

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012 – 8:30 A.M.

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

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Phone: 989-672-3700
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- 8:30 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Allen
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
-Renewal of County Property and Liability Insurance (See
Correspondence #2)
-Investment Report (County Treasurer) (See Correspondence #3)
-Wind Revenue Update
-Farm Bureau Meeting 3/29/12 – 11:00 A.M.
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
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

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

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 February 29, 2012 Full Board Minutes
- #2 County Property & Liability Insurance Renewal
- #3 Investment Report
- #4 February 16, 2012 Road Commission Minutes
- #5 Tenth Annual Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Breakfast Invitation

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
February 29, 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 29th day of February, 2012 to order at 8:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Petzold
Pledge by Commissioner Kern

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

District #2 Thomas Bardwell, District #3 Tom Kern
District #4 Roy Petzold

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: District #1 Roger Allen, District #5 Gerald Peterson

12-M-033

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold to adopt the agenda with added resolution. Motion carried.

12-M-034

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold to approve the minutes of the 2/14/2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment –

Gretchen Tenbush – Tuscola County Health Department, regarding furlough days and the impact it would have on the Department and the revenue that is generated.

Cindy Woodruff - Title Company Representative, regarding cost to search tax records and questioned if there could be a flat rate charged rather than per search fee.

Dan Grimshaw – Title Company Representative, supporting Cindy Woodruff's request.

Dan Grimshaw - Register of Deeds regarding the furlough days and how the motion is presented and when it would become effective.

12-M-35

It was moved by Commissioner Kern and supported by Commissioner Petzold that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted without Agenda Reference A (Furlough Days – Matter tabled until April 26th meeting):

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/16/12
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Chief Judge, (contained in February 10, 2012 correspondence) that the Child Care Fund Financial Management services contract with MGT be terminated upon approval of this consent agenda action.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/16/12
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the February 14, 2012 letter of request from the Undersheriff to authorize application to the USDA Rural Development for a grant to provide financial assistance in purchasing police patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Department.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/16/12
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the February 16, 2012 letter of request from the Co-Directors at Mosquito Abatement that authorization is given to hire the seasonal employees.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/16/12
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the February 16, 2012 letter of request from the Co-Directors at Mosquito Abatement that authorization is given to purchase the 2012 budgeted mosquito treatment materials totaling \$122,188.90

Agenda Reference: F

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/16/12

Description of Matter: Move that the correspondence related to the LEAD Tuscola program be distributed to elected and appointed officials to determine if there are any county employees interested in participating in the program for the 2012-2013 class.

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: All

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

12-M-36

Move that the Mosquito Abatement 2011 Annual Report be received and placed on file. Kern motioned seconded by Petzold. Motion carried.

12-M-37

Move that effective with the current year, the Caro DDA/TIFA capture for the portion of the Caro DDA/TIFA that was formed under the original law be allowed to be collected at 75% of the capture instead of 100%. (The city has captured at 100% in this area since 2001. The 2001 county board resolution provided for 75% capture. This situation will be corrected with the current fiscal year and only 75% will be allowed to be collected in this fiscal year instead of 100%). Kern motioned seconded by Petzold. Motion carried.

12-M-38

Move that per the February 13, 2012 letter of recommendation that the following members be re-appointed to the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board effective March 31, 2012 for three year-terms: Raymond Bates, Brenda Ryan, and Marianne Harrington. Kern motioned seconded by Petzold. Motion carried.

Tom Hausmann presented an update for the Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Program.

12-M-39

Move to support the Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Program in reapplying for the grant to continue the program. Kern motioned seconded by Petzold. Motion carried.

12-M-40

Move that a Tuscola County resolution be prepared and forwarded to appropriate state officials in support of Representative Damrow's proposed legislation, HB 5278 and 5279 regarding a fair and equitable method of wind energy taxation. Kern motioned seconded by Petzold. Motion carried.

12-M-41

Move that authorization is provided to expend up to \$3,000 from the current budgeted legal account to obtain legal assistance to appeal to the State Tax Commission regarding establishing a fair and logical method of assessing wind generators. Kern motioned seconded by Petzold. Motion carried.

12-M-42

Move that per the request of the Caro Chamber that use of the Courthouse Lawn be authorized for the following events and dates: Cars and Craft June 1-2, 2012 and Pumpkin Festival September 26-October 9, 2012. Petzold motioned seconded by Kern. Motion carried.

