

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012 – 8:30 A.M.

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

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Caro, MI 48723

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

- 8:30 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Commissioner Petzold
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kern
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
 -Request to use Vanderbilt Park (See Correspondence #2)
 -Vanderbilt Park Water Assessment (See Correspondence #3)
 -Waiver Request to Maintain Two County Equalization Director (See
 Correspondence #4)
 -Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative Attorney Fee Agreement
Old Business
Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

PETZOLD

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

PETERSON

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

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
NACo Agricultural Committee
NACo Rural Action Caucus

KERN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
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

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 September 27, 2012 Full Board Minute
- #2 Request to Use Vanderbilt Park
- #3 Vanderbilt Park Water Assessment
- #4 Waiver Request Regarding Two-County Equalization Director
- #5 Proposals to Lease County Property for Farming
- #6 Planning Commission Annual Report
- #7 October 17, 2012 – Building a Solid Foundation for Thumb Area Businesses
- #8 October 24, 2012 State of Michigan Oil and Gas Lease Auction
- #9 September 13, 2012 Road Commission Minutes

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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 27, 2012 Minutes

H. H. Purdy Building

Vice-Chairman Gerald Peterson 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 27th day of September, 2012 to order at 8:32 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Allen

Pledge by Commissioner Peterson

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: District #1 Roger Allen, District #3 Tom Kern, District #4 Roy Petzold, District #5 Gerald Peterson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: District #2 Thomas Bardwell,

12-M-182

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

12-M-183

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to approve the minutes of the 9/11/2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment - none

12-M-184

It was moved by Allen and supported by Petzold that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted:

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12

Description of Matter: Move to approve the 2012/2013 Probate Childcare Fund budget and authorize all appropriate signatures for submittal to the state to leverage available state/federal revenue sources.

Agenda Reference: B

- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the 2012/2013 DHS Childcare Fund budget and authorize all appropriate signatures for submittal to the state to leverage available state/federal revenue sources.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12
- Description of Matter:** Move that the previous Board action of 1/26/12 (Consent Agenda Item E) referencing specific changes involving making full-time positions part-time positions for 2013 (building and grounds, circuit/family court and sheriff) be eliminated at this point in time with the understanding that as the 2013 budget process occurs these or other changes may still have to be implemented to balance the 2013 county budget.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12
- Description of Matter:** Move to extend for one year the Cost Allocation Plan with MGT of America as provided for in the original contract for an amount not to exceed \$7,000.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12
- Description of Matter:** Move that the county and township invoice for legal services involving tax appeals of wind generators in Wheeler and Bethany Townships be paid in the total amount of \$1,080.27. (The Tuscola County share is \$668.90 and the share for three townships in Tuscola County is \$411.37.) Also, county reimbursement is obtained by invoicing Akron, Columbia and Gilford townships for equal amounts of \$137.12.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12

Description of Matter: Move proposals be received to rent the county land along Deckerville and Luder roads for farming purposes.

Agenda Reference: G

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12

Description of Matter: Move to approve the Prosecutor Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for the three-year (2013, 2014 and 2105) period and authorize all appropriate signatures.

Agenda Reference: H

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12

Description of Matter: Move to approve the Release and Waiver Claims Agreement form as requested by Thumb Cellular to move the Amateur Radio Equipment to the new Thumb Cellular Tower and authorize all appropriate signatures.

Agenda Reference: I

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12

Description of Matter: Move to appoint Dorothy Scollon to serve on the County Recycling committee.

Agenda Reference: J

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12

Description of Matter: Move that the 2012 line item transfer requests as specified in the September 20, 2012 memo from Circuit Court be approved as follows:

- \$1,000 from Steno Transcripts to Steno Appeal Transcripts
- \$700 from Cellular Phones to Telephone

Agenda Reference: K

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12

Description of Matter: Move that the 2012 line item transfer requests as specified in the September 20, 2012 memo from Probate Court be approved as follows:

- \$100 from Books to Steno Transcripts

Agenda Reference: L

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12

Description of Matter: Move that per the August 23, 2012 memo from the Mosquito Abatement directors, to approve the purchase of four 2013 GMC Trucks from Bell-Wasik for a cost of \$55,208 (includes trade-in value of nine pre-owned mosquito abatement trucks). Also, 2012 budget amendments are authorized through the use of fund balance for the purchase of these vehicles.

