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Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee  
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Animal Control  
Solid Waste Management

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 March 10, 2016 Full Board & Statutory Finance Minutes
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #3 Parks & Recreation Passport Grant Resolution Information
- #4 Wind Turbine Information Packet
- #5 March 2016 Health Department Report
- #6 March 21, 2016 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- #7 March 1, 2016 Road Commission Minutes
- #8 IRS 2016 Mileage Rate Notice
- #9 Dispatch Out-of-State Travel Request

*Draft*  
TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
March 10, 2016 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016, to order at 3:00 o'clock p.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick (via Google Hangouts), District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Andrew Dietderich, Sandy Nielsen, Treasurer Pat Donovan-Gray, Register John Bishop, Gretchen Tenbush, Tip MacGuire, Ann Hepfer, Eileen Hiser, Dr. Richard Horsch, Orlando Todd, Jon Gonzales, Renee Francisco, Walt Schlichting, Steve Anderson, Sue Jensen, Sharon Mika, Dan Grimshaw

*Adoption of Agenda -*

16-M-031

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to adopt the agenda. Motion Carried.

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*

16-M-032

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the February 11, 2016 meeting. Motion Carried.

\*Note: The February 25, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting was cancelled due to weather.

*Brief Public Comment Period -*

-Renee updated the Board regarding the upcoming Statutory Finance Meeting. The reports to be reviewed will be from the dates of February 11th, February 25th and March 10th.

-Sandy Nielsen - The Smart911 system was launched and is live. If a person would like to register, they need to visit [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) and create a profile.

By doing this, the system will provide helpful and critical information to the 911 Dispatcher if you were to call for assistance.

-Clerk Fetting - The Tuscola County MSU Extension proposal passed with a 71% yes vote at the March 8th election. The Canvass is underway and is going smoothly.

Consent Agenda Resolution -  
16-M-033

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that the following Consent Agenda Resolutions from the February 22, 2016 and March 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meetings be adopted. Motion Carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA February 22, 2016**

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/22/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the information packet reviewed at the February 22, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the Michigan State University Extension millage funding proposal for the March 8, 2016 ballot be approved for general use and is authorized to be displayed on the county web site.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/22/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the County Information Systems Director, that the policy for electronic mail retention be approved and forwarded to all departments.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/22/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the County Information Systems Director, that the policy for social media be approved and forwarded to all departments.

**Agenda Reference:** D

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/22/16

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the County Information Systems Director, that a fiber optic line be extended to the Maintenance Garage on Luder Road at a one-time cost of \$500 and an on-going cost of \$60 per month to eliminate the need for a wireless radio connection.

**Agenda Reference:** E

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/22/16

**Description of Matter:** Move that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and the Prosecutor be authorized to refill the vacant Full-Time Secretary II position.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
March 7, 2016**

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/07/16
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve a 12 month extension of the Material Recovery Facility agreement with the City of Caro and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/07/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the March 4, 2016 request from the Mosquito Abatement Director that the 2016 Mosquito Abatement budget be amended by \$185,334.53 through the use of fund balance to make the final payment on the Mechanic/Storage Garage which was supposed to occur in 2015 but will not occur until 2016.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/07/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2015 Drain Commission Annual Report be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/07/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the March 7, 2016 letter from the Drain Commission that the Revolving Drain Fund be increased from \$410,000 to \$510,000 to meet the increasing cash flow start-up costs of drainage projects. (The Revolving Drain Fund is repaid after funds from assessments and other sources are received to pay for the drainage project).
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- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/07/16
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- Agenda Reference:** G
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- Agenda Reference:** H
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#### New Business

-County Health Department Accreditation - Orlando Todd and Jon Gonzales presented a Certificate of Accreditation with Commendation to the Tuscola County Health Department. Mr. Todd recognized many individuals that work at the Health Department for the exemplary job they do.

-Treasurer Foreclosure Fund/Staffing - Mike Hoagland reviewed past trends in the Foreclosure Fund.

#### 16-M-034

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that a minimum of \$111,000 in wage/fringe costs for employees working in the County Treasurer's Office involving the tax foreclosure process be budgeted annually for payment from the foreclosure fund. If it is determined that this minimum wage/fringe payment amount from the foreclosure fund cannot be maintained, in addition to the minimum base transfer to the General Fund of \$50,000, then staffing reductions will be implemented and if necessary the elimination of full-time positions. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

## 16-M-035

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the County Treasurer agrees to make a minimum base annual transfer from the Foreclosure Fund to the General Fund of \$50,000 for indirect and other related operational costs. If the formula method from the statute is more than \$50,000 then the higher amount will be transferred to the General Fund. Motion Carried.

