

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2013 – 7:30 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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- 7:30 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Commissioner Kirkpatrick
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Trisch
Roll Call – Clerk Fetting
Adoption of Agenda
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1, 2 & 3))
Brief Public Comment Period
Consent Agenda Resolution (See Correspondence #4)
New Business
 -7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. Senator Green (See Correspondence #5)
 -Letter of Support for Tuscola Township 2013 Grant Application (See
 Correspondence #6)
 -Recap Potential Re-use of Former Camp Tuscola (See
 Correspondence #7)
 -Recap Oil & Gas Meeting
 -Recap Wind Energy Taxation Meeting and Proposal to Conduct a
 Study (See Correspondence #8)
 -Exploration of Joint Dispatch Director – Huron County (See
 Correspondence #9)
 -Appointment to Council on Aging (See Correspondence #10)
 -Dispatch Surcharge Lawsuit Update
 -Workers Compensation Cost Increase
 -Open Meetings Act Amendment (See Correspondence #11)
 -Region VII Board of Directors Vacancy (See Correspondence #12)
Old Business
Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

MI Renewable Energy Coalition
MEMS All Hazards
Cass River Greenways Pathway
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRISCH

Board of Health
Human Development Commission (HDC)
TRIAD
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Human Services Collaborative Council
Green Start Collaborative
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL

NACo
NACo Rural Action Caucus
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors
MAC 7th District
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Dental Clinic for Indigents
Parks & Recreation
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works
Planning Commission
Behavioral Health Systems Board
Tuscola 2020
Recycling Advisory Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Multi County Solid Waste
Local Unit of Government Activity Report

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 December 27, 2012 Full Board Minutes
- #2 January 2, 2013 Board Organization Minutes
- #3 January 2, 2013 Full Board Minutes
- #4 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #5 Topics of Discussion With Senator Green
- #6 Tuscola Township 2013 Grant Application Letter of Support
- #7 Re-Use of Former Camp Tuscola
- #8 Wind Energy Taxation Meeting Recap
- #9 Joint Dispatch Director Information
- #10 Appointment to Council on Aging
- #11 Open Meetings Act Amendment
- #12 Region VII Board of Directors Vacancy
- #13 Internal Revenue Service 2013 Mileage Rate
- #14 State of Michigan Grant Application Workshops
- #15 December 20, 2012 and January 3, 2013 Road Commission Minutes
- #16 January 10, 2013 Committee of the Whole and Statutory Finance Minutes
- #17 December 31, 2011 CAFR Certificate of Achievement for Excellence

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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 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 December, 2012 to order at 8:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Petzold

Pledge by Commissioner Kern

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: District #1 Roger Allen, District #2 Thomas Bardwell

12-M-267

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

12-M-268

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold to approve the minutes of the 12/11/2012 regular meeting. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – none

12-M-269

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold to approve and place on file the resolution of appreciation for Margie White's 20 years of dedicated public service to Tuscola County. Motion carried.

Senator Mike Green presented Margie White with a Special Tribute.

Susan Rickwalt and Brenda Caruthers appeared regarding the Farmer's Market.

12-M-270

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold to approve the agreement authorizing use of the courthouse lawn for the Farmer's Market. All necessary signatures are authorized. Motion carried.

12-M-271

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold that in order to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act and county auditors the following

financial actions be taken as contained in the December 27, 2012 memorandum from the Controller and Chief accountant:

- Adjust 2012 general fund budgets so that actual year-end expenditures do not exceed budget
- Amend 2012 general fund revenue/expenditure reimbursement budgets to prevent actual year-end revenues and expenditures from exceeding budget
- Adjust 2012 special revenue fund budgets so that actual year-end expenditures do not exceed budget
- Provide a supplemental appropriation from the general fund to the remonumentation fund to prevent this fund from finishing the fiscal year in a deficit position and Community Corrections Service fund
- Authorize the transfer of delinquent tax revolving fund net income from 2012 to the general fund
- Authorize staff after consultation with the county auditors to conduct further year-end financial transactions and make other adjustments as necessary

Motion carried.

12-M-272

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold that the contract for the Byrne Jag Grant be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion carried.

12-M-273

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold that the hiring freeze be lifted to hire a Deputy Clerk in District Court position effective January 2, 2013 with starting pay at step 1. (Background checks and physicals have been completed). Motion carried.

12-M-274

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold that the hiring freeze be lifted to hire Crystal Tatum for the position of Court Records Clerk II effective January 2, 2013 starting pay at step 1. (Background check and physical have been completed). Motion carried.

12-M-275

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold that the chairperson be authorized to sign the agreement for legal representation of indigents in the 54th Judicial Circuit Court. Motion carried.

12-M-276

Motion by Kern seconded by Petzold that effective January 1, 2013, change Cindy McKinney-Volz pay and classification from Court Records Clerk II to Chief Deputy Clerk. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment – Cindy McKinney-Volz appeared to express her thanks for being appointed to LEAD Tuscola.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Margie A. White
Tuscola County Clerk

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**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Organizational Meeting
January 2, 2013 Minutes
H. H. Purdy Building**

County Clerk Jodi Fetting called the Organizational 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 2nd day of January, 2013 to order at 8:35 o'clock a.m. local time.

Commissioners Present: District 1 – Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

County Clerk Jodi Fetting declared the floor open for nominations for Chairman.

13-M-001

Motion by Allen seconded by Kirkpatrick to nominate Thomas Bardwell Chairman for a 2-year period using a voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Bardwell declared the floor open for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

13-M-002

Motion by Kirkpatrick to nominate Roger Allen Vice-Chairman.

Motion by Bardwell to nominate Christine Trisch Vice-Chairman.

Voice vote taken. Roger Allen voted as Vice-Chairman.

Motion carried.

13-M-003

Motion by Allen seconded by Bierlein that the Board of Commissioners and Committee of the Whole 2013 meeting schedule be established as decided at the organizational meeting and copies of this meeting schedule be posted and placed on the county web site. (Note: meetings can be cancelled, added or changed with proper posting.) Motion carried.

13-M-004

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch that the commissioner committee and board assignments are made according to the chart as reviewed at the Board Organizational meeting. Motion carried.