Agenda Reference: M

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/21/12

Description of Matter: Move that per the September 18, 2012 letter of request from the Prosecutor, the extradition expense of \$452.08 is authorized for payment and amend the Prosecutor's budget through the use of general fund contingency.

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.

Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey appeared regarding the Pigeon River Intercounty Drain Project.

12-M-185

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern that per the recommendation of the County Drain Commissioner, the resolution that provides for borrowing for the

Pigeon River Intercounty Drain project is approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion carried.

12-M-186

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to authorize Debra Young to attend the 2012 Municipal Employees Retirement System Annual Conference as the employee delegate and the cost for said conference be paid from the special programs activity in the general fund. Motion carried.

12-M-187

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners go on record as opposed to the November ballot question requiring utility companies to generate 25% of electricity from renewable sources by the year 2025 by supporting the Huron County resolution and this action be forwarded to state officials and the Michigan Association of Counties. Motion carried.

12-M-138

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that the waiver form with Big Brothers and Big Sisters to discontinue the Big Brothers and Big Sisters lease with the county and to document that the former Big Brothers and Big Sisters building reverts to county ownership be authorized for signature. Motion carried.

12-M-189

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the recommendation of the Sheriff, to approve the contract for Mental Health Services with Tuscola County Behavioral Health Systems and authorize all appropriate signatures. Motion carried.

12-M-190

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that per the September 24, 2012 letter from the Sheriff, to lift the county hiring freeze and concur with the appointment of Steven Anderson as the Tuscola County Emergency Services Director at step 5 of the pay scale with a November 5, 2012 starting date. Motion carried.

12-M-191

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to lift the county hiring freeze and authorize the Sheriff to fill the vacant Road Patrol position by October 9, 2012 which was created by the appointment of Deputy Anderson to the Emergency Services Director position. Motion carried.

12-M-192

Motion by Allen seconded by Kern to lift the county hiring freeze and hire Patrick Finn at his rate of pay as of retirement subject to the Municipal Employees Retirement System limitation on allowed hours of work to train the new Emergency Services Director. Also, appropriate budget amendments to the

Emergency Services budget are authorized for this training cost by reducing general fund contingency. Motion carried.

12-M-193

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen that the jail camera bid for the county jail to gain compliance with the Federal Prisoner Rape Elimination Act be awarded to Mid-State who was the low bidder in the amount of \$55,415. Also, amend the Capital Improvement Fund budget for this project (pending MMRMA RAP grant application approval, 50% of the project cost will be paid by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority). Motion carried.

12-M-194

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold to direct the County Equalization Director to submit the waiver information to the State Tax Commission so the County Equalization Director and staff can continue working for both Tuscola and Huron counties because of the proven cost savings and efficiency from this arrangement for the counties and taxpayers of Huron and Tuscola counties. Also, appropriate signatures are authorized for said waiver. Motion carried.

12-M-195

Motion by Kern seconded by Allen to appoint James Soker to serve on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Board effective immediately. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment – none

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk

#2

Clayette Zechmeister

From: Lisa Valentine [lisa@lindyssales.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2012 3:04 PM
To: Tusc-Hoagland, Mike; Parks-Mike Miller; Pam Shook; zclay@tuscolacounty.org
Subject: Halloween party at Vanderbilt Park
Attachments: Bounce_house.pdf; Halloween 2012.doc

The Shooks are again hosting a Halloween Party at Vanderbilt Park with the blessing of the Parks & Rec Commission. Pam mentioned at the last Wisner Township meeting that she'd like to rent a bounce house for this year's event, but needed to raise \$275 to make it happen.