## 16-M-036

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that \$450,000 of the total County Foreclosure Fund (532) balance be designated as committed for the 2015 county audit for the following purposes as recommended by the County Treasurer:

- Obligations to maintain/demolish acquired buildings/properties - \$100,000
- Retention/deductible costs for lawsuits filed related to the foreclosure process - \$100,000
- Delinquent Tax Fund Reimbursement - \$250,000

Motion Carried.

-Equalization Director Letter of Retirement - Walt Schlichting announced he is planning to retire at the end of January 2017.

## 16-M-037

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to receive and place on file the letter of resignation from Walter Schlichting, Equalization Director, with said resignation to be effective at the end of January 2017. Motion Carried.

-Accounting for MSU-e - Mike Hoagland will continue to update the Board regarding the accounting portion now that the millage has overwhelmingly passed.

-County Video – CGI Communications - Eean Lee and Mike Hoagland are working on the project. Mike Hoagland has received a communication back from the County Attorney and there is concern on the contract language. Matter Discussed.

-Behavioral Health System Vacancies - Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board of Directors made recommendations for their Board re-appointments.

## 16-M-038

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that per the recommendation of the Behavioral Health Systems Board to re-appoint Mr. David Griesing, Ms. Susan McNett, Mr. Walter Szostak and Ms. Karen Snider to the Behavioral Health Systems Board for three year terms with an effective date of April 1, 2016. Motion Carried.

-2016 Mosquito Abatement Seasonal Employees - Kim Green requested the hiring of seasonal employees for the upcoming season.

16-M-039

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Young that the following list of seasonal employees be authorized for hire for the 2016 season. (Contingent upon satisfactory physical and background check).

John Adamczyk	Kirk Bauer	Robert Burcham
Jack Clark	Matthew Downing	Jeff Edgley
Kurt Fritz	Lee Garnsey	Donald Gohs
Gavin Greer	Adam Hildner	Larry Langenberg
Richard Lester	Terry Morely	Richard Myers
William Owensby	Lisa Ozbat	Thomas Perkins
Renee Raney	Nicholas Schultz	Mark Seelye
Michael Sherman	Warren Swackhamer	Patrick Webster
Larry Zapfe	Wardell Asmus	Steven Burcham
Patrick Dennis	Tyler Fowler	Rodney Hood
Aaron Longerbeam	Marissa Marz	Amos Perkins
Robert Potrykus	David Smith	Michael Westerby

Motion Carried.

-Mosquito Abatement Budget Amendment for Requested Staffing Change - Tabled until the next meeting to allow Kim Green to attend.

-Mosquito Abatement Annual Report - Board would like Kim Green to review at the next meeting.

16-M-040

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the 2015 Mosquito Abatement Annual Report be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Huron County Resolution in opposition of section 298 in the boilerplate of the Governor's FY17 budget.

-Michigan Grant Seminar hosted by Senator Green will be on April 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Brentwood.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board - Meets Next Tuesday.  
County Road Commission  
Board of Public Works  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Phragmite meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m.  
Parks & Recreation  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report -  
-LEAD Tuscola has developed a way to increase volunteerism.  
-MAC Board appointment - MAC Economic Development and Taxation Committee.

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Meets Next Week.  
Caro DDA/TIFA - Meets Next Week.  
MAC Economic Development/Taxation  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District - Scheduling the meeting was discussed.  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Attended the Ellington Township Meeting regarding windmills last night.  
TRIAD  
Human Services Collaborative Council  
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Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Mike Hoagland is attending on behalf of Commissioner Bierlein.  
Human Development Commission (HDC)  
Tuscola 2020  
Recycling Advisory Committee - Meeting today.  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
Great Start Collaborative Council - Meets in April. Imagination Library Fundraiser is on March 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Tuscola In-Sync  
MAC Board of Directors - Conference was well attended and was very informative. Update provided on some legislation changes coming.  
Human Services Collaborative Council  
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TRISCH

Board of Health

Planning Commission - Meeting was last night.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - EDC is working on new restaurant in Vassar.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Animal Control

Solid Waste Management - Update provided.