13-M-005

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch that the County Board Rules of Order be adopted with the revisions as reviewed and decided at the Board Organizational meeting. Motion carried.

13-M-006

Motioned by Trisch seconded by Allen that Committee of the Whole topic leaders be Commissioner Kirkpatrick and Commissioner Trisch for Finance/Personnel and Commissioner Bierlein and Commissioner Allen for Building and Grounds. Motion Carried.

13-M-007

Motion by Allen seconded by Bierlein that Jerry Peterson be appointed as a non-commissioner representative to serve on the Human Development Commission. Motion carried.

Public Participation – none

Meeting adjourned 9:18 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 2, 2013 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 2nd day of January, 2013 to order at 9:35 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge by Commissioner Allen

Commissioners Present: District 1 – Roger Allen, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 – Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

13-M-008

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

Brief Public Comment – none

13-M-009

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch that per the December 28, 2012 memorandum from the County Prosecutor that the hiring freeze be lifted and the County Prosecutor be authorized to refill the General Secretary II and Family Support Division Secretary II positions and appropriate 2013 budget amendments are authorized related to these staffing changes. Motion carried.

13-M-010

Motion by Allen seconded by Bierlein that per the December 28, 2012 memorandum from the Court Administrator that the proposed court reorganization be authorized and the 2013 budget amendments corresponding with the reorganization is authorized with the understanding that the effects of the reorganization is a slight reduction in court costs for 2013. Motion carried.

13-M-011

Motion by Allen seconded by Kirkpatrick that authorization is given for appropriate county officials to sign a letter as requested by the Medical Care Facility stating that as part of the enrollment process the county understands and accepts its financial responsibility for monies that may be due to Medicare if a refund is determined to be due. This action is taken with the understanding that any monies that may be determined to be due to Medicare would come from the Medical Care Facility designated funds and not from the county general fund.
Motion carried.

13-M-012

Motion by Bierlein seconded by Allen that per the letter of request from the Dispatch Director that the out-of-state travel request be approved with the understanding that county costs will be reimbursed by the Michigan National Emergency Number Association. Motion carried.

13-M-013

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch that the chairperson be authorized to sign the agreement for legal representation of indigents in District Court. Motion carried.

13-M-014

Motion by Allen seconded by Trisch that per the December 13, 2012 letter of request from the Sheriff that the hiring freeze be lifted and the Sheriff be authorized to promote a current deputy to the rank of sergeant and hire a full-time replacement to fill the deputy's position within 90-days of Sergeant Pine's retirement. Motion carried.

13-M-015

Motion by Allen seconded by Bierlein that the initial 2013 county issues list, 2012 accomplishments and 2013 work program be forwarded to Elected and Appointed officials for review and comment. Motion carried.

Old Business – None

Correspondence/Resolutions – None

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk

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COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, on the 23rd day of January, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. local time.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

It was moved by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____ that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted:

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/10/13

Description of Matter: Move that the chairperson be authorized to sign the contract for representation of developmentally disabled individuals in the Tuscola County Probate Court.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/10/13

Description of Matter: Move that the chairperson be authorized to sign the contract for representation of individuals in Tuscola County Circuit/Family Court.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/10/13

Description of Matter: Move that per the recommendation of the Dispatch Director the chairperson be authorized to sign the document that enables the county to receive PA 32 of 1986 state funding for dispatcher training.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/10/13

Description of Matter: Move that per the January 9, 2013 letter of recommendation from the County Drain Commissioner that a new truck be authorized to be purchased from Moore Motors who was the low bidder for an amount of \$24,693. (Originally a used vehicle was budgeted at \$25,000 but the competitive pricing enabled a new vehicle to be purchased without exceeding the budget.)

Agenda Reference: E

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/10/13

Description of Matter: Move that two commissioner cellular telephone contracts with Thumb Cellular be authorized for signature. Also, the commissioner who has chosen to maintain his current telephone be reimbursed at \$55 per month which would have been the average monthly cost under a cellular telephone contract.

Agenda Reference: F

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/10/13

Description of Matter: Move that per the October 16, 2012 email memo from the County Clerk, that the CCW photo cost be increased from \$8 to \$15 effectively immediately.

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:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Potential Topics of Discussion with Senator Green 1-23-13
7:30 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.

1. Assessing and Taxation of Wind Energy
2. Re-Use for Former Camp Tuscola
3. Agricultural Irrigation and Potential Impacts on Residential Wells
4. STC and Ability to Retain Tuscola/Huron Joint Equalization Director
5. Great Lakes Water Levels
6. State User Fee for Infrastructure – Roads
7. Potential Legislation to Change the Amount Counties Pay for Court Appointed Attorneys
8. Personal Property Tax
9. Other

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Jerry Peterson
Tuscola Township, Parks & Recreation Commission
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To whom it may concern

The purpose of this letter is to express strong endorsement of the 2013 Department of Natural Trust Fund grant application submitted by Tuscola Township to establish a park trail system.

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners is in full support of this application. It will clearly enhance the quality of the park in Tuscola Township for area residents and further strengthen regional tourism in and around the Frankenmuth area (number one tourist destination in Michigan). It will directly complement the already established trail canoe/kayak launch which provides for important public access to the Cass River. The Tuscola Township Parks and Recreation Committee has consistently worked to make improvements to the park including a new and expanded parking lot, connection to the Cass River Water Trail and a new pavilion.

Approval of the trail system will further enhance the park by providing needed access to pristine woodlands and access to the Cass River. The non-motorized trail will also provide the ability to conveniently access and interconnect the Water Trail on the south end of the park and the new pavilion/restrooms on the north end of the park.

