for electronic equipment), this was approved by the Recycling committee and requires Board chair to sign. Also attached are the December Recycling Committee minutes.

Mike

Tuscola County Recycling Advisory Committee

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December 1st, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Patricia Frazer, Sharon Mika, Roy Petzold, Norma Wallace, Jane Ryba, Todd Fackler and James McMinn.

Members Excused: Don Duggar

Others Present: Frank Kieltyka, Beth Hoppe, Terry Jones and Mike Miller.

Todd Fackler called the meeting to order at 4:35pm and Mike Miller took roll.

The minutes from the October 6th, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Mika moved to accept the minutes and McMinn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Miller Updated the Committee on the contract with PSC, who is our Household Hazardous Waste contractor. The contract is to expire on December 31st. Don Dugger who is also the chair for the Multi County Solid Waste Task Force, will be working with PSC to extend our contract of another year.

On October 15th, 2011 the Recycling Center hosted a Customer Appreciation Day. 26 customers came out and received free recycling information and were able to register for a chance to win prizes, including the Grand Prize of an outdoor bench made by Frank Kieltyka. The day went very well and we would like to plan another day for 2012.

Satellite Tire collections were discussed. The committee explored ways that the collections could be improved. There were some complaints that the trailers filled to quickly and not all of the residents at the collections were able to recycle their used tires, even by going to multiple collections. After much discussion the committee decided to ask townships and the villages how we could improve the collections. Also to explain to the communities that they are required by the contract to only allow 7 tires per vehicle and that they are to make sure that the participants are County residents.

Miller went over the Material and Diversion report. It is believed that the Recycling Center will meet or exceed 2010 tonnage.

Miller reviewed the monthly budget report with the committee. Revenues have already exceeded 2010 revenues.

Fackler adjourned the meeting at 5:25pm. The next meeting is February 2nd, 2012 at 4:30pm at the H. H. Purdy building located at 125 West Lincoln Street in Caro.

January 19, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, January 19, 2012 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.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the minutes of the January 5, 2012 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$111,524.54 and bills in the amount of \$328,705.59 covered by vouchers #12-03 and #12-04 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 township deposits at the discretion of the Director of Finance. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Brief Public Comment Segment:

(1) County Commissioner Roy Petzold reported to the Board of receiving a compliment for the tree trimming work along Willard Road.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the offer from Pavement Maintenance Systems to extend their 2011 Micro-Surfacing bid prices to the 2012 season be approved, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 8:15 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2012 Cold Patch:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Specified Material</u>	<u>Price</u>
Unique Paving Materials Corporation	UPM – to Caro	\$ 91.83 p/ton
Unique Paving Materials Corporation	UPM – to Vassar	90.90 p/ton
Unique Paving Materials Corporation	UPM – to Deford	92.75 p/ton
Unique Paving Materials Corporation	UPM – to Akron	91.52 p/ton
Saginaw Asphalt Paving Company	CP-6	86.07 p/ton
Saginaw Asphalt Paving Company	QPR	88.31 p/ton
Lakeland Asphalt	CP-6	87.75 p/ton
Yeager Asphalt, Inc.	QPR	118.00 p/ton

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Parsell that the bids for 2012 Cold Patch be accepted and awarded to Saginaw Asphalt Paving Company for the QPR specified material. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Director of Finance Michael Tuckey presented to the Board a proposed form to conduct Annual Employee Performance Evaluations. After review and discussion, the Board will further review the proposed form and table until the next regular meeting of the Board.

At 8:30 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2012 Portland Cement Concrete:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Concrete-3500</u>	<u>Concrete-4500</u>	<u>Cement</u>
Superior Materials, LLC	\$80.00 / cyd	\$88.00 / cyd	\$6.00 per 94 lbs.
Rock Products Company	\$86.00 / cyd	\$92.00 / cyd	\$6.00 per 94 lbs.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak that the bids for 2012 Portland Cement Concrete be accepted and purchases made in the best interest of the Tuscola County Road Commission. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board discussed roadside spraying on the primary road system. Management is currently working on a dedicated roadside spraying program including specified materials and will report back to the Board.