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Commissioner Young will attend on behalf of Commissioner Kirkpatrick on March 30th.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Land Acquisition

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MEMS All Hazards

MAC-Environment Energy Land Use

Oil/Shale Work Group

Cass River Greenways Pathway

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk

Statutory Finance Committee Minutes  
March 10, 2016  
H.H. Purdy Building  
125 W. Lincoln St, Caro MI

Meeting called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Young, Bardwell, Trisch, Bierlein

Commissioners Absent: Kirkpatrick

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee

Claims and Per Diems from the February 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved as the previous signed report had been misplaced.

Claims and Per Diems from the February 25, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved through email as the February 25, 2016 meeting was cancelled due to weather. The report was signed today.

Claims and Per Diems were reviewed and approved for March 10, 2016.

Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 at 8:00 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:

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**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.

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Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

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Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

**mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org**

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**From:** Vicky Sherry <vsherry@tuscolaedc.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2016 10:26 AM  
**To:** Mike Hoagland  
**Cc:** Robert McKay  
**Subject:** Items for March 24th BOC meeting  
**Attachments:** Passport Grant Resolution.docx; 2016 Park CIP.pdf; Resolution of Adoption.docx

Good Morning Mike,

I have attached the items necessary for the Park's recreation passport grant application and the adoption of the park and recreation master plan.

These items should be conducted in the following order:

1. approval of the Capital Improvement Plan
2. adoption of the passport grant resolution
3. public hearing for the park and recreation master plan
4. adoption resolution for the park and recreation master plan

If you have any questions or need more information please feel free to contact me.

Thank you and have a great day,  
Vicky

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Vicky Sherry  
Communications Director  
Tuscola County EDC  
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Caro, MI 48723  
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## TUSCOLA COUNTY

### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

125 W. LINCOLN STREET 989.672.3700

CARO, MI 48723

FAX: 989.672.4011

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## TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

### VANDERBILT COUNTY PARK AND CAMPGROUND

### 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The following capital improvements for Vanderbilt County Park and Campground for 2016 are dependent upon available funding. Such funding may be incurred through grants, donations, and other sponsorship.

<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
<u>18 ADA Compliant Campfire Rings</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
<u>6 Universal Design Picnic Tables</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<u>1 Potable Waterline with ADA spigot and handle</u>	<u>\$3,800.00</u>
<u>Upgrade campground entrance (150 tons 22a or 23a gravel)</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
	<b><u>Total: \$14,300.00</u></b>

Recommended for approval by the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission: 02/17/2016

Approved by Tuscola County Board of Commissioners:

#### **Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission is to provide and coordinate year-round recreational opportunities for people of all abilities, and to meet the needs of area residents and regional visitors while protecting wildlife and nature.*

County of Tuscola  
125 West Lincoln Street  
Caro, MI 48723

Resolution of Authorization for 2016 Michigan DNR Passport Grant Application

WHEREAS, The County of Tuscola supports the submission of an application titled, “Vanderbilt County Park and Campground Improvement Project” to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant Program for development of the installation of a potable water line, universal design picnic tables, universal design campfire rings, and upgrades to the campground entrance lanes at Vanderbilt County Park and Campground, and

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by current annual Tuscola County Park and Recreation Commission’s 2016 Capital Improvement Plan for Vanderbilt County Park and Campground, and

WHEREAS, the County of Tuscola has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$3,600.00 matching fund, in cash and/or force account, and

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded the County of Tuscola commits its local match amounts from the Tuscola County General Fund, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes submission of a Recreation Passport Grant Program application for \$10,700.00, and further resolves to make available a local match through financial commitment of \$3,600.00 (25%) of a total \$14,300.00 project cost, during the 2017 – 2018 fiscal year.

AYES:

NAYES:

OBSTAIN:

ABSENT:

MOTION APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola at their regular meeting held on March 24, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. at 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723 with a quorum present.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jody Fetting – Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**County of Tuscola**  
**Resolution Regarding Adoption**  
**2017 – 2021 Tuscola County Park and Recreation Master Plan**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners held on March 24, 2016, at 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro MI 48723 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

The following preamble and resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission has undertaken a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2017 and 2021, and

WHEREAS, an open public meeting for review was held on February 17, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. at the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Chambers, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan 48723, and