Approval of funding for this park trail system is a logical next step to the important improvements that have already been made to the park. We are honored to lend our undivided support to this application because it will not only enhance the overall quality of life for area residents, but also further enhance the highly successful tourism potential that has been established in this part of the state.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Bardwell, Chairman
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Mike Hoagland

From: Tuscola EDC [edcdirector@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2013 4:41 PM
To: kirkpatrick_craig@sbcglobal.net; mcloskey@charter.net; christine.t@leisureliving.com; terribrown@house.mi.gov; gpierce@tuscolaisd.org; mcloskey@charter.net; repouliot@centurytel.net; bardwell@hillsanddales.com; citymanager@cityofvassar.org; MHoagland@TuscolaCounty.org
Subject: Camp Tuscola
Attachments: Armory Arts Village.docx

Attached is information on how Jackson Michigan used an old prison (example attached)

Thanks to Craig Kirkpatrick for spear heading the tour of Camp Tuscola, and everyone for supporting the possible reuse of the facility.

Calls the EDC has received on ideas for reuse of Camp Tuscola, keep the ideas coming we will compile the list and begin to explore the ideas.

- * Thumb Area Performing Arts Center
- * County Prison
- * Adult Assisted Living privately own for special needs people all ages
- * Assisted Living for Senior Citizen
- * Veterans Home
- * Juvenile Re-hap Center
- * Retreat Center (example Bill Rice Ranch)
- * Summer Educational Camp
- * **Tuscola County Community Center** (example City of Lapeer Community Center)

Then the building could be used in combination as a Conference Center Performing Arts Center etc.

Thanks everyone for your input... lets keep the ball rolling and meet again to discuss the ideas.....dates?

Steve

Armory Arts Village - Phase One

Armory Artswalk Apartments - Adaptive Reuse of three Historic Prison Buildings to provide affordable living and working space for Income-qualified Artist Entrepreneurs

Physical Components

- 62 permanently affordable apartments designed to meet the living and working needs of artists, musicians, designers, craftsmen and other creative people; open floor plans allow residents to tailor their live/work space to meet their individual needs
- Specialized shared workspace and equipment for resident artists including a two-story large-scale industrial art production space, a ceramics/sculpture studio and three generic classroom/work rooms
- Flexible Gallery/Exhibit Areas
- Multi-Use Performance/Special Events Space

Artist Entrepreneurship Programs

Professional development programs to provide residents with the knowledge and skills to function as successful artist entrepreneurs and small business owners.

- Packaging and marketing of the collective work, arts-related activities, events, etc. initiated by the resident artists
- Opportunities for grant-funded partnerships between the resident artist community and:
 - Colleges and Universities
 - K-12 Educational Institutions
 - Health Care System
 - Social Service Agencies
 - Businesses and Corporations
 - Neighborhood Groups
 - Artists from around the country and world
- Development and maintenance of an online marketplace of artistic products and services created and provided by the resident artists

Application Timeline, Process & Materials:

Armory Artswalk Apartments opened January 2008. These residential units are kept affordable by funding that requires residents to meet income qualifications. Confirmation of income is required within ninety days of move-in. Spaces are limited, so interested applicants are strongly encouraged to pre-apply. Names of applicants who pre-apply and meet income qualifications will be added to an official pre-qualified list. All qualified applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Armory Artswalk Apartments will be professionally managed by Keystone Management Group. Equal Housing Opportunity laws apply.

Components of Future Phases

1) Armory Arts Commons: Townhouse-Style Mixed-Income Apartments - New Construction of 88 units

3) Adaptive Reuse of Historic Prison Mess Hall

Physical Components - Adaptive Reuse of Historic Prison Mess Hall

- High-tech Machine Shop/Classroom Space
- Public Viewing Catwalk

Programmatic Components

- Education and training programs

4) Additional Developments Include a Mix of Newly Constructed Retail & Professional Office Buildings

5) Development of Common Areas on Historic Prison Property including:

- Landscaped entrance to the site
- Community Commons for outdoor performances, exhibits, events, etc.
- Pedestrian boulevard/gathering space
- Ornamental landscaping
- Decorative lighting
- Seating areas
- Planters
- Decorative paving
- Unified signage
- Public art incorporated into pedestrian walkways
- Information kiosk

The former Acme Industries property will be redeveloped as parking, green space and an industrial leg of the Grand River ArtsWalk that will connect Armory Arts Village to the campus of the new Consumers Energy Headquarters located four blocks away in the heart of downtown Jackson. The ArtsWalk, which follows the banks of the Grand River, features design-oriented pedestrian greenway enhanced by the incorporation of a wide range of public art, some of which commemorates the history of manufacturing companies originally located along this stretch of the river. The parking planned for the Acme Industries property is required to meet the needs of Phase II of the Armory Arts Village development as described above.

To: Commissioners and Local Officials

From: Michael R. Hoagland, Tuscola County Controller/Administrator

Date: January 18, 2013

RE: Michigan Renewable Energy Coalition (MERC) Recommendation to Conduct a Wind Energy Appraisal Study

As we have discussed, the single most significant issue to impact the Thumb in decades is the development of wind energy. The State Tax Commission (STC) changed the method of assessing wind energy about a year ago. More specifically, the Multiplier Schedule was changed by the STC which resulted in reducing the amount of revenue received by governmental jurisdictions in Tuscola County by approximately 27%. The reduction will impact all entities that levy a millage including: county operating, county special purpose, Intermediate School District, township, local school and library millages. The STC change will result in reductions of literally millions of dollars to taxing jurisdictions and the local economy over the life of a wind energy development.

The STC change is extremely frustrating to county and local officials because it was made unilaterally without input and consideration of impacts. When wind companies were planning these projects, the taxes they anticipated paying were based on the original STC Multiplier Schedule. At the last MREC meeting the need to conduct a study of wind energy appraisal/taxation was stressed by the attorney assisting the group and also by members of the group.

The first phase of a professional wind energy appraisal study is estimated to cost \$50,000. The Tuscola County share for the \$50,000 is \$8,075 (**See Attachment 1**). If a phase two study is necessary, it is also projected to cost \$50,000. **Attachment 2** is a spreadsheet I developed to allocate Tuscola County share of \$8,075 and \$16,150 in cost. **Attachment 2** allocates study costs to those taxing jurisdictions that benefit from the Nextera wind project in Gilford Township (Tuscola County) and Blumfield Township (Saginaw County). The amount each entity pays for study costs is based on the amount of revenue projected to be received.