12-M-43

Move that the Refunding Bond Resolution for the Denmark Township Bonds be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Kern motioned seconded by Petzold. Motion carried.

12-M-44

Move that year-end financial accounting adjustments to gain compliance with the uniform budgeting and accounting, as recommended in the February 24, 2012 memorandum from the Controller/Administrator and Chief Accountant, be approved for implementation. Kern motioned seconded by Petzold. Motion carried.

12-M-45

Move to approve the resolution and intergovernmental agreement to manage floodplain development for the National Flood Insurance program for Fremont 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. Kern motioned seconded by Petzold. Motion carried.

12-M-46

Move that the resolution in honor of Mr. Herman G. Kratz be approved and be recorded as part of the permanent records of Tuscola County. Kern motioned seconded by Petzold. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment

Pat Finn appeared as the millage failed and looking for the future of his position.

Dan Grimshaw provided information on new house bill pending. Also, Mr. Grimshaw spoke regarding millages that Tuscola County has on the books.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Chief Deputy Clerk

**Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, February 29, 2012
HH Purdy Building
125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI**

Called to order: 10:36 a.m.

Commissioners present: Bardwell, Kern, Petzold

Also present: Jodi Fetting

Claims and per diems were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment - none

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Chief Deputy County Clerk

Mike Hoagland

From: Tim McClorey [TimM@ibexagency.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 10:36 AM
To: 'mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org'; 'ckrampits@tuscolacounty.org'
Cc: Anne Walts
Subject: 2012 MMRMA Renewal

Mike and Carrie,

Thank you for meeting with me last week to talk about the 2012 MMRMA Property and Casualty Renewal. As we discussed there was all kinds of good news for Tuscola County.

First, the premium was reduced by \$14,082, which is a 7.5% **reduction** from last year. (2011 premium was \$188,784 and your 2012 premium is \$174,702) This is mostly due to the funds set aside by the MMRMA Board for rate reduction; as well as, your favorable historic loss history.

Secondly, your self insured retention (SIR) for property was revise/reduced as well. Historically you had a \$1,000 deductible plus a SIR of 10% of the remaining up to \$100,000 of loss. Based on that, your maximum exposure historically was \$11,000 per occurrence. The MMRMA has negotiated a better deal on behalf of the members and they got rid of the SIR exposure of 10% of the next \$100,000 for property losses. So going forward your maximum exposure is now the \$1,000 deductible per occurrence.

In addition, your Stop Loss Point did not change and remains at \$95,000. That means the most that can come out of your Loss Fund in any given fiscal year is capped at \$95,000. Since your SIR is \$75,000 per occurrence, this is a good thing to participate in. For example, if you had 2 different losses that exceeded your SIR, with out the Stop Loss Program your exposure would be \$150,000. The Stop Loss Program caps that at \$95,000.

Lastly, your Net Asset Distribution (NAD) for 2011 is \$48,158. As we discussed, you have a pending lawsuit that might severely deplete your Loss Fund. You and I thought you should put that into your loss fund, along with another \$25,000 to ensure your loss fund is adequately funded after that lawsuit is paid/settled. Keep in mind that your Loss Fund is still your money and is kept with the MMRMA on a cash basis that earns between 3 and 4% on the balance. So keeping it adequately funded will work in your favor.

On a side note, the MMRMA just declared the NAD for 2012 and they will be giving back \$38.6 million dollars to the membership. I'm looking forward to seeing what Tuscola County's share of that will be.

I really appreciate your business and like you, I am excited to see our program benefit Tuscola County. There has never been a better time to be a member of the MMRMA.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thank you again for your business.

Tim McClorey
Ibex Insurance Agency
(248) 538-0470 - Telephone
(248) 538-0471 - Fax

3/8/2012

February 16, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, February 16, 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 February 2, 2012 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$113,704.31 and bills in the amount of \$519,341.04 covered by vouchers #12-06 and #12-07 were presented and audited.

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

Brief Public Comment Segment:
None.

The Board discussed the recent state legislation of House Bills HB 5125 and HB 5126 regarding eliminating County Road Commissions, which is currently pending the Governor's approval.

Chairman Laurie read a letter from former Road Commission employee Mike Lagos thanking the Board and fellow employees of the Road Commission.