WHEREAS, a 30 day public review of the Park and Recreation Master Plan Draft was provided to the public at the Tuscola County Controller's Office, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan 48723, Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, 141 S. Almer Street, Caro, Michigan 48723, and the Tuscola County website [www.tuscolacounty.org](http://www.tuscolacounty.org), to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Park and Recreation Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission has developed the Park and Recreation Master Plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the Park and Recreation Master Plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreational needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing session was held on March 24, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the Tuscola County Board of Commissioner's Chambers, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Tuscola hereby adopts the 2017 – 2021 Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a guideline for improving park and recreation for the residents of the County of Tuscola.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION DECLARED \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ UNADOPTED

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jody Fetting – Clerk

I hereby certify and attest that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola at a regular meeting thereof held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jody Fetting - Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Tuscola County Parks & Recreation**  
**Master Plan Public Hearing**  
**March 24, 2016**  
**8:30 a.m.**

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners is conducting a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. to receive public comments regarding the 2017 – 2021 Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Public Hearing will be held at the HH Purdy Building which is located at 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723. Copies of the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan are available for review at the County Controller's Office which is located at the same address as above, at the Tuscola County Economic Development Corp. located at 141 S. Almer Street, Caro, MI and on the Tuscola County website, [www.tuscolacounty.org](http://www.tuscolacounty.org).

# Public Notices

unless presented to PEGGY A. RANDALL, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 440 M-61, Caro, MI 48723 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

03/10/2016  
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Wendy Turner P45875  
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Ste. 103  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331  
(248) 848-9408  
PEGGY A. RANDALL  
1570 PINE CREST DR.  
CARO, MI 48723  
(989) 670-0872  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 462**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 44-49 CITY OF CARO CODE**  
**THE CITY OF CARO ORDINANCES:**  
**SECTION 1.** The Zoning Map for the City of Caro on file in the City Clerk's office as more fully set forth in Section 44-49 is conditionally rezoned from B-2 General Business Districts to I-1, Light Industrial Districts for the property described as follows, to wit: City of Caro, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan: All the land in Block 26, Original Plat of Cameroville (now Caro) according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 50, now being 56A, Tuscola County Records, lying easterly of the right of way of the New York Central Railroad and easterly to Bush Street on the North and

East, except a parcel described as commencing at the East corner of Lot 10, Block 26, thence South 45° East 43.75 feet; thence South 45° West 38.25 feet; thence South 62 feet; thence West 80.5 feet; thence North to the Northwest boundary line of said Lot 10; thence Northeast along said boundary line to the north corner of said Lot 10; thence South 45° East, 66 feet to place of beginning. Also that part of vacated alley lying Easterly on the right of way of the New York Central Railroad.

**SECTION 2.** The conditional rezoning of the property hereinbefore described is subject to all of the conditions hereinafter set forth in subsections A through H.

A. Northern portion only (divided by complete wall) consisting of approximately 6024 square feet of existing commercial building on Lot (see Diagram of Lot and Northern Portion of Building attached as Exhibit B, and additional photograph of Lot attached as Exhibit C) (hereinafter referred to as "Warehouse") shall be used for no other purposes than that warehousing and packaging of food pursuant to and limited by the conditions as set forth in subsection 2, 2a and 2b of Section 44-319 of Article XII, "I-1 Light Industrial Districts," of the Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the "Permitted Uses").

B. There shall be no use permitted outside of the existing commercial building upon the Lot,

other than those currently described in Section 44-208 Article XI of the City of Caro Ordinance, "B-2 General Business Districts" (the existing zoning district for the Property).

C. Within six months of the effective date of this Ordinance, the Owner shall construct an obscuring wall constructed of chain link fence, with intense evergreen shrub planting adjacent thereto, around the Warehouse (northern portion only as defined above), which is not less than 4 feet 6 inches in height, in accordance with subsection 2, Section 44-319 of Article XII. The owner shall also plant minimal greenery on the front yard of the existing building abutting Frank Street to enhance the character of the premises. This greenery may include signage consistent with the City of Caro Ordinance.

D. The specific food products to be packaged and/or warehouse shall be regionally grown agricultural food grade products, including, without limitation, organic beans, split and/or whole products (hereafter "Food Products"). A small portion of the Warehouse consisting of approximately 1240 square feet, may be used as a temperature-controlled unit (may include A/C unit) to preserve the integrity of the products

in the warmer months.

E. The Food Products shall be transported into and out of the Warehouse by means of the existing loading dock on the Northern end of the building, which enters and exits onto East Bush Street. Such vehicles may include semi trailer units and smaller trucks for transport to and from the Warehouse by owner or contracted transportation companies by vendors. The semi trailer units may back into the loading dock and use Ward Street and East Grant Street for means of access to Frank Street, or as otherwise authorized by the City of Caro in accordance with Section 36-209(B)(Designated Truck Routes). No semi truck unit may remain upon said loading dock on an overnight basis.