Another critical point that can be made based on **Attachments 2 and 3** is the tremendous financial impact of the STC Multiplier Schedule change. **Attachment 2** shows that considering only the existing Nextera Era wind generator project in Gilford Township, the difference over 15 years between the old and new STC Multiplier Schedule is a reduction of over \$8 million. **Attachment 3** considers the projected 208 total wind generators for Tuscola County by 2015. In this case the revenue lost is a shocking \$24 plus million. This is unacceptable. We need to conduct the study and work with our local and state officials to correct this unjustified STC change. If we do not act, the benefits that over \$24 million could produce will be lost forever.

Attachment 2

Cost Distribution - Wind Energy Assessing Study of \$50,000 and \$100,000

Entity Benefit and Millage	Millage Levied	Estimated Generators	15 Year Revenue OLD STC Multiplier	15 Year Revenue NEW STC Multiplier	Difference Stake Holder Dollar Share	Stake Holder Percentage	Share of \$8,075 for \$50,000 Study	Share of \$16,150 for \$100,000 Study
Gilford Township	4.3539	68	\$4,632,828	\$3,055,393	\$1,577,435	19.3%	\$1,559	\$3,119
Tuscola Intermediate School	4.2409	68	\$4,512,589	\$2,976,094	\$1,536,495	18.8%	\$1,519	\$3,038
Tuscola County Operating	3.9141	68	\$4,164,853	\$2,746,759	\$1,418,094	17.4%	\$1,402	\$2,804
Akron School Fairgrove Debt	3.8000	43	\$2,556,883	\$1,686,288	\$870,595	10.7%	\$861	\$1,721
Reese School Debt/Sinking Fund	4.7000	25	\$1,838,640	\$1,212,600	\$626,040	7.7%	\$619	\$1,238
Medical Care Facility Debt	1.0000	68	\$1,064,064	\$701,760	\$362,304	4.4%	\$358	\$716
Primary Roads and Streets	0.9657	68	\$1,027,567	\$677,690	\$349,877	4.3%	\$346	\$692
Sheriff Road Patrol	0.9000	68	\$957,658	\$631,584	\$326,074	4.0%	\$322	\$645
Mosquito Abatement	0.6316	68	\$672,063	\$443,232	\$228,831	2.8%	\$226	\$452
Fairgrove Library	0.7916	43	\$532,639	\$351,280	\$181,359	2.2%	\$179	\$359
Bridge	0.4807	68	\$511,496	\$337,336	\$174,160	2.1%	\$172	\$344
Reese Library	0.9965	25	\$389,831	\$257,097	\$132,734	1.6%	\$131	\$262
Blumfield Township	2.3452	7	\$266,742	\$175,912	\$90,830	1.1%	\$90	\$180
Medical Care Facility Operating	0.2500	68	\$266,016	\$175,440	\$90,576	1.1%	\$90	\$179
Delta College	2.0427	7	\$223,749	\$147,565	\$76,184	0.9%	\$75	\$151
Senior Citizen	0.2000	68	\$212,813	\$140,352	\$72,461	0.9%	\$72	\$143
Recycling	0.1500	68	\$159,610	\$105,263	\$54,347	0.7%	\$54	\$107
TOTAL			\$23,990,041	\$15,821,645	\$8,168,396	100%	\$8,075	\$16,150

attachment 3

Commercial Wind Generator - Estimate of Potential Revenue --

Comparing Valuation using old wind energy multipliers and new multipliers

Total Cost Each Generator	\$3,200,000	enter cost				
# of Generators^^	208	enter				
Total Cost, All Generators	\$665,600,000	# of				
Total Year 1 Taxable Value	\$332,800,000	enter mills v				
			22.0000			
Estimated Revenue in Year		Old Multiplier** Wind	New Multiplier** Wind	Revenue Old Multipliers	Revenue New Multipliers	Difference
1	1	1.00	0.80	\$7,321,600	\$5,857,280	-\$1,464,320
2	2	0.95	0.75	\$6,955,520	\$5,491,200	-\$1,464,320
3	3	0.90	0.70	\$6,589,440	\$5,125,120	-\$1,464,320
4	4	0.85	0.60	\$6,223,360	\$4,392,960	-\$1,830,400
5	5	0.80	0.50	\$5,857,280	\$3,660,800	-\$2,196,480
6	6	0.76	0.40	\$5,564,416	\$2,928,640	-\$2,635,776
7	7	0.70	0.30	\$5,125,120	\$2,196,480	-\$2,928,640
8	8	0.65	0.30	\$4,759,040	\$2,196,480	-\$2,562,560
9	9	0.60	0.30	\$4,392,960	\$2,196,480	-\$2,196,480
10	10	0.56	0.30	\$4,100,096	\$2,196,480	-\$1,903,616
11	11	0.50	0.30	\$3,660,800	\$2,196,480	-\$1,464,320
12	12	0.45	0.30	\$3,294,720	\$2,196,480	-\$1,098,240
13	13	0.40	0.30	\$2,928,640	\$2,196,480	-\$732,160
14	14	0.36	0.30	\$2,635,776	\$2,196,480	-\$439,296
15	15	0.30	0.30	\$2,196,480	\$2,196,480	\$0
Total, 15 Years				\$71,605,248	\$47,224,320	-\$24,380,928

**STC Value Trending Multiplier from Form 4565 (Rev 11-09) and Form 4565 (Rev 11-11)

^^Number of generators based on 68 in Gilford Township (NextERA 1), 80 in Consumer's Power Project, and 60 in NextERA 2 Project

Millage based on 3.9141 County operating, 4.5780 special funds



Mike Hoagland

From: Mike Hoagland [mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2013 3:15 PM
To: Bierlein Matthew (votebierlein@gmail.com); Kirkpatrick Craig (kirkpatrick_craig@sbcglobal.net); Roger Allen (beetman95@yahoo.com); Tom Bardwell (tbardwell@hillsanddales.com); Trisch Christine (christinetrisch@gmail.com)
Cc: Robert Klenk (Robert Klenk); Robert Klenk
Subject: Potential of Sharing Dispatch Director with Huron County Commissioners

IMPORTANT

The Tuscola County Dispatch Director (Bob Klenk) explained to me that the dispatch director in Huron County is leaving his current position. Bob and I discussed the possibility of a joint dispatch director arrangement with Huron County. As you are aware we have already successfully accomplished service base consolidations and significant annual savings to both counties by combining Health Officer, Environmental Health Director and Equalization Director positions with Huron County. The point is we have a history of successful service base consolidations with Huron County that has established the important trust factor needed for other consolidations.