At 8:45 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2012 Liquid Calcium Chloride:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Continuous</u>	<u>Intermittent</u>	<u>Livingston Storage</u>
Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales	\$.475 p/gal	\$.485 p/gal	\$.369 p/gal
The Wilkinson Corporation	alternate bid	alternate bid	alternate bid
Michigan Chloride Sales	alternate bid	alternate bid	alternate bid
Mid Thumb Materials, Inc.	alternate bid	alternate bid	alternate bid

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the bids for 2012 Liquid Calcium Chloride be accepted, reviewed by Management, and tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Chris and Genevieve Hecht with the Promotion and Education Committee of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau appeared before the Board to discuss education for farming safety and farm machinery signs. The Board recommended several areas of farm safety opportunities. After discussion, the Promotion and Education Committee will meet and report back to the Road Commission Board.

County Highway Engineer Zawerucha presented to the Board a listing of Tuscola County bridges classified as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, along with the plans for any Federal/State Aid funding.

Almer Township Supervisor Jim Miklovic asked the Board if the Michigan Department of Transportation continues to pave county roads after using them as a detour route. Management and the Board will review the issue and report back at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the Board go into closed session at 10:10 A.M. for the purpose of discussing office personnel issues as requested by the employee. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 11:25 A.M. the Board returned to open session.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board

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Renee Ondrajka

From: Jodi Essenmacher [essenmaj@co.huron.mi.us]
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 2:46 PM
To: Renee Ondrajka; Karen Havens; Jennifer Posey; Doreen Clark
Subject: MAC 7th District Meeting Schedule

Ladies:

Just so we are all on the same page...and hopefully our Boards agree...according to what I previously emailed, here is the MAC 7th District Meeting schedule for 2012/2013:

- 2012 March: Huron
- June: Sanilac
- Sept.: St. Clair
- Dec.: Lapeer
- 2013 March: Tuscola
- June: Huron
- Sept: Sanilac
- Dec.: St. Clair

MAC 7th
District Meeting
Schedule

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Mike Hoagland

From: Shasta Mantyla-Pohl [Pohl@micounties.org]

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 3:55 PM

Subject: County Profile Form

Attachments: Michigan County Profile Form.docx

Dear County Administrators,

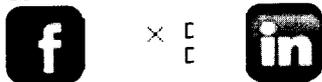
The Michigan Association of Counties is redesigning their website and with it each county will now be featured with its own profile. With that, we need some information from you. Please delegate the form attached to whoever would have the most information on your county for your profile. Please fill out as much as you can as this is an opportunity to show off your county's strengths. Please return to MAC by Friday February 3rd.

If you have any questions please contact Mary Pettit at MAC, pettit@micounties.org or 517-372-5374.

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Tuscola County Profile

County Name	Tuscola
County Website Link	http://www.tuscolacounty.org/
U.S. Census Information Link	http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/26/26157.html

Facts of Interest

Year Organized	Area (square miles)
1850	803

More Facts of Interest (optional – text, list format)

Octagon Barn - <http://www.thumboctagonbarn.org/>

Economic Development Corporation - <http://tuscolacountyedc.org/>

Thumb Area Tourism Council - <http://www.thumbtourism.org/>

Tuscola County Dashboard - <http://www.tuscolacounty.org/boc/documents/Tuscola-County-Dashboard.pdf>

Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival - <http://www.tuscolapumpkinfest.com/>

Historical Sites in Tuscola County -

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/mi/Tuscola/state.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Michigan_State_Historic_Sites_in_Tuscola_County,_Michigan

Tuscola County Wind Energy Development -

http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2011/12/tuscola_countys_gilford_townsh.html

http://www.google.com/#hl=en&sugexp=pfwl&cp=36&gs_id=2z&xhr=t&q=michigan+wind+energy+resources+board&pf=p&scient=psyab&source=hp&pbx=1&oq=michigan+wind+energy+resources+board&aq=f&aqi=&aql=&gs_sm=&gs_upl=&bav=on.2.or.r_gc.r_pw..cf.osb&fp=fd13693318f97430&biw=1024&bih=464