F. No mechanical equipment and/or vehicles may be used and/or installed at the warehouse with the exception of the following:

- (a) Forklift;
- (b) Commercial sewing machine (unit which pours grain into 50 pound paper bag and seves the top);
- (c) Electronic eye (mechanical tool used to inspect/weed out poor grain product before packaging);
- (d) Other equipment consistent with the above functions, (i.e. future bean "breaker", etc.).

G. The Permitted Uses shall not unreasonably interfere with any surrounding land owner or land use, including strict adherence to the following operational controls:

(a) Hours of operation, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday - Saturday;

(b) No noxious odors, gases or dust shall be emitted;

(c) No unreasonably noise shall be emitted therefrom;

(d) On site supervision by fully insured employees, owner or affiliates;

(e) The Permitted Uses hereinbefore set forth shall commence on or before six (6) months from the effective date of this Ordinance, or the property shall revert to its former zoning classification (B-2). Once the Permitted Uses hereinabove has commenced, the Owner shall continuously operate and maintain the use in

compliance with all of the conditions set forth herein. In the event the Permitted Uses hereinbefore set forth shall cease or no longer exist for a period exceeding twelve (12) months, the property hereinbefore described shall revert to its former zoning classification (B-2).

**SECTION 3. THIS Ordinance shall become effective after publication and expiration of the time prescribed by law.**

Adopted March 8, 2016  
Richard Powell  
City Mayor  
Kevin Grider  
City Clerk  
Exhibit B and C are available in the Clerk's office.  
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**ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS**

Monday, March 14, 2016      Thursday, March 17, 2016  
3:00 PM to 9:00 PM      9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Elmwood Township Hall, 6437 Lincoln St.  
Gagetown, Tuscola Co., Michigan

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real and personal property for 2016 are as follows.

Agricultural	48.26%	1.0361
Commercial	49.89%	1.0622
Industrial	26.99%	1.8525
Residential	50.46%	0.9909
Personal	50.00%	1.0000

\*This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

**ALMER CHARTER TOWNSHIP Board of Review Meetings**

Monday, March 14, 2016      Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM      9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM      1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Almer Township Hall, 1310 Cameron Rd.  
Tuscola Co., Michigan

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real and personal property for 2016 are as follows:

Agricultural	47.69%	1.0484
Commercial	57.43%	0.8706
Industrial	50.00%	1.0000
Residential	45.86%	1.0903
Personal	50.00%	1.0000

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**JUNIATA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS**

Monday, March 14, 2016      Tuesday, March 15, 2016  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM      2:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM      6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Juniata Township Hall, 1971 S. Ringle Rd., Watrousville  
Tuscola Co., Michigan

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real and personal property for 2016 are as follows:

Agricultural	46.04%	1.0860
Commercial	46.56%	1.0734
Industrial	14.85%	3.3670
Residential	46.43%	1.0769
Developmental	50.00%	1.0000

This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

**GILFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS**

The Gilford Township Board of Review will meet at the  
Gilford Township Hall,  
6230 W. Gilford Rd.  
Fairgrove, MI 48733

The Board will hear protest from Property owners on:

**Monday, March 14, 2015**  
from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 18, 2015**  
from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers necessary to compute individual state equalized values are as follows:

CLASS	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Agricultural	46.75%	1.0695
Commercial	51.79%	0.9654
Industrial	49.91%	1.0018
Residential	53.25%	0.9390
Personal	50.00%	1.0000

\*This meeting is open to the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

**ALMER CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE**

The regularly scheduled March board meeting has been changed to Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the township hall.

Peggy Reavey, Clerk

\*The meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

**ALMER CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**  
March 15, 2016  
7:00 PM

The Almer Charter Township board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 at the township hall 1310 Cameron Rd., Caro, MI. The Property Tax Millage Rate proposed to be levied to support the Proposed Budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection from township supervisor, Jim Milkovic, 3094 N. Graf Rd., Caro, MI. The scheduled township board meeting will follow the budget hearing.

Peggy Reavey, Clerk

\*The meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Master Plan Public Hearing  
March 24, 2016  
8:30 a.m.