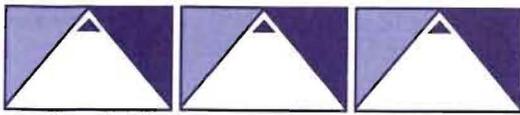
The Huron County Dispatch Director (Burt Eichlers) gave his two week notice of resignation yesterday. Bob and I believe it is worth approaching Huron County officials to discuss the potential of consolidating dispatch director positions. This contact should be made in the next day or two before Huron County begins advertising for a new Director.

It should be noted that the savings from consolidating the position would be to the dispatch fund and not the general fund, but regardless it is still a cost reduction. It may also open the doors for future consolidation of other dispatch functions with further savings and eventually a reduction in the telephone surcharge which could result in net taxpayer savings. Clearly, the technology exists for someday dispatching from one center.

Do you want me to contact the Huron Board Secretary and determine if Huron County wants to explore this potential consolidation and conduct a meeting? Is there a commissioner or two that want to attend a meeting or would you like Bob and I to represent the county?

Mike

Michael R. Hoagland
Tuscola County/Controller Administrator
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Caro, MI. 48723
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REGION VII AREA AGENCY ON AGING

YVONNE CORBAT, CHAIR

ANDREW ORVOSH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEMBER COUNTIES: BAY ■ CLARE ■ GLADWIN ■ GRATIOT ■ HURON ■ ISABELLA ■ MIDLAND ■ SAGINAW ■ SANILAC ■ TUSCOLA

TO: Board of Commissioners: Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties

FROM: Andrew Orvosh, Executive Director *A.O.*

SUBJECT: Advisory Council Appointments

DATE: January 16, 2013

According to Region VII Area Agency on Aging's Advisory County By-laws, there are up to four additional seats available for selection by an application process. These seats will be filled by an application process, approved by the Advisory Council. There are openings in the following preferred areas:

- Provider of Veterans health care
- Representative of nutrition provider
- Representative of social service provider
- Person in great social and economic need
- Minority person

Please advertise the vacancy in the manner you have developed, and if you have a nominee who is qualified for a non-represented preferred area, forward the application (attached) to the attention of the Membership/Rules Committee, ATTN: Sue Gittins, , Region VII Area Agency on Aging, 1615 S. Euclid Avenue, Bay City, MI 48706 by March 1, 2011.

A sample advertisement for these positions is as follows:

The _____ County Board of Commissioners is taking applications to fill vacancies on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council with representation from: a provider of Veterans health care, a nutrition provider, a social service provider, a person in great social & economic need, or a minority person. Seniors who qualify for one or more of these categories may submit an application to _____, (Address), no later than (Date).

Any public body, especially those maintaining a website, should be aware of the amendment to the Michigan Open Meetings Act (OMA) that became effective on December 31, 2012. PA 528 amended Section 5 of the OMA by adding additional notice requirements for certain meetings that are open to the public. The important provisions of PA 528 are as follows:

- Under the prior version of the law, notice of a rescheduled regular, special meeting or meeting recessed more than 36 hours was required to be posted at least 18 hours in advance of the meeting. While notice must still be posted 18 hours in advance, PA 528 added further requirements for the posting. Under PA 528, the notice must be posted at a “prominent and conspicuous place” **at both the public body’s principle office and, if applicable, on a website.**
- The website posting is required if the public body “directly or indirectly maintains an official internet presence that includes monthly or more frequent updates of public meeting agendas or minutes.” The posting must be made on the portion of the website fully accessible to the public, either on (1) the homepage or (2) a separate webpage dedicated to the public notices for nonregularly scheduled public meetings that is accessible from a prominent and conspicuous link on the homepage (the link must clearly describe its purpose).
- PA 528 added additional notice and posting requirements for “emergency public meetings.” Emergency public meetings are those that are held without the 18 hour notice because “of a severe and imminent threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public when 2/3 of the members serving on the body decide that delay would be detrimental to efforts to lesson or respond to the threat.” MCL 15.265(5). For emergency meetings, the public body shall make paper copies of the notice available at the meeting. The notice must include an explanation of the reasons the 18 hour notice could not be met. The reasons must be specific and not generalizations. If the public body maintains an “internet presence,” (same description as above) the notice and explanation must be posted on the website as described above. Within 48 hours of the emergency meeting, the public body must also send “official correspondence” to the County Board of Commissioners of the County in which the public body is principally located explaining the emergency meeting. The County’s correspondence must include the notice (including the explanation) and can be sent by first class or electronic mail.
- PA 528 also clarified that the durational requirements for notices is the time that the notices are accessible to the public. Put another way, if the OMA requires 18 hour notice for a meeting, the notice must be accessible to the public for the entire 18 hours.

Since the amendment may require the public body to post on its website with short notice, the public body should be aware of this new law before its next applicable meeting.

To Post Change on Website:
 Email Notice to
infosys@tuscolacounty.org and
 submit trouble ticket

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REGION VII AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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January 11, 2013

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

Dear Chair Bardwell:

Please be advised that the term of your current delegate on Region VII's Board of Directors, Ken Hess, expires on March 31, 2013. According to our By-laws, the County Board of Commissioners has the responsibility to make this appointment for a three year term beginning on April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2016.

This appointment should be made prior to March 31, 2013 so that your county is represented on this Board without disruption.

Thank you for your cooperation and should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Orvosh
Executive Director

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cc: Ken Hess, Board Member
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk

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R-2012-95, Nov. 21, 2012

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today issued the 2013 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2013, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 56.5 cents per mile for business miles driven.
- 24 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

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The rate for business miles driven during 2013 increases 1 cent from the 2012 rate. The medical and moving rate is also up 1 cent per mile from the 2012 rate.

The standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

A taxpayer may not use the business standard mileage rate for a vehicle after using any depreciation method under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) or after claiming a Section 179 deduction for that vehicle. In addition, the business standard mileage rate cannot be used for more than four vehicles used simultaneously.

These and other requirements for a taxpayer to use a standard mileage rate to calculate the amount of a deductible business, moving, medical, or charitable expense are in Rev. Proc. 2010-51.

contains the standard mileage rates, the amount a taxpayer must use in calculating reductions to basis for depreciation taken under the business standard mileage rate, and the maximum standard automobile cost that a taxpayer may use in computing the allowance under a fixed and variable rate plan.



NOTICE OF 2013 MNRTF, LWCF AND RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT PROGRAMS APPLICATION MATERIALS AND GRANT APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

#14

This information is required under authority of Part 19 (MNRTF) and Part 703 (LWCF) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, as amended, to obtain an application for a MNRTF or LWCF Grant.

Application materials for the year 2013 are currently available from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)**, **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**, and **Recreation Passport Grant** programs.

Grants are available to local units of government for the development of public outdoor recreation facilities (MNRTF, LWCF and Recreation Passport programs) and the acquisition of land (MNRTF only) for outdoor recreation and/or resource protection.

Detailed information is included in the *2013 Recreation Grants Application Guidelines (IC5600)* and *2013 Recreation Passport Grant Program (IC1956)* booklets that you receive with your application packet or may be found on the DNR's website at www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants.

IMPORTANT: The deadline for application submittal is April 1, 2013. All applications must be postmarked by that date.

All applicants (except Recreation Passport Grant Program applicants) **MUST** have a current DNR-approved community recreation plan on file with the DNR. Plans approved before 2008 are no longer valid. **For communities that are preparing a new recreation plan in 2013** and plan to submit a grant proposal as of the April 1, 2013, grant application deadline, the plan must be locally adopted and submitted by the DNR by March 1, 2013.

Grants Management staff will be available following each of the workshops to meet individually with applicants to discuss potential projects. Communities and their representatives are encouraged to ask specific questions about a potential project, the application process or how to complete a successful project.

Grant applications must be postmarked (U.S. Post Office) by April 1, 2013.

Due to reductions in printing, only one application package will be sent. All grant application forms are available in PDF and "fillable" Microsoft WORD format on the Michigan DNR's website at www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE A HARD COPY, PLEASE EMAIL THIS FORM WITH REQUEST TO LINDA HARLOW, AT HARLOWL@MICHIGAN.GOV.**

- Send 2013 MNRTF application package.
- Send 2013 LWCF application package.
- Send 2013 Recreation Passport Grant application package.
- Send copy of the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans*.

Grants Management will conduct grant application workshops in 2013 on the following dates and locations. The workshops are free, open to the public and reservations are not necessary.

January 14	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Best Western Baraga Lakeside Inn, 900 US 41 S.	Baraga
January 15	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Holiday Inn West, 2747 S. 11 th Street	Kalamazoo
January 15	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	American Legion (bar area), 610 W. Munising Avenue	Munising
January 16	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Little Bear East, 275 Marquette Street	St. Ignace
January 16	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard Road	Livonia
February 5	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Holiday Inn, 1005 Perry Street	Big Rapids
February 7	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Days Inn Grayling, 2556 Business Loop South I-75	Grayling
February 27*	9:30 AM – 11:45 PM 2:15 PM – 4:30 PM (5-year recreation plans)	MRPA Conference, Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Avenue	Lansing

*** MUST BE REGISTERED FOR MRPA CONFERENCE TO ATTEND THIS SESSION**

✓ **IMPORTANT! Verify and, if necessary, correct the address label on the front of this notice.**

For further details on these programs, contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management, P.O. Box 30425, Lansing, MI 48909-7925, or telephone 517-373-9125

December 20, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 8:00 A.M.

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

Also Present: County Commissioner Roy Petzold.

Absent: Road Commissioner Gary Parsell.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the December 6, 2012 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$91,195.94 and bills in the amount of \$492,477.69 covered by vouchers #12-44, #12-45, #12-46, #12-47 and #12 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 road account deposits at the discretion of the Director of Finance. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Brief Public Comment Segment:
None.

Mr. Sean Gearhart with Atwell, LLC appeared before the Board regarding the Tuscola II Wind Farm Project scheduled for next year. Mr. Gearhart requested a variance of the Road Commission's policy in order to run their collection line across Hinson Road south of Deckerville Road at a diagonal crossing. After discussion and reviewing the location, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak to grant the request from Atwell, LLC and allow them to run their collection line across Hinson Road south of Deckerville Road at a diagonal crossing, all in conjunction with the Tuscola II Wind Farm Project. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

The Board thanked Tuscola County Commissioner Roy Petzold for his years of service on the County Board and as the liaison to the Tuscola County Road Commission.

BUDGET HEARING

At 8:15 A.M. a budget hearing was held to hear any comments regarding the proposed 2013 Budget for the Tuscola County Road Commission. Director of Finance Michael Tuckey presented the proposed 2013 Budget. After hearing no comments from the public, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Zwerk that the proposed 2013 Budget for the Tuscola County Road Commission be adopted as presented. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed Old State Road and the M-25 bridge project. Terry and Sabina Monroe appeared before the Board and again expressed their concerns regarding the additional traffic on Old State Road during the M-25 bridge closure. Michigan Department of Transportation TSC Manager Jack Hofweber was in attendance and explained the scope of the project, the designated detour route, and the recent repairs to the Old State

Road Bridge. Other discussion included the weight limit posting on the Old State Road Bridge, improved detour warning signs, and additional law enforcement on the detour route. The Michigan Department of Transportation and the Tuscola County Road Commission will continue to monitor the project and seek ways to improve the flow of traffic during the M-25 bridge closure.