Southern Links Trail Way System - <http://www.southernlinkstrailway.com/>

Parks and Recreation - <http://www.tuscolacounty.org/parks%20and%20recreation/>

County General Development Plan -

<http://www.tuscolacounty.org/planning%20commission/forms/tcgdpf.pdf>

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report -

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/treasury/790000TuscolaCo20110630_357819_7.pdf

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Tuscola County History in Brief

Early Beginnings

Tuscola County is located in Michigan's unique Thumb Region. The first recorded people in the county were Ojibwa (Chippewa) Indians who were here prior to 1400 A.D. The first white settler was Ebenezer Davis who came from western New York in approximately 1835. The name Tuscola means flat land and the name was coined by the Indian Agent and ethnographer Henry R. Schoolcraft. In 1850, Tuscola County was incorporated as a county of the State. The first Board of Supervisors (now County Commissioners) was elected and held its first meeting in Vassar on January 24, 1851. Tuscola County has a long and controversial history of selecting the County seat. In 1886, after many years of argument and debate the County seat was moved from Vassar to Caro. The county has 23 townships, 9 villages and 2 cities. There are 38 sites of state and national significance which can be found on the state historical register.

Lumbering Period

The original period of wealth was found in the lumber resources that dominated the area before 1881. A significant period of growth occurred in the 1850's with the opening of a lumbering operation by Messrs. North and Edmunds in the present day Vassar. This operation started a long and rich history of lumbering in the county with the legendary quality Cork Pine which was transported down the Cass River. Timber production peaked in 1873 with approximately 100 million feet. In 1881 the next phase of wealth and economic development began after massive fires throughout the county destroyed much of the forest. Ironically it was the clearing of the land by these fires that opened the door for agriculture which was the next period in Tuscola County development.

Current and Agricultural Period

Once the agricultural potential of the county was known, cash crops of wheat, corn, oats and beans became staples to this day. Tuscola County is in the top five of all other counties in the state for the production of these crops. Some of the highest quality "prime" agricultural land in the world is located in the northern and western parts of the county. Area farmers grow sugar beets which are processed at the Michigan Sugar (previously Pioneer Sugar) Plant in Caro which is the second largest sugar beet factory in the country. Tuscola County is home to the first ethanol plant in the State, POET Biorefining, which produces 53 million gallons of ethanol using 18 million bushels of corn grown by area farmers. This new value added agriculture process has become a vital component of the area economy. Although still rural and agricultural in nature, the county has achieved a level of economic diversification with 27 principal employers having 100 or more employees. Principal employers provide employment in the areas of health care, manufacturing, government and education.

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TUSCOLA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Innovation and Leadership in Government Reform

- **Collaboration/Cooperation**
- **Service Sharing to Reduce Cost**
- **Best County Practices**



Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

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- Roger Allen**

Prepared by: Michael R. Hoagland, Tuscola County Controller/Administrator

Tuscola County Best Practices for Positive Government Change

The following are various changes that have been implemented in Tuscola County that are reforming county government. Tuscola County is helping to lead the way in government reform, collaboration, service sharing, and decreasing the size of government. This information, in combination with information from other counties, will enable the development of a state-wide best practices data base. It will also assist in supplying proactive proven approaches as state-county-local discussion continues regarding government reform. Challenging financial times require innovation and creativity.

1 – Joint Tuscola and Sanilac Animal Control Services

Problem – In order to assist in balancing the 2003 County Budget, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners eliminated animal control services. Animal control was a financial strain on the general fund because annual expenses exceeded revenue by approximately \$100,000. Animal control services are not mandated by law, but are still important public services. After animal control was discontinued, police agencies were required to handle animal bite cases. Without an animal shelter in operation, there was no place to take stray animals. The public and animal right groups, along with police agencies, publicly expressed concern and demanded change.