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners is conducting a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. to receive public comments regarding the 2017-2021 Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Public Hearing will be held at the HH Purdy Building which is located at 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723. Copies of the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan are available for review at the County Controller's Office which is located at the same address as above, at the Tuscola County Economic Development Corp. located at 141 S. Almer Street, Caro, MI and on the Tuscola County website, www.tuscolacounty.org.

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**From:** mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org  
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**Cc:** Walt Schlichting (Walt Schlichting)  
**Subject:** Wind Turbine Information  
**Attachments:** Wind Energy in Tuscola County Information.docx

Commissioners

I was requested to put together information regarding wind energy development in the county for general distribution and possibly placement on the county website. Attached is a draft of what I have come up with so far. I have many hours into this project so please read the attached document and let me know if you have any revisions or additions. I have had the draft reviewed by some members of the Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative. I plan on presenting this information at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday.

As you know for several years we have been involved with issues concerning the wind companies. One of the issues has been Federal 1603 cash grants and whether these grants affect true cash value and the amount of tax revenue paid. At stake is literally tens of millions of dollars of revenue in our county. **I recently receive some favorable news from our attorneys regarding this issue. The Michigan Tax Tribunal Judge has issued an opinion that Federal 1603 cash grants do not reduce true cash value of wind turbines and the corresponding amount of tax revenue that has to be paid.** As part of this ruling, NextEra is also required to produce certain financial and related documents that will help to show their level of profitability. Keep in mind NextEra can and probably will appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals. The county has escrowed funds in case we lose and funds had to be paid back to NextEra. The good news is currently we are winning the war.

The issue with wind Multiplier Schedules remains unresolved. This issue is attempting to be resolved through negotiations with the wind development companies. The comprehensive professional study that MREC hired Appraisal Economics to conduct should be very helpful in making a strong case for our position.

Mike

Michael R. Hoagland  
 Tuscola County Controller/Administrator  
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[mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org](mailto:mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org)

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# DRAFT Wind Turbine Information for Tuscola County – (as of 3/21/16)



1. **Why are wind turbines being built in Tuscola County? – There is good consistent wind speeds, sufficient open spaces and willingness of private land owners to lease land to wind developers.**

Michigan Wind Resources Board studies show that Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties are leading areas of the state with the most consistent wind speeds necessary to cost effectively produce electricity using wind turbines. Generally, the northern portion of the county near Saginaw Bay has the best wind conditions.

The Thumb area has considerable open space with significant amounts of land in agriculture which is also considered important by wind development companies. Another factor that brought wind development to the county is the willingness of private property owners to lease land to developers.

2. **Are there requirements and incentives for renewable energy development? – Yes**

The State passed laws that required utility companies to produce 10% of their energy from renewable sources by the year end of 2015. Compliance with this requirement has been achieved primarily using wind energy development. The state has been studying a new standard for energy generation from renewable sources. Also, the federal government is providing funding for part of the construction cost through and tax incentives promoting renewable energy development to reduce dependency on fossil fuels.

3. **Who has regulatory authority over wind turbine development? – Townships, villages and cities.**

Regulatory authority over wind energy development is entirely with local units of government - not the county government. Local units of government include: townships, villages and cities.

Regulatory authority is exercised through the development of wind and zoning ordinances. Typical regulatory provisions include height, setback and permitted noise (decibel) levels.

- 4. When was the first wind turbine project built and how many have been built in Tuscola County at the end of 2015? – The first turbines were built in 2012 in Gilford Township with two more projects built in other townships of the county since 2012 for a total of 189 turbines.**

The first project was built by NextEra Energy in 2012 with the construction of 68 turbines in Gilford Township. The second project was constructed by NextEra in 2014 in Akron, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner Townships with 59 turbines. The third project was constructed by Consumers Energy in 2014 and 2015 with 62 turbines primarily in Columbia Township. There are 189 wind turbines currently in Tuscola County. These turbines are located in the Townships of Akron, Columbia, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner.

- 5. Is there more wind turbine construction planned in Tuscola County? – Yes**

NextEra Energy is planning a third 55-60 turbine project in Ellington and Almer Townships with construction currently slated to begin in 2016 and project completion anticipated in 2017. Consumers Energy has a second planned project currently for the year 2022 for Columbia and nearby Townships.

