

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013 – 7:30 A.M.**

**H. H. PURDY BUILDING BOARD ROOM
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7:30 A.M. Call to Order – Vice Chairperson Allen

Prayer – Commissioner Allen

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bierlein

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Adoption of Agenda

Brief Public Comment Period

New Business

-Agricultural Renaissance Zone Designation Cass City

Dairy Farmers of America - Attachment 1

Old Business

Correspondence/Resolutions

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.

Mike Hoagland

From: Mike Hoagland [mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 2:44 PM
To: jfetting@tuscolacounty.org; Bierlein Matthew (mbierlein@tuscolacounty.org); Kirkpatrick Craig (kirkpatrick_craig@sbcglobal.net); Roger Allen (beetman95@yahoo.com); Tom Bardwell (tbardwell@hillsanddales.com; Trisch Christine (christinetrisch@gmail.com)
Cc: Erickson Steve (tuscolacountyedc@yahoo.com); John Axe (John Axe)
Subject: Special Board Meeting
Commissioners and County Clerk

Steve Erickson called me today and explained that Village of Cass City Officials are no longer going to request the County to issue bonds for the \$8 million sewer/water system upgrade for the Dairy Farmers of America project in Cass City. This means the bonds will not be backed by the full faith and credit of the general fund nor will the county be responsible should financial problems with bond repayment occur. It was explained that the village will issue revenue bonds therefore it will be their responsibility to make what ever financial arrangements that are required to assure bonds are repaid.

Steve did explain that Cass City is no longer rated a distressed community and therefore it does not qualify to make application to the state for an agricultural renaissance zone. However, the county does meet the distressed criteria and can submit an application. The EDC Director explained that the Village has requested the county to make application for the renaissance zone designation. Essentially, the renaissance zone designation exempts the company from paying most taxes for 15 years.

The EDC Director recommends the county make application for renaissance zone designation. The Board already approved a resolution supporting application. The change is the Board would not just be supporting but would make the application. Since the Board was willing to support the application I believe it is logical that they now make the application.

We need to move quickly and approve the application. I have called all of you but so far only heard back from Roger and Matt. (Craig is at NACO) I will ask the County Clerk to post a Special Board meeting today for this Friday, July 19, 2013 at 7:30 A.M. to comply with posting requirements. Steve will bring the application to the meeting for signature.

Please call as soon as possible so we are sure to have a quorum.

Mike

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