We found a company willing to underwrite the cost of the rental and deposit. NextEra Energy likes to do things for communities near their projects. They are willing to cover the cost, but need an invoice and a W-9 form before they can cut a check. They would also like us to let the community know about their support on our flyer, in publicity, and with a banner at the party.

Pam has made arrangements with Sheardy Rental in Caro for the second inflatable shown here: <http://d5550367.u109.princetoncybernetics.com/index.asp?ID=61&Catcode=8>

What we need from you:

1. authorization to proceed with the bounce house (there will be an age limit on kids that can use it, and plenty of adult supervision)
2. a check from the county to Sheardy for \$275
3. an invoice from the county to NextEra for \$275
4. a W-9 form from the county that I can provide to NextEra so they can reimburse the county for the \$275

Attached is a copy of the rental info Pam received from Sheardy Rental. Also a flyer for the event. We have not decided how or if we are going to promote the bounce house. It may just be a nice surprise for the kids. Below is a copy of the email from Ted Weissman of NextEra.

Please let us know ASAP how to proceed with this annual event.

Lisa Valentine, Chair
 Parks & Recreation Commission
 989-233-2970

----- Original Message -----

Subject:RE: W-9

Date: Wed, 26 Sep 2012 15:51:03 -0500

From: Ted Weissman <twissman@gmail.com>

To: 'Lisa Valentine' <lisa@lindyssales.com>

Hi Lisa, I'm glad to hear that you are interested in the bounce house. We started to
 contact NextEra about this project a few weeks ago. We would like to have the county

10/4/2012

Wisner Township Municipal Water System
Tuscola County Board of Public Works

water main is being constructed in your area.

Please complete and return the lower portion of this form by November 3. On the diagram below please indicate your preference as to the location of the water main service lead at your property line. It will be helpful to provide dimensions from physical features on your property to show the location of your service lead. Indicating the desired service lead location in your yard with a stake, flag, or other clearly indicated marker is also helpful. If needed, a flag can be obtained for marking your lead from the Township Hall. If you are unsure of where to place your service lead the engineer's field personnel will be in the area and can aide in your decision. A prompt response will help ensure the correct placement of your service lead. **If no preference is indicated, the service lead will be placed using our best judgement. Do Not run a water line from your home to the water main at this time.**

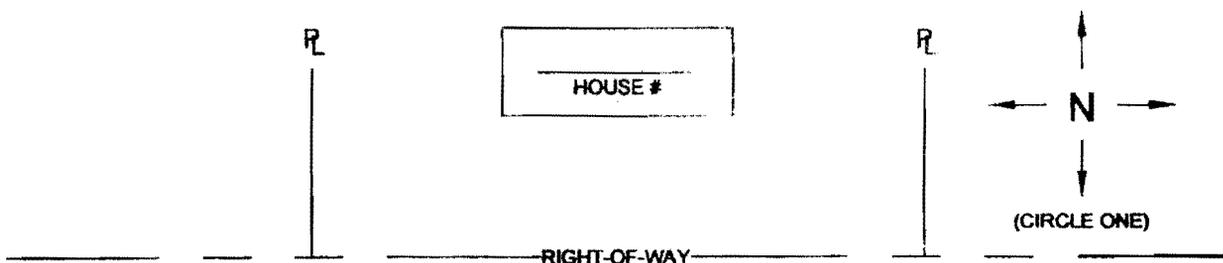
- Allow 10 feet of separation from any sewage disposal facility.
- Allow a minimum 5 feet of clearance on either side of the line for future repairs
- The meter must be in a heated accessible area. No installation in crawl spaces will be allowed
- The service lead must be placed within the property / address to be served or centered within a 10 foot water easement, deeded to the property / address to be served, prior to installation.

If you do not want the assessment to be on the property's taxes, payment of \$8,100 must be made to the Township by October 30, 2012.