- 6. Are there beneficiaries from wind turbines? – Yes, property owners that have leases with the wind companies in addition to governments, schools and libraries and other entities with wind projects in their community that levy millages to provide public services.**

The amount of funds generated is based on the number of mills levied and the taxable value of the turbines located in the political jurisdiction. In 2014, \$4,070,000 total tax revenue was paid to taxing jurisdiction with wind turbines including: Intermediate School District (\$775,000), certain individual school districts (\$968,000), County (1,389,000), townships (\$718,000), libraries (\$151,000) and other (\$69,000).

With the addition of the Consumers Energy wind project the amount of total revenue received will increase. These funds are used for public services. The total amount paid in private property leases is unavailable. Lease payments provide increased spendable capital that has an overall positive economic impact. Development of renewable energy reduces dependency on fossil fuels and the negative environmental effects of carbon dioxide emissions

- 7. If wind turbine revenue did not become available could current services have been maintained at current levels? – No**

Tuscola is a county of modest financial means. This is caused by a limited tax base and weak economy. The county is still financially recovering from the great recession that occurred from 2009 to 2012. Without the estimated \$1.4 million in revenue from wind turbine construction and the International Transmission Company construction of the major new transmission line, the

county would not be able to sustain services at current levels. Significant service cuts would have been required or major new sources of revenue obtained.

**8. Does wind turbine revenue for taxing entities remain constant? – No, the amount of revenue received declines each year based on what is called a Multiplier Schedule.**

Depending on which Multiplier Schedule a local assessor uses, the year one multiplier may be 100% of taxable value, by year two this may drop to 90%, year three 80% and so on until the percentage levels out in 10 to 12 years at about 30% to 40% of the first year amount. If a taxing entity receives \$1,000,000 in the first year, the amount declines each year until in about 10 to 12 years only \$300,000 to \$400,000 is received.

The fact that revenue declines with time has major financial implications. Entities that receive these funds have to be careful to not build a level of dependency that cannot be sustained long term. The multiplier schedule remains highly controversial and has not been agreed to by the wind companies, state and local taxing entities.

**9. Is the method of assessing and taxing wind turbines agreed to by taxing entities and wind companies? – No, the Multiplier Schedule and Federal 1603 Cash Grants are in dispute.**

The dispute between county/local government and wind developers regarding the Multiplier Schedule and Federal 1603 Cash Grants has been on-going for over four years and is a major issue because literally tens of millions of dollars per wind project of revenue is at stake.

NextEra has for several years appealed their assessment for the wind projects in Tuscola County. They have argued that 30% of qualified costs cash grant can be deducted from historical cost when using the cost approach for determining true cash value. In other words, NextEra argues because Federal funding was involved (1603 cash grants) the true cash value of the wind projects is 30% less which in their opinion means their tax responsibility is 30% less. The position of county/local government is the true cash value of the projects are not reduced because Federal 1603 cash grants paid a portion of the construction cost.

With respect to the multiplier schedule, in 2012 officials at the Michigan Tax Commission (STC) changed the schedule. The net effect of this change was the amount of tax revenue received over the life of a wind project was reduced by about 28%. There was no rationale provided by the STC to justify this change. This was extremely frustrating to counties and local units of government because the impact was the amount of revenue received was reduced by approximately 28%.

**10. What has been done to resolve the on-going dispute? – The Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative was formed and law/appraisal professionals were hired to assist. The Federal 1603 Cash Grant Issue is being heard by the Michigan Tax Tribunal.**

Tuscola County assisted in forming and joining the Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative (MREC) with four other counties (Huron, Sanilac, Gratiot and Mason) and many of the local units

of government in each of the counties. MREC was formed to protect the county, local government and public interests with respect to fair and equitable assessing and taxation of wind turbines. The law firm of Clark Hill and Appraisal Economics was hired. Appraisal Economics conducted a comprehensive study to determine a fair and equitable Multiplier Schedule.

The dispute will be decided by the Michigan Tax Tribunal (MTT). MREC and NextEra attorneys have both filed their "briefs". Pending the case outcome, MREC or NextEra could appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals. Tuscola County has escrowed funds to payback portions of taxes collected if the case is lost.

#### **11. Has the Michigan Tax Tribunal made any decisions? - Yes**

The legal team assisting MREC (Clark Hill) has recently received a favorable opinion from the Chief Judge of the MTT regarding the issue of Federal 1603 cash grants. Contrary to the arguments of NextEra a 30% of qualified costs cash grant cannot be deducted from historical cost when using the cost approach for determining true cash value. Simply stated, this opinion is Federal 1603 cash grants do not reduce true cash value of wind turbines and the corresponding amount of tax revenue that has to be paid. An adverse ruling for MREC would have been a tremendous potential loss in assessments (tens of millions per wind farm) and tax revenues.