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha presented to the Board the bid tabulation for 2012 Pavement Marking and discussed the bid specifications. After discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Zwerk that the bids for 2012 Pavement Marking be accepted and awarded in the best interest of the Tuscola County Road Commission. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 8:30 A.M. the following bids were opened for Supplying a Box Culvert at Leonard Road over the Tuttleville Drain in Akron Township:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
Mack Industries	\$ 20,328.00
Grand River Infrastructure	19,500.00
Northern Concrete Pipe	17,248.00

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the bids for Supplying a Box Culvert at Leonard Road over the Tuttleville Drain in Akron Township be accepted, reviewed by Management, and tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed the Wind Turbine Project in Gilford Township scheduled for this season. Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey reported to the Board how other Road Commissions conducted the

inspections for their respective wind turbine projects within their counties. Tuckey further recommended to the Board that Akron Division Foreman Dave Davidson conduct the inspections for this project with overtime as needed. The Board discussed using a Road Commission employee versus contracting a private agency to conduct the inspections. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent/Manager by appointing Akron Division Foreman Dave Davidson as Inspector of the Wind Turbine Project in Gilford Township, with the approval of overtime on an as needed basis. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County Highway Engineer of the Tuscola County Road Commission has reviewed the 2011 Michigan Department of Transportation Road Certification Maps for Tuscola County, and

WHEREAS, upon review the following changes and/or corrections are requested:

- Chambers Road, Fremont Township, Sections 31 and 32, Sheet 19: Correct the length from Brown Road north from 0.25 mile to 0.33 mile in accordance with the actual surveyed length in the field.
- Gracefern Drive, Almer Township, Section 25, Sheet 9: New public road per plat from Remington Road easterly adding 789.4 feet.
- Graf Road, Indianfields Township, Sections 17 and 18, Sheet 14: Delete road length of certification from Dixon Road south which is not used by the public, subtract 0.50 mile.
- Old Deckerville Road, Ellington Township, Section 33, Sheet 10; Deckerville Road between Murray Road and Hurds Corner Road was placed on section line at the Oxbow and the local gravel portion wasn't added to the local certified length for the Township, add 0.17 mile.
- Swaffer Road, Vassar Township, Section 32, Sheet 18: Vassar Township has paid for the resurfacing of Swaffer Road from M-15 to Hess twice as part of their road work. This would change the certification from Millington Township to Vassar Township, making Swaffer Road from M-15 to Caine Road 1.12 mile, add 0.13 mile.
- Swaffer Road, Millington Township, Section 5, Sheet 23: From M-15 to Hess would transfer to Vassar Township. M-15 is a logical break point for the certification change, making Swaffer Road from Irish Road to M-15 0.86 mile, subtract 0.13 mile.
- Waterman Road, Juniata Township, Section 31, Sheet 13: This change would make Vassar Road the division for Township certification. 0.08 mile east of Vassar Road would combine with 0.97 mile to Kirk Road already under certification with Juniata Township, changing the length to 1.05 mile from Vassar Road to Kirk Road, add 0.08 mile.
- Waterman Road, Vassar Township, Section 6, Sheet 18A: This is the corresponding subtraction of the segment east of Vassar Road from Vassar Township, subtract 0.08 mile.
- Milligan Road, Elkland Township, Sections 24 and 25, Sheet 6: From Buehrley Road east is not maintained and not travelled by the public, subtract 0.26 mile.
- Tin Bill Road, Wells Township, Section 3, Sheet 15: From Hurds Corner east is not maintained and not travelled by the public, subtract 0.16 mile.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Tuscola County Board of Road Commissioners approve Chairman John Laurie to sign the 2011 Michigan Department of Transportation Road Certification Map for Tuscola County, and that the changes and/or corrections listed above be requested.

Ayes: John Laurie, Gary Parsell, Mike Zwerk, Julie Matuszak, Pat Sheridan
Nays: 0

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha further discussed with the Board the presentation from Mr. Don Ball with Saginaw Asphalt Paving Company regarding paving methods previously discussed at the last regular meeting of the Board. Zaverucha explained to the Board the different varieties of liquid asphalt material and binder designations. Zaverucha concluded that the Road Commission's current specification for bituminous asphalt is recommended for our road system. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the Road Commission continue using the current specification for bituminous asphalt with the binder 58-28, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer and the Michigan Department of Transportation. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Sheridan that the Tuscola County Road Commission cast a ballot for Frederick Chapman of Ionia County to serve on the Board of Directors of the County Road Association of Michigan. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