At 8:45 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2013 Liquid De-Icing Materials:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Material Specification</u>	<u>Picked Up By TCRC</u>	<u>Delivered To Livingston Storage</u>
Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales	35% CaCl	\$.372 p/gal	\$.435 p/gal
The Wilkinson Corporation	Mineral Brine	\$.120 p/gal	\$.140 p/gal
Michigan Chloride Sales	18% CaCl	\$.103 p/gal	\$.140 p/gal
Mid Thumb Materials, Inc.	19% CaCl	\$.055 p/gal	\$.150 p/gal

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak that the bids for 2013 Liquid De-Icing Materials be accepted, reviewed by Management, and tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak that the load limit posting of the Old State Road Bridge over the Quanicassee River Cut be officially set at a maximum weight of 10 tons, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Sheridan to request the support of all law enforcement agencies for their assistance in enforcing the detour route, the bridge posting, and the no parking in regards to Old State Road and the Michigan Department of Transportation M-25 Bridge Project. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Zwerk to approve the employee health insurance contribution rates for the year 2013 for all Tuscola County Road Commission employees as follows: Single plans at \$82.00 per month, Two-Person plans at \$198.00 per month, Family plans at \$247 per month; all in accordance with the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha reported to the Board a summary of the Tuscola County Local Task Force 7A meeting, and presented a list of the approved county-wide federal aid projects.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak that the Board go into closed session at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of discussing union negotiations. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

At 10:40 A.M. the Board returned to open session.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak that the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board

January 3, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 8:00 A.M.

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

Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey called the meeting to order.

Nominations were opened for Chairman of the Board.

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

John Laurie was unanimously elected.

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

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Gary Parsell was nominated by Pat Sheridan and seconded by Julie Matuszak.

Gary Parsell was unanimously elected.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the minutes of the December 20, 2012 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the minutes of the closed session of the Board dated December 20, 2012 be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$112,726.21 and bills in the amount of \$184,324.46 covered by vouchers #12-48 and #13-01 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.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan that the bids for 2013 Liquid De-Icing Materials taken and accepted at the last regular meeting of the Board be awarded to Mid Thumb Materials, Inc., as recommended by Management. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed Old State Road and the Michigan Department of Transportation's M-25 bridge project. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the Tuscola County Road Commission conduct bi-weekly bridge inspections of the Old State Road Bridge over the Quanicasse River Cut for the duration of the M-25 bridge project,

and that the inspection costs be billed to the Michigan Department of Transportation. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha reported to the Board that the Tuscola County Drain Commission conducted a drain project along Koepfgen Road south of Muntz Road. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is requesting the installation of an additional driveway with this project. After discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak to table any action regarding the Tuscola County Drain Commission's project along Koepfgen Road until the funding for the installation of an additional driveway is determined. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zaverucha reported to the Board that Sterling Excavation, Inc. has violated the terms of their Right-Of-Way Permit while working on the Wisner Township Municipal Water System. Zaverucha reported that Sterling Excavation used improper lane closures and temporarily removed a stop sign on Vassar Road between Dickerson and M-25 during the project. Mr. Dave Likavec with Sterling Excavation and Mr. Mark Norton with Civil Engineering Consultants explained their misunderstanding and reported that they will comply with the permit terms going forward. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the Tuscola County Road Commission continues to monitor the work conducted by Sterling Excavation, Inc. regarding the Wisner Township Municipal Water System, and that any further violations of the terms of their Right-Of-Way Permit, not corrected when requested, will cause the permit to be forfeited. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman Laurie was excused from the meeting at 8:40 A.M.

Management and the Board discussed the Road Commission's winter maintenance operations.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell --- Carried.

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board

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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 10, 2013 - 7:30 a.m.

H. H. Purdy Building – 125 W. Lincoln St, Caro MI 48723

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: District #3 – Christine Trisch, District #4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District #5 – Matthew Bierlein

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: District #1 - Roger Allen, District #2 – Thomas Bardwell

Also Present – Jodi Fetting, Mike Hoagland, Bob Klenk, Mike Miller and Mary Drier

Finance

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Trisch

Primary Finance Items

1. **Court Appointed Attorney Contract Probate Court Developmentally Disabled** – To be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. **Circuit Court/ Family Court Legal Services Contract** – To be placed on the Consent Agenda
3. **Wind Energy Assessing/Taxation Update** – Meeting to be held on January 10, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
4. **Potential Agreement for Dental Clinics to Serve the Uninsured** – Continue to work with County Attorneys.
5. **Meeting to Explore Potential Re-Use of Camp Tuscola** – Tour scheduled for January 14, 2013 at 2:30 P.M. Currently Senator Green, Representative Brown and EDC Director Steve Erickson are scheduled to attend. Public is also encouraged to attend.
6. **NACo Prescription Drug Card Update** - Program has been a success and additional cards have been handed out.
7. **Dispatcher Training Funding Distribution** – Bob Klenk appeared to inform the Board of details of the program. To be placed on the Consent Agenda.
8. **Treasury Comments Regarding Service Consolidations** – Update was provided and no action is needed at this time.
9. **Drain Office Budgeted Vehicle Purchase** – To be placed on the Consent Agenda.
10. **Commissioner Cell Phone Contract** – Contract to be finalized.
11. **Increase cost of CCW photos for Clerk’s Office** – To be placed on the Consent Agenda.
12. **Overview of County Finances** – Review of Tuscola County Financials

Secondary/On-Going Finance Items

1. Delay Health Department Parking Lot Improvements Until Wind Revenue Determination
2. Process to Bid County Health Insurances – Process to begin early 2013

3. Personal Property Tax – More Information Necessary
4. Development of Financial Projections for Labor Negotiations and 2014 Budget Preparation
5. Prepare Bids for Preparation of the 2013 County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Audit)
6. Medical Care Facility Small House Project Update

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Trisch

Primary Personnel Items

1. **Potential Joint Dispatch Director with Huron County** – Bob Klenk provided preliminary information regarding consolidation and how to potentially decrease costs.

Secondary/On-Going Personnel Items

1. New Hire Wage/Fringe Benefits
2. Circuit/Family Court Personnel Policies
3. Impact of Right-to-Work on Tuscola Unions and Negotiations
4. Preservation of the Joint Tuscola/Huron Equalization Director

Recessed at 8:45 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:50 a.m.