All assessed properties will receive a 1" service lead and shut off valve installed to the road right of way line. In the unlikely event that you believe you require a larger service lead, please contact the engineer prior to installation.

When the water main in front of your parcel is ready for connections, you will be notified by the Township.

DETACH HERE



Empty rounded rectangular box for notes or additional information.

NAME: Michael R. Heagland DATE: 10/3/12
 ADDRESS: 125 W. Lincoln Caro, MI 48723
 PHONE NUMBERS: 989-672-3700

As discussed 10/3/12 with John Billett agreed to leave service lead off

PARCEL ID NUMBER

Return Address: Civil Engineering Consultants, P.O. Box 130, Auburn, MI 48317 (989) 662-2040, Fax: (989) 662-4717

Independence Park



THE SENATE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT
CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES
CAPITAL OUTLAY
BANKING AND FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS, MEMBER
NATURAL RESOURCES,
ENVIRONMENT AND
GREAT LAKES, MEMBER

September 28, 2012

Douglas Roberts
Chairperson
Michigan State Tax Commission
P.O. Box 30471
Lansing, MI 48909

Chairman Roberts:

Per our conversation on September 27, 2012, I am writing to request that you waive the requirement for the Huron and Tuscola County Equalization Director, Walt Schlichting, to achieve Michigan Master Assessing Officer status beginning in 2014.

Huron and Tuscola Counties have shared an Equalization Director as part of a local "best practices" implemented years ago. With the directive of Governor Rick Snyder, to work with other local entities in order to better utilize revenue sharing, it would be imprudent to end such a money saving practice at this time. Unfortunately, because of the increased land values in Tuscola and Huron Counties due strictly to wind turbines being erected, a new Equalization Director would need to be hired in order to meet the new standards established by the State Tax Commission.

Although I understand the purpose behind the rule regarding multiple units or counties, in this case, actual land values do not exceed the Equalization Directors certification level. It is only due to the influx of numerous wind turbines that a conflict has occurred. Given the unique situation occurring in Huron and Tuscola Counties, we ask that a waiver be granted.

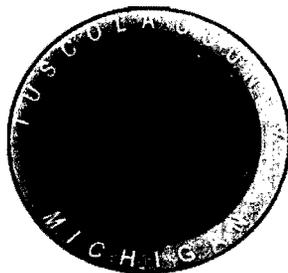
Please feel free to contact my office with any question on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Green
State Senator
31st District

Proposals to Lease County Property for Farming

Tuscola County owns approximately 61 acres east of Luder and south of Deckerville Roads. Proposals are being received for the lease of this property (non-tiled) for crop farming in 2013, 2014 and 2015. Specific property location can be obtained by contacting Mike Miller 989-672-3756 (County Buildings and Grounds Director). Please submit your proposal on a price to be paid per acre for each of the three years. Proposals are to be submitted to Tuscola County Controller, 125 West Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723 or emailed to mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org by Friday, October 20, 2012.



Tuscola County Planning Commission

125 W. Lincoln St.

Caro, MI 48723

email - tcplanning@tuscolacounty.org

989.672.3700

Fax: 989.672.4011

September 8, 2012

Mr. Tom Bardwell, President
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
207 E. Grant St.,
Caro, Michigan 48723

Mr. Bardwell:

In compliance with Sections 125 of PA 33, The Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008, please find enclosed our annual report covering the operations, status of planning activities, and recommendations related to planning and development of the Tuscola County Planning Commission from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 including:

- **Accomplishments** for September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012.
- **Work Plan** for September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012.
- **Budget Proposal** for 2013.

We are pleased to note that our previous training sessions for and contacts with local jurisdictions is bearing fruit in our interactions with them as well as overall requests for information and support.

We appreciate your support, and the wealth of experience and therefore information from your representative Gerald Peterson.

It needs to be noted also that the members you have appointed to our Commission have a great respect for each other, their individual offerings to our efforts, and the variety and wealth of experience they bring to our team effort. We look forward to many new accomplishments in the coming years.