Solution – Neighboring Sanilac County was also experiencing financial stress at this time. It was discovered that this county may also have to close their animal control operation. Administrators from the two counties discussed the feasibility of providing joint animal control services under an intergovernmental service agreement. Tuscola County now contracts with Sanilac County for animal control services. Sanilac County animal control officers have been effective at enforcing licensure of animals which increased revenue and changed animal control from a net drain on the Tuscola County general fund of \$100,000 to a breakeven operation. The Tuscola Animal Shelter was re-opened and a great burden was removed from police agencies allowing them to focus on higher priority public safety issues. Through these changes, the Sanilac animal control operation was also able to remain open. This eight year collaborative effort continues to be highly successful and financially advantageous for both counties (Intergovernmental Agreement is available).

2 – State /County Cooperation to Reopen Camp Tuscola as a Residential Re-Entry Center

Problem – In 2007, the State of Michigan closed Camp Tuscola which was a minimum security level prison in Tuscola County. This closure resulted in the immediate loss of approximately 50 correction officers' jobs.

Solution – County officials requested meetings with State Corrections officials to review alternatives concerning what could be done to prevent job losses to the community. The County took a positive understanding attitude into these discussions with appreciation that the state had to reduce costs, but at the same time seeking a compromise to reduce the negative impacts of job losses to the community. After several months of negotiations and through a spirit of intergovernmental collaboration and cooperation, the county was successful with the state reopening the facility as a Residential Re-Entry Center.

Approximately 25 jobs were restored.

3 – Contracting for Building Code Services

Problem – For years, Tuscola County had been experiencing major problems with labor and union issues involving the county building codes department. Also, with the downturn in the economy, building activity started to decline and costs to operate the department exceeded building permit revenues. Rather than continue operating a troubled county department, the decision was made to review alternative methods of providing building code services. One option considered was to allow the state to provide building code services. After discussion with other counties, it was determined that the state building code department was slow in responding to permit requests.

Solution – The County discovered a public sector entity made up of various units of government around the state called South Central Michigan Construction Code Commission (SCMCCI). Although Tuscola County chose not to become a member of the organization, it did contract for service from SCMCCI. This organization is very customer friendly with great communication skills. In addition to improving public service, the county eliminated the concern of having poor financial years that can occur with a county operated building code department. This risk was eliminated by structuring an arrangement whereby SCMCCI operates with revenues generated from building permits issued in Tuscola County.

4 – Cost Reduction through Sharing of Equalization Director with Huron County

Problem – As previously noted, Tuscola County's financial situation over the last several years has been challenging. Tuscola County has always taken a proactive approach to service cost sharing and delivery as a potential method of cost reduction. Tuscola County officials maintain an awareness of changes occurring in surrounding units of government and always encourage review of joint service provision when the opportunity arises. Through the media and the Tuscola County Equalization Director, it was discovered that the Huron County Equalization Director was resigning.

Solution – Discussion with county officials from both counties was conducted to explore the feasibility of entering into an agreement to share Equalization Director services. Huron County needed a Level III Equalization Director. The Tuscola County Equalization Director has this level of certification. Officials from the two counties met and it was determined that sharing one director would be financially advantageous to both counties. Under the current intergovernmental agreement, Tuscola is now receiving approximately \$40,000 from Huron County as their share of costs for the Equalization Director.

5 – Tuscola County Equalization Department Providing Assessing Services to the City of Caro

Problem – When the City of Caro changed status from a Village to a City in 2009, they became responsible for conducting property assessing. The new City had to find a method of conducting these property assessments.

Solution – The City officials began reviewing alternative methods of conducting property assessing. The County Equalization Department is certified and capable of performing

assessing functions. After reviewing benefits and costs of various alternatives, the City officials decided to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for the County Equalization department to perform this assessing function. Although a staff person had to be added to the Equalization Department, the County still nets a profit from doing the assessing functions for the City of an estimated \$20,000 per year.

6 – Recycling of Old Tires as a Joint Effort with Local Government

Problem – Tuscola County, like many other places throughout the country, have tires spread about the countryside which are not only unsightly, but are also breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Many public complaints were heard regarding the problems with tires that needed to be recycled.

Solution – In order to solve this problem, county officials developed an innovative program in 2010 to recycle tires. This program is a shining example of governments working together in the interests of the public to solve a problem. The program increases tire collection by the county making recycling trailers available to local governments. The county finances the program using Mosquito Abatement funds available from the public approved Mosquito Abatement millage. This program was highly successful in 2010 with eight local units of government participating. It is estimated that over 6,400 tires were recycled. This is an estimated 192,000 pounds or 96 tons of rubber (Intergovernmental Agreement is available).