Building and Grounds

Committee Leader-Commissioners Allen and Beirlein

Primary Building and Grounds Items

1. **Budgeted Project to Add Jail Beds** – Discussion as to different avenues on how to proceed in the future. Further discussion to continue.
2. **Agricultural Irrigation and Residential Wells** - Meeting January 16, 2013 8:30 A.M. also SB 1008
3. **Gas and Oil Lease Meeting (Fracking)** - Meeting January 10, 2013, 6:30 P.M. at the TISD
4. **Maintenance at the State Police Building**

Secondary/On-Going Building and Grounds Items

1. Xoom Energy Savings Assessment
2. Buildings and Grounds Multi-Year Financial Plan Update
3. Update to the County Solid Waste Management Plan - EDC

Other Business as Necessary

1. Central Dispatch 2012 Annual Report - Report previously distributed
2. Joining MAC Committees - Information previously distributed

3. Declining Great Lakes Water Levels and Potential Solutions
4. Pending Litigation
5. BC/BS Access Fees Lawsuit
6. Update County Web Site
7. Determine a Method to Explore Further Service Consolidations

Public Comment Period - None

Closed Session – None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

**Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
Thursday January 10, 2013
HH Purdy Building
125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI**

Called to order: 9:08 a.m.

Commissioners present: Trisch, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein

Also present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Mike Miller, Bob Klenk

Claims and per diems were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment - none

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk



Government Finance Officers Association
203 N. LaSalle Street - Suite 2700
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone (312) 977-9700 Fax (312) 977-4806

January 9, 2013

Michael R. Hoagland
Controller/Administrator
Tuscola County
125 W. Lincoln St., Ste 500
Caro MI 48723

Dear Mr. Hoagland:

We are pleased to notify you that your comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Each entity submitting a report to the Certificate of Achievement review process is provided with a "Summary of Grading" form and a confidential list of comments and suggestions for possible improvements in its financial reporting techniques. Your list has been enclosed. You are strongly encouraged to implement the recommended improvements into the next report and submit it to the program. If it is unclear what must be done to implement a comment or if there appears to be a discrepancy between the comment and the information in the CAFR, please contact the Technical Services Center (312) 977-9700 and ask to speak with a Certificate of Achievement Program in-house reviewer.

Certificate of Achievement program policy requires that written responses to the comments and suggestions for improvement accompany the next fiscal year's submission. Your written responses should provide detail about how you choose to address each item that is contained within this report. These responses will be provided to those Special Review Committee members participating in the review.

When a Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement (AFRA) is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated by the government as primarily responsible for its having earned the Certificate. As the designated individual we have enclosed your AFRA.

Clayette A. Zechmeister, Chief Accountant

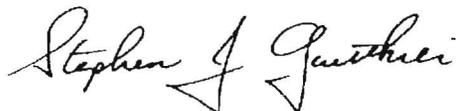
Your Certificate of Achievement plaque will be shipped to you under separate cover in about eight weeks. We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release has been enclosed. We suggest that you provide copies of it to local newspapers, radio stations and television stations. In addition, details of recent recipients of the Certificate of Achievement and other information about Certificate Program results are available in the "Awards Program" area of our website. www.gfoa.org.

A current holder of a Certificate of Achievement may include a reproduction of the award in its immediately subsequent CAFR. A camera ready copy of your Certificate is enclosed for that purpose. If you reproduce your Certificate in your next report, please refer to the enclosed instructions. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year. To continue to participate in the Certificate of Achievement Program it will be necessary for you to submit your next CAFR to our review process.

In order to expedite your submission we have enclosed a Certificate of Achievement Program application form to facilitate a timely submission of your next report. This form should be completed and sent (postmarked) with three copies of your report, three copies of your application, three copies of your written responses to the program's comments and suggestions for improvement from the prior year, and any other pertinent material with the appropriate fee by June 30, 2013.

Your continued interest in and support of the Certificate of Achievement Program is most appreciated. If we may be of any further assistance, please contact Delores Smith (dsmith@gfoa.org or (312) 578-5454).

Sincerely,
Government Finance Officers Association

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen J. Gauthier". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director
Technical Services Center

SJG/ds



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NEWS RELEASE

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(Chicago)--The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to **Tuscola County** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to:

Michael R. Hoagland, Controller/Administrator

Clayette A. Zechmeister, Chief Accountant

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.

Certificate of Achievement For Excellence in Financial Reporting

Summary of Grading

Name of Unit: Tuscola County
Fiscal Year of Report FY2011

Report # 3,521.00

The Certificate of Achievement Program Special Review Committee (SRC) has completed its review of your comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). Listed below are the grading categories used and a summary of the SRC's evaluation of your CAFR. The detailed comments and suggestions for reporting improvements on the attached listing are grouped under similar grading categories. Any category which received a grade of "Needs Significant Improvement" indicates an area of particular concern to the SRC and the related comments and suggestions for improvement in this category should be given special attention. An indication is provided on the list by the specific comments(s) or category(ies) that were the cause of receiving this grade. For each item, the notation also states whether it is 1) the basis or part of the basis for the CAFR not receiving the Certificate of Achievement, 2) a serious deficiency which will almost certainly preclude the awarding of the Certificate of Achievement if it is not corrected in your next CAFR, or 3) a deficiency, that if not corrected in future CAFRs, could result in the Certificate of Achievement not being awarded.

<u>Grading Category</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Cover, table of contents, and formatting	Proficient
Introductory section	Proficient
Report of the independent auditor	Proficient
Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A)	Proficient
Basic financial statements (preliminary considerations)	Proficient
Government-wide financial statements	Proficient
Fund financial statements (general considerations)	Proficient
Governmental fund financial statements	Proficient
Proprietary fund financial statements	Proficient
Fiduciary fund financial statements	Proficient
Summary of significant accounting policies (SSAP)	Proficient
Note disclosure (other than the SSAP and pension-related disclosures)	Proficient
Pension-related note disclosures	Proficient
Required supplementary information (RSI)	Proficient
Combining and individual fund information and other supplementary information	Proficient
Statistical section	Proficient
Other considerations	Proficient

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Presented to

Tuscola County
Michigan

For its Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report
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December 31, 2011

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