The Board discussed Rush-PAC and the current opening on its Board of Directors. The Board chooses not to participate on the Board of Directors of Rush-PAC at this time.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan granting Paul Franckowiak a Medical Leave of Absence through April 17, 2012 in accordance with the Road Commission's sick leave policy. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha presented to the Board the completed Traffic Safety Study conducted at the intersection of Blackmore Road and Leix Road as requested at the last regular meeting by the Fremont Township Board. After reviewing the study, Zaverucha recommends the installation of Stop Ahead Signs at the intersection of Blackmore Road and Leix Road. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan to approve the installation of Stop Ahead Signs at the intersection of Blackmore Road and Leix Road, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

The Board further discussed the Michigan Department of Transportation using county roads as detour routes during their projects. County Highway Engineer Zaverucha presented to the Board options for proposed roadwork to possibly be included with the Bradleyville Road requested detour. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan to request from the Michigan Department of Transportation that they include resurfacing the proposed Bradleyville Road detour route in conjunction with their M-25 bridge project, requesting that MDOT apply 1 ½" of asphalt to the proposed route. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed the report from the MDEQ regarding the Cain #1 Brine Well located on Swaffer Road and the Livingston Brine Well located on Hurds Corner Road. Road Commission Attorney Brian Schroepe reported to the Board that the MDEQ recommends the installation of a lining at the Livingston Brine Well. Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey reported to the Board that the Road Commission is still receiving quotes for options to meet the requirements for the Cain #1 Brine Well. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan requesting that the Road Commission Attorney write a letter to the MDEQ approving their recommendations regarding the Livingston Brine Well. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed the Road Commission's group health insurance plan. Director of Finance Michael Tuckey reported to the Board that the new 3-tier prescription coverage is causing adverse effects in accordance with the current union contract. Tuckey further recommends that the Road Commission return to the 2-tier prescription coverage through the expiration of the current union contract. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk to request from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Michigan that the Tuscola County Road Commission return to the 2-tier 10/40 prescription coverage retroactive back to January 1, 2012. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Zwerk that the following Seasonal Weight Restrictions will be in effect on Monday, February 20, 2012 at 7:00 A.M.

1. When the axle spacing is 9 feet or over between the axles, the maximum axle load shall not exceed 18,000 lbs. for vehicles equipped with high pressure pneumatic or balloon tires.
2. When the axle spacing is less than 9 feet between two axles, but more than 3 ½ feet, the maximum axle load shall not exceed 13,000 lbs. for high pressure pneumatic or balloon tires.
3. When axles are spaced less than 3 ½ feet apart the maximum axle load shall not exceed 9,000 lbs. per axle.
4. The normal size of tires shall be rated size as published by the manufacturers and in no case shall the maximum wheel load of any steering axle exceed 700 pounds per inch of width of tire.
5. During the months of March, April and May in each year, the maximum axle load allowable on a normal load road, shall be reduced by 35% from the maximum axle loads as herein specified. The maximum wheel load shall not exceed 450 pounds per inch of tire width while the seasonal road restrictions are in effect.
6. The Tuscola County Road Commission with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may suspend the restrictions imposed by the section (257.722) when and where in their discretion conditions of the highway so warrant, and may impose the restricted load requirements of this section on designated highways at any other time that the conditions of the highway may require.
7. No truck, tractor or tractor with trailer, nor any combination of such vehicles with a gross weight, loaded or unloaded, in excess of 10,000 lbs. shall exceed a speed of 55 miles per hour on highways or streets which shall be reduced to 35 miles per hour during the period when reduced loadings are being enforced in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman

10th Anniversary *Celebrating Tuscola's Stars*
 c/o Tuscola Technology Center
 1401 Cleaver Road • Caro, Michigan 48723
 989-673-8223

**Tenth Annual
 Celebrating Tuscola's Stars
 Continental Breakfast**

Place: Tuscola Technology Center
 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro, MI
 989-673-5300

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2012
 Time: 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Cost: \$6 per Person for Breakfast
 Please make checks payable to:
Tuscola 2020, Inc.

Mail to: Tuscola's Stars
 c/o Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro, MI 48723

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

If you have questions, please phone or email:

*Susan Walker at 989-550-8283
 Or email susaneawalker@yahoo.com*

RSVP by Friday, April 6, 2012 with this form.

Please call Lila @ 989-673-2144 ext. 333 if directions are needed.

If you have an interest in serving on the STARS Planning Team, please contact Susan Walker – contact information listed above. Thanks!