7 – Contracting with the Private Sector to Provide “Turnkey” Computer-Technology System Support

Problem – In January of 2011, the County Information Technology (IT) Director resigned. The IT department provided computer and related technical support to almost all county departments. This work was being done by a department with only 2.5 staff members including the director. One of the difficulties of a small staff was the inability to keep-up with demands for computer/printer repair and replacement along with administrative functions such as budgeting and interacting with hardware/software vendors.

Solution – County officials decided that it would be advantageous to contract with a private computer service company to provide “Turnkey” support. After review of several alternative approaches, it was decided that support from Zimco, which is a private computer company, would be more effective than rehiring a director. Many departments have expressed appreciation for this change because response time in providing support has improved. A summary of the reasons for this change is as follows :

- Logical expansion of the existing role of Zimco in the county
- No increase in IT budget
- Zimco has contract management agreements with other governmental entities
- Zimco knows county computer system architecture
- Zimco has multiple staff with areas of expertise and specialization
- Ability to interface with software companies
- Ability to interface with department heads
- Contracting Zimco avoids the delay of hiring a director and delay in project work including the relocation of many departments

8 – Cost Reduction through Sharing Health Department Director and

other Positions with Huron County

Problem – The Tuscola County Health Department has experienced state and county cuts over the last several years. Tuscola and Huron County officials were pro-active in finding methods of adapting to this financial situation. As previously noted, Tuscola County's financial situation over the last several years has been challenging.

Solution – Discussion with county officials from both counties was conducted to explore the feasibility of entering into an agreement to share Health Department Director services. Currently, the Tuscola County Health officer serves both counties. This intergovernmental service arrangement has been highly successful for many years.

9 – State/County Partnership - Lease Agreement with the Department of Human Services

Problem – The State of Michigan Department of Human Services had a 20 year lease for the use of a county building that expired in 2008. The county was considering the use of the leased building to solve their own office space issues. If the county had chosen to use this building, the state would have been without a facility to house the Human Services operation.

Solution – After extensive review of county space needs and alternative solutions, it was decided that the building housing the State of Michigan Department of Human Services should continue to be used by the State. County officials conducted in-depth discussions with the state to renegotiate the lease. The bond payments for building construction costs were paid off in 2003. The state wanted to remodel and upgrade the building. Costs for the remodeling were approximately \$300,000. The county agreed to pay for the remodeling from the county capital improvement fund. The state agreed to enter into a 20-year lease with annual lease payments of \$267,500 for the first five years of the lease. Inflationary increases are also built into the lease. The county remodeling costs for the building were recovered in just over one year. The county now receives an annual lease revenue payment from the state of \$267,500. This lease has been tremendously helpful in supporting general fund operations. Without this new vital source of revenue, county cost reductions over the past several years would have been greater. This is a good example of state and county government working together to create a winning combination.

10 - Leveraging Federal Funding to Strengthen County Services

Problem – With limited county funding capabilities, it has been difficult to advance initiatives.

Solution – The County has taken an aggressive stance in pursuing federal grant sources of funding to be able to accomplish objectives. Examples of recent successful grants received include:

- **Energy Grant** - Tuscola County, in conjunction with Huron and Sanilac Counties, has received approximately \$490,000 in federal grant funds used to make county and local governmental offices more energy efficient. Some of the projects to be implemented with the grant include: installation of solar energy panels at the

Municipal Building in Cass City, installation of a wind energy generator at the Municipal Building in the Village of Mayville, street lighting upgrades in the City of Caro, non-motorized transportation planning in the Village of Harbor Beach, County and Watertown Township lighting, and conducting energy audits throughout the region.