Thank you for your consideration of the above, enclosures, and your trust and support.

Best wishes in your continuing efforts on behalf of our County.

Keith Kosik, Chairperson

Encl: 3 (as **emboldened** above)

Tuscola County Planning Commission Accomplishments
September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012

COMPOSITION OF MEMBERS:

The Tuscola County Planning Commission consists of seven community members, one county commissioner representative.

Members: Keith Kosik (Chairperson), Zygmunt Dworzecki (Vice Chairperson), Ione Vyse (Secretary), Nancy Barrios, Lonnie Kester, Cindy Kapa, Bill Thayer, and County Commission Representative: Jerry Peterson.

Don Richards and Joe Robbins both resigned after 8 years of service for personal and health reasons.

Office Secretary: Vacant due to funding cuts

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Some members received Master Citizen Planner CEU credits from Michigan State University by attending training sessions.
2. Commission members personally contacted or responded to requests from several local jurisdictions, organizations, agencies and persons within and outside of the county to:
 - provide general information, guidance
 - acquire needed information
 - encourage more partnering and foster stronger relationships with local governments
 - provide a "friendly face" and contact information for the Commission
 - provide awareness of possible training opportunities and determine needs
 - inform regarding East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG) and other resources to assist with and save on costs of local master plan development
 - acquire up-to-date local Master Plan and Zoning documents, take questions and to receive local input.

Several of the requests for assistance and information were responded to individually by various members of the Commission.

7. Due to financial constraints:
 - continued not to have membership with East Michigan Council of Governments with one regular planning commission member continuing their appointment as Treasurer through their local jurisdictions membership
 - continued not to have office secretarial support
 - attempted to hold a training for fee event
 - reduced professional training for members
8. Reviewed and made recommendations on many P.A. 116 requests and other local jurisdiction Planning considerations and Zoning Ordinances, as follows:

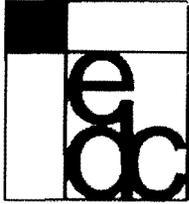
Month	PA116's	Master Plans	Zoning Ordinance	Rezoning	Contacts	Info Mailings	Support Letters
10/11	8	1	-	-	-	-	-
11/11	25	1	-	-	1	24	-
12/11	15	2	-	-	1	-	-
1/12	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
2/12	1	-	1	-	-	34	-
3/12	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
4/12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/12	7	-	1	-	4	-	-
6/12	4	-	1	-	1	34	-
7/12	4	-	-	-	1	-	-
8/12	-	1	1	1	1	-	-
9/12	-	2	1	2	-	20	1
Totals	75	7	5	3	10	112	1

- Master plans for 28 of our 34 municipalities are now on file. This is up from the 7 that were on file only a few short years ago. Most of these are in compliance as to the 5 year review requirement and are up to date. Other municipalities tell us that a new Master Plan or a review is in progress.
- Zoning Ordinances are on file from most of the townships, and villages. This willingness on the part of the municipalities to provide hard copies to our files has enabled us to properly do the State required review for rezoning request and amendments.
- Began a regular, semi annual Newsletter with timely information for county municipalities. Our first edition was received with enthusiasm and appreciation.
- Contributed information to Tuscola County Planning Commission county web site with Minutes of meetings, etc.
- Continued to reorganize Commission files for ease of access, reduction in space required, and compliance with State File Retention requirements.
- Developed report on Commission accomplishments for 2011-12, and goals, and budget suggestions report for 2012-13.
- Provided regular opportunities for citizens and local representatives for their input to the Commission.
- Continued to provide a Planning and Land Use Library utilizing existing books, manuals, newsletters, and other pertinent information concerning land use planning that can be helpful to local units of government and interested land use planners.