- **Brownfield Redevelopment Grant** - Tuscola County received a \$400,000 Brownfield Redevelopment Grant from the EPA for assessment and potential clean-up of 30 sites that are ready for the next stage of development. A second Brownfield grant was requested for 2010. The objective of the program is to eliminate environmental problems that have occurred at these sites so the land can be properly used.
- **Economic Gardening** - This program assists the growth of promising, emerging small businesses by providing access to a coordinated and comprehensive market information research "infrastructure." This infrastructure integrates databases provided through local libraries and the State of Michigan's Electronic Library (MeL). These integrated databases are complemented by value-adding technical assistance. This information provides businesses with market research and competitive intelligence, which in many cases enables them to substantially improve their growth prospects. The success of the 2008 program was influential in the awarding of a second United States Department of Agriculture grant of \$40,000 to continue the program in 2009.
- **Housing Rehabilitation** - Tuscola County has received Community Development Block Grants from the State of Michigan Housing Development Authority for housing rehabilitation for approximately 15 years.
- **Enterprise Facilitation** - Tuscola County has become an economic development leader in the state through implementation of the world renowned Sirolli Program of Enterprise Facilitation www.sirolli.com. The County took action several years ago to begin the process of reversing disconcerting economic trends by working diligently as a partnership of public/private entities and individuals to rebuild the economy through implementation of enterprise facilitation. Tuscola County recognizes that a significant portion of new jobs are created by new and existing local businesses, and that new jobs created by local entities are most likely to remain local in this global economy. Rural Business Enterprise Grant funds were received in the amount of \$75,000.
- **Revolving Loan Fund** - The Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) has administered a Revolving Loan Fund designated for Tuscola County projects. This has been an excellent tool for local economic development. The fund serves the financing needs of small businesses and entrepreneurs, and has helped businesses and individuals in all economic segments of the economy and in all geographic areas of the County. The demand for financing of small businesses and local entrepreneurs far exceeds the present capital distribution capabilities of the Tuscola County EDC's Revolving Loan Fund. The Tuscola County EDC has a need for capital for the Revolving Loan Fund. A grant was approved in 2009 by the Federal Government for \$20,000 to increase the capital available to the Revolving Loan Fund.

- **Domestic Violence Grant** - The Tuscola County Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) was formed in collaboration with the County of Tuscola and the Human Development Commission's Assault Crisis Center. The project was funded in the amount of \$400,000 for two years by an Office of Violence Against Women Community-Defined Solutions grant. A Prosecutor, Investigator and Advocate are co-located in one office to facilitate evidence-based prosecution of domestic violence cases and provide victim-centered advocacy. Project goals include a higher conviction rate, better case tracking, GPS tracking in pre-trial situations, the formation of a Coordinated Community Response Group and the ultimate goal of enhancing the safety of victims and the accountability of offenders.

Other Best Practices

- Sheriff department police service contracts with local units of government
- Fire, police, dispatch and emergency services mutual aid agreements
- County bond rating upgrades
- First Ethanol Plant in the State of Michigan
- Medical Care Facility expansion and renovation
- MSU - Agricultural Experiment Station
- Infrastructure improvements including: Industrial park upgrades, sewer and water systems, airport roads, bridges
- Technological advancement: video arraignment, optical imaging, data workflow imaging systems
- Balanced county budgets and excellence in county financial reporting awards
- Refinancing MCF Bonds
- Financing assistance on infrastructure projects with assistance from the County Board of Public Works
- Wind Energy potentials
- Industrial Park upgrades
- Prescription drug card

Other potential service base consolidations

- 911/Dispatch
- Joint economic development efforts
- Veterans services
- Emergency services
- Review the benefit/cost of combining county central service functions to avoid duplication such as payroll, insurance programs, fringe benefit administration, financial administration



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Tuscola County Planning Commission

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February 2, 2012

Tuscola County Commissioners

Honored Sirs:

It has been brought to our attention that the Saginaw Bay Watershed Conference is being presented at SVSU on Friday, March 16. Topics to be discussed include the relationship between land policy, land use and water quality; invasive species impact; habitat protection and restoration, etc. The issue is very important to our county but beyond the scope of our group.

It was felt by the County Planning Commissioners that it would be beneficial for a County Commissioner and/or the County Drain Commissioner to attend.

Enclosed is the brochure relating to that conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ione K. Vyse".