Tuscola County Planning Commission

Proposed Work Plan for 2012-2013

1. Review and make recommendations regarding official requests from Tuscola County citizens and government jurisdictions, i.e. P.A. 116, Master Plans, Zoning, letters of recommendation, etc.
2. Continue publication of the Newsletter for County officials and jurisdictions.
3. Provide relevant education and training-for-fee opportunities for citizens as deemed necessary.
4. Maintain the Planning and Land Use Library.
5. Maintain Planning Commission documents and other valuable information.
6. Facilitate the strategic committees that will function under the authority of the Planning Commission and provide monthly reports of progress.
7. Develop a yearly work plan for the Planning Commission for presentation to the Board of Commissioners.
8. Encourage and provide for continuing education for each commission member.
9. Collaborate and work with local, county, State, and Federal Departments, agencies, organizations, etc. to enhance the purposes of effective planning and zoning efforts.
10. Maintain, update and enhance the Commission:
 - a. Web pages,
 - b. Master Plan revisions, and
 - c. Bylaws and Policy and Procedures as necessary.
11. Continue at least annual contacts with local government Boards and/or Planning and Zoning Commissions for dissemination and receiving of information.
12. Invite county Departments, Commissions to discuss their future plans for incorporation into the Tuscola County Master Development Plan and assistance in their accomplishment where possible.
13. Continue to address needs and resources regarding alternative energy resources.
14. Provide opportunity for community expression regarding Tuscola county planning and zoning.



#7

Huron County EDC

Sponsored by Consumers Energy



OCTOBER 17, 2012 AT FRANKLIN INN 1070 E. HURON AVE. BAD AXE

BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR MICHIGAN'S THUMB AREA BUSINESSES THROUGH:



Michael A Finney
President & CEO, MI EDC

- **Business to Business Networking**
- **Identifying Business Opportunities**
- **Identifying Sales Leads**
- **Connect with Businesses**
- **Connect with Customers**
- **Create a Buzz about Thumb Area Products and Services**
- **Building an Economic Bridge between Thumb Area Businesses**

Mr. Finney serves as Governor Rick Snyder's Economic Growth Group Executive and as President and Chairman of the Michigan Strategic Fund. He serves as the President of the state's leading agency for business and job growth, talent enhancement, marketing tourism, arts and cultural grants, and overall economic growth.

Participating Businesses are from all economic sectors: Manufacturing, Financial, Medical, Service, Commercial, Agriculture, and more. **Businesses are welcome to set up a display table to showcase and promote their businesses – goods, services, and expertise. For the Thumb Area Business Community, this is an exciting opportunity that you will not want to miss to grow your business in the Thumb Area.**

Business to Business Networking begins at 10:30 a.m. Michael Finney will speak at noon with a 15 minute Q&A period with lunch being served at 12:45. Tickets are available for \$10.



#8



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

September 26, 2012

Tuscola County Commissioner
125 West Lincoln Street
Caro, Michigan 48723

Dear County Commissioner:

The list of state-owned mineral lands that are scheduled to be offered in the upcoming State of Michigan Oil and Gas Lease Auction on October 24, 2012, is available on the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) website at:

http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10368_11800-169044--,00.html.

The Auction will be held at the Lansing Center, 333 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

All of these lands have been classified by the DNR field personnel as leasable with due consideration for the following: proper protection of park and recreation areas, state forest campgrounds, dedicated game and natural areas, areas of special wildlife significance or unusual natural value, and lands bordering on lakes and streams.

If you need further information or assistance, please contact me at the DNR, Minerals Management Section, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952.

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Venne, Property Analyst
Oil and Gas Lease Management Unit
Minerals Management Section
517-335-3242

September 13, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 8:00 A.M.

Present: Road Commissioners John Laurie, Gary Parsell, Mike Zwerk, Julie Matuszak, and Pat Sheridan; Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey, County Highway Engineer Michele Zaverucha.
Also present: County Commissioner Roy Petzold.

Absent: Director of Finance/Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that Amy Hadaway be named acting Secretary in the absence of Michael Tuckey. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that Michele Zaverucha be named acting Clerk in the absence of Michael Tuckey. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the August 30, 2012 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the closed session of the Board dated August 30, 2012 be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$91,639.20 and bills in the amount of \$337,963.31 covered by voucher #12-31 were presented and audited.