Ione K. Vyse, Secretary
Tuscola County Planning Commission

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Thanks to Moreno for letting us know of Committee Meeting next week I agree with Moreno that we need to all get involved on this issue now. We are continuing our efforts with State tax Commission, but time is rapidly ticking away for 2012 Assessments.

So while none of the options are perfect we need to approach all these options in a positive supportive way. We are in need of people from around the state to attend next Wednesday' Committee Meeting. Representative Damrow ask that you call his office at 517-373-0476 and let Jan or Jeff know you are coming. Also attached is a tax revenue comparison of the current wind energy tax options on the table. This includes our interpretation of HB 5279 as far as tax revenue goes. They are based on 20 mills local tax and estimated cost of a 1.8 mW generator.

Please attend this meeting next week if possible.

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Commercial Wind Generator - Estimate of Potential Revenue --

Comparing Valuation using old wind energy multipliers and new multipliers

Total Cost Each Generator	\$4,000,000	enter cost					
# of Generators	1	enter #					
Total Cost, All Generators	\$4,000,000						
Total Year 1 Taxable Value	\$2,000,000						
Size of Generators mW	1.8	Old Multiplier**	enter mills v				
Estimated Revenue In Year	1	Wind	20.0000	Revenue Old Multipliers	Revenue New Multipliers	Rep Damrow's HB 5279	
	2					Flat Fee	\$4.00/mwh
	3	1.00	0.80	\$40,000	\$32,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	4	0.95	0.75	\$38,000	\$30,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	5	0.90	0.70	\$36,000	\$28,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	6	0.85	0.60	\$34,000	\$24,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	7	0.80	0.50	\$32,000	\$20,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	8	0.76	0.40	\$30,400	\$16,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	9	0.70	0.30	\$28,000	\$12,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	10	0.65	0.30	\$26,000	\$12,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	11	0.60	0.30	\$24,000	\$12,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	12	0.56	0.30	\$22,400	\$12,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	13	0.50	0.30	\$20,000	\$12,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	14	0.45	0.30	\$18,000	\$12,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	15	0.40	0.30	\$16,000	\$12,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	16	0.36	0.30	\$14,400	\$12,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	17	0.30	0.30	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	18	0.30	0.30	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	19	0.30	0.30	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	20	0.30	0.30	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$24,100	\$ 17,660
	Total, 20 Years			\$451,200	\$318,000	\$482,000	\$353,200

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HOUSE BILL No. 5278

January 24, 2012, Introduced by Rep. Damrow and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled
"The general property tax act,"
(MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 9m.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 9M. (1) BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 31 IN THE YEAR IN WHICH AN
2 APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION IS SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (2), AN
3 ALTERNATIVE COMMERCIAL ENERGY SYSTEM, BUT NOT THE REAL PROPERTY ON
4 WHICH THAT ALTERNATIVE COMMERCIAL ENERGY SYSTEM IS LOCATED, IS
5 EXEMPT FROM THE COLLECTION OF TAXES UNDER THIS ACT.

6 (2) AN OWNER OF AN ALTERNATIVE COMMERCIAL ENERGY SYSTEM MAY
7 APPLY FOR THE EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (1) AT ANY TIME AFTER THE
8 ALTERNATIVE COMMERCIAL ENERGY SYSTEM RECEIVES FINAL APPROVAL BY THE
9 MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BY FILING AN APPLICATION ON A
10 FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY WITH THE ASSESSOR OF
11 THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTING UNIT IN WHICH THE ALTERNATIVE COMMERCIAL

1 ENERGY SYSTEM IS LOCATED.

2 (3) AN ALTERNATIVE COMMERCIAL ENERGY SYSTEM THAT IS EXEMPT
3 UNDER SUBSECTION (1) IS SUBJECT TO THE SPECIFIC TAX LEVIED UNDER
4 THE ALTERNATIVE COMMERCIAL ENERGY SPECIFIC TAX ACT.

5 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ALTERNATIVE COMMERCIAL ENERGY
6 SYSTEM" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN THE ALTERNATIVE COMMERCIAL
7 ENERGY SPECIFIC TAX ACT.