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

Brief Public Comment Segment:
None.

Management and the Board further discussed the MDOT M-25 Bridge Replacement Project and the traffic on Old State Road. County Highway Engineer Zaverucha recommended to the Board to change the speed limit on Old State Road to 45 M.P.H. during the project. After discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order 79-01-2012. By virtue of the authority vested in the Road Commission for Tuscola County by 1931 PA 328, MCLA 750-497, Section 497 of the Michigan Penal Code, we hereby order that the maximum speed limit on Old State Road between M-25 and Quanicassee Road in Wisner Township be forty-five (45) miles per hour for the period from November 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013 and that all police agencies having jurisdiction therein shall enforce said regulation when official traffic control signs conforming to the mandate of this order have been erected. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 8:15 A.M. the following proposals were opened for furnishing Chloride Sand for the 2012-13 winter season:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Delivered To All TCRC Garages</u>
Mark Martin & Sons, Inc.	\$ 11.95/ton
Thumb Aggregates, Inc.	11.20/ton

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the proposals for furnishing Chloride Sand for the 2012-13 winter season be accepted and purchases made in the best interest of the Tuscola County Road Commission. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Mr. Ross Combes with White Construction appeared before the Board to discuss the Road Commission's permitting procedures for crane movements during the Wind Turbine Project in Gilford Township. Mr. Combes requested that all cranes used during the project be exempt from the Road Commission's permitting procedures, and be included within the terms of the Agreement for the Tuscola-Bay Wind Turbine Project. County Highway Engineer Zawerucha explained the terms of the Agreement and the procedures conducted by other County Road Commissions. The Board recommended that the Road Commission be contacted when the cranes are being moved during the project. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to approve White Construction moving all cranes on the designated hauling route during the Wind Turbine Project in Gilford Township, all in accordance with the terms of the Agreement for the Tuscola-Bay Wind Turbine Project; with the understanding that White Construction will contact the County Highway Engineer and the Caro Office when the cranes are being moved during the project. Ayes: Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie - Nays: Sheridan --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the bids for Grader Blades taken and accepted at the last regular meeting of the Board be awarded to Michigan Cat for Item A and Item B, as recommended by Management. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Parsell that the agreement between MacFarlane Trucking and the Tuscola County Road Commission allowing Designated and Special Designated All-Season loads for Quanicassee Road from their establishment south of Elmwood Road to State Trunkline Highway M-25 be extended for an additional two (2) years with the conditions specified in the agreement. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Parsell that the agreement between Richard Sylvester and the Tuscola County Road Commission allowing Designated and Special Designated All-Season loads for Quanicassee Road from their establishment north of Dutcher Road to State Trunkline Highway M-25 be extended for an additional two (2) years with the conditions specified in the agreement. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed the requests from Ellington Township and Novesta Township for a Safety Study of the intersection of Deckerville Road and Hurds Corner Road tabled from the last regular meeting of the Board. County Highway Engineer Zawerucha presented to the Board the results of the Safety Study, and recommends installing Cross Traffic Does Not Stop plaques on the existing four Stop Signs at the intersection. Zawerucha also reported that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has agreed to allow the brush on their property to be cleared to improve clear vision at the intersection. After further discussion, the following two motions were introduced:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Zwerk to approve the installation of Cross Traffic Does Not Stop plaques on the existing four Stop Signs at the intersection of Deckerville Road and Hurds Corner Road, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Zwerk that the Road Commission will clear the brush within the road right-of-way at the intersection of Deckerville Road and Hurds Corner Road, and recommended that Ellington Township and Novesta Township work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to clear brush on the DNR property to improve clear vision at this intersection. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board reviewed sections of Public Act 51 regarding questions from Millington Township Supervisor Bob Worth.

Juniata Township Supervisor Neil Jackson appeared before the Board to discuss the Road Commission's Local Road Brush Spray Program.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board