8 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
9 unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 5279 (request no.
10 04015'11 a) of the 96th Legislature is enacted into law.

HOUSE BILL No. 5279

January 24, 2012, Introduced by Rep. Damrow and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to provide for the exemption of certain property from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners of certain property; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain local government officials; and to provide penalties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "alternative commercial energy specific tax act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Alternative commercial energy system" means a commercial
5 wind energy system, commercial biomass energy system, or commercial
6 photovoltaic energy system.

7 (b) "Commercial biomass energy system" means personal property
8 that, when combined, forms a system that generates energy from a

1 process using residues from wood and paper products industries,
2 food production and processing, trees and grasses grown
3 specifically to be used as energy crops, and gaseous fuels produced
4 from solid biomass, animal waste, municipal wastes, or landfills,
5 which energy is sold commercially.

6 (c) "Commercial photovoltaic energy system" means personal
7 property that, when combined, forms a device composed of 1 or more
8 photovoltaic cells or photovoltaic modules and an inverter or other
9 power conditioning unit that generates solar energy, which energy
10 is sold commercially.

11 (d) "Commercial wind energy system" means personal property
12 that, when combined, forms an integrated unit consisting of a wind
13 turbine composed of a rotor, an electrical generator, a control
14 system, an inverter or other power conditioning unit, and a tower,
15 which uses moving air to produce energy, which energy is sold
16 commercially.

17 (e) "Commission" means the state tax commission created by
18 1927 PA 360, MCL 209.101 to 209.107.

19 (f) "Photovoltaic cell" means an integrated device consisting
20 of layers of semiconductor materials and electrical contacts
21 capable of converting incident light directly into electricity.

22 (g) "Photovoltaic module" means an assembly of photovoltaic
23 cells.

24 (h) "Public school" means that term as defined in section 5 of
25 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

26 Sec. 3. An alternative commercial energy system is exempt from
27 ad valorem property taxes collected under the general property tax

1 act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.155, as provided under section
2 9m of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9m.

3 Sec. 4. (1) There is levied upon the owner of every
4 alternative commercial energy system a specific tax to be known as
5 the alternative commercial energy specific tax.

6 (2) The amount of the alternative commercial energy specific
7 tax in each year shall be the greater of the following:

8 (a) An amount based on the energy production capacity of the
9 alternative commercial energy system as follows:

10 (i) If the alternative commercial energy system has an energy
11 production capacity of 1 megawatt or less, \$15,400.00.

12 (ii) If the alternative commercial energy system has an energy
13 production capacity of more than 1 megawatt but less than 3
14 megawatts, \$24,100.00.

15 (iii) If the alternative commercial energy system has an energy
16 production capacity of 3 megawatts or more, \$27,450.00.

17 (b) \$4.00 per megawatt hour generated for sale.

18 (3) The alternative commercial energy specific tax is an
19 annual tax, payable at the same times, in the same installments,
20 and to the same collecting officer or officers as taxes collected
21 under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to
22 211.155.

23 (4) The collecting officer or officers shall disburse the
24 alternative commercial energy specific tax collected as follows:

25 (a) 40% to the general fund of the county in which the
26 alternative commercial energy system is located.

27 (b) 40% to the general fund of the township in which the

1 alternative commercial energy system is located.

2 (c) 20% to each public school located within the county in
3 which the alternative commercial energy system is located. The
4 alternative energy specific tax distributed under this subdivision
5 shall be distributed on a per capita basis as determined by the
6 pupil count conducted under the state school aid act of 1979, 1979
7 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1896. The alternative energy specific
8 tax distributed under this subdivision shall not be used for wages,
9 pensions, or benefits.

10 (5) The collecting officer or officers shall send a copy of
11 the amount of disbursement made to each county, township, and
12 public school under this section to the commission on a form
13 provided by the commission.

14 Sec. 5. If the alternative commercial energy specific tax is
15 not paid as provided in section 4, the alternative commercial
16 energy system on which the alternative commercial energy specific
17 tax was levied is subject to collection at the same time and in the
18 same manner as personal property subject to ad valorem taxes
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