This is the first decision of its kind in the country. The logic behind the decision should also be beneficial in other wind energy system tax appeals where the wind developer has argued for a similar deduction using the cost approach whether they have received a cash grant or taken a production tax credit or investment tax credit.

In addition the MTT has ordered the production of documents related to tax and other corporate financial information by the end of March.

Of course, it is important to note that the decision can be and probably will be appealed to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

**Tuscola County Health Department**  
**Board of Commissioners Monthly Report for March 2016**

Prepared by: Gretchen Tenbusch, RN, MSA, Health Officer

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**Outcomes for the Month:**

- We will be receiving \$20,000 for HIV prevention funding with the next CPBC amendment. This funding will cover HIV testing outside of court ordered clients until September 30, 2016. Staff attended a training to conduct a rapid HIV test along with data entry into a new system.
- The Abstinence Program hosted a parent program on Saturday, March 12th at the Charmont restaurant in Cass City. Mark Swales, MSP Trooper presented on "The Rise of Heroin and Underage Drinking". This presentation was free, with a luncheon included for parents only after the presentation.

**Issues under consideration by the Local Health Department:**

- The Family Planning program will be receiving an additional \$13,000 from MDHHS to implement a quality improvement project related to new recommendations for core family planning services. A required work plan is due on March 11th and funds will be reflected in the next amendment. Funds need to be expended by September 30, 2016.
- We will be holding two parenting classes a month utilizing Maternal Child Block funds. The Great Start Collaborative has offered to provide the health department with \$25,000 to provide additional parenting classes. The Start Now Committee met last Tuesday morning and they felt that these classes will be very valuable to the county, since they will be held consistently and not just a focus on infants. The classes are called Parent To Parent and are meant to assist parents with parenting skills and prevent child abuse and neglect. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance that they can provide to court.

**Issues to be brought to Board of Commissioners:**

- None.

*DRAFT*  
**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
Committee of the Whole  
Monday, March 21, 2016 – 8:00 A.M.  
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI**

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch, District 4 - Craig Kirkpatrick (via Google Hangouts), District 5 - Matthew Bierlein

Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Nancy Barrios, Register John Bishop, Undersheriff Glen Skrent

**Finance**  
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Bierlein

**Primary Finance**

1. **Draft Wind Revenue Informational Document** - Mike Hoagland prepared and reviewed a draft wind turbine informational document. Commissioners would like to review document presented. Matter to be placed on the agenda for Thursday's Board Meeting.
2. **Voted Special Purpose Millage Fund Balance Information as of 12-31-15** - Mike Hoagland reviewed the various estimated county millage fund balances.
3. **CGI Communications** - Mike Hoagland reviewed the attorney's response regarding proposed contract with CGI Communications. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. **Michigan Medical Marijuana Act – Budgeting/Accounting of Funds** - Undersheriff Skrent reviewed the use of the allocation of funds to be received. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
5. **Equalization Director Replacement and Joint Director Alternatives** - Mike Hoagland would like to meet with Huron County to discuss the possibility of retaining a combined Director. Commissioner Bierlein would like to have an estimation of the cost of a new Level 3 vs Level 4 Director prepared first. Matter to be discussed further at an upcoming meeting.

Recessed at 8:42 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:50 a.m.

6. **MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting Agenda/Date, Etc.** - Mike Hoagland reviewed the proposed district meeting agenda. Commissioners would like to get feedback from the District as to the preferred roundtable discussion topics.

7. **Recycling Millage Renewal** - County Attorney submitted proposed millage renewal language to be placed on the August 2016 ballot. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
8. **Road Commission Letter of Complaint** - Commissioner Young has contacted Steve Olson that wrote the letter of complaint. He is waiting a return call.
9. **Vanderbilt Park** - Mike Miller updated the board regarding the temporary parking ordinance sign explaining the new ordinance. Nancy Barrios was concerned with how the temporary ordinance sign was adhered to the Vanderbilt Park sign. Mike Miller will make sure any necessary repair work is completed when the permanent sign is put into place.
10. **Tuscola County Road Work Proposed for 2016** - Commissioner Kirkpatrick received the proposed road work schedule and shared with the Board.

#### On-Going Finance

1. Jail Planning – National Institute of Corrections – Follow-up Committee Meeting scheduled for April 11, 2016 - Update Provided.
2. Retirement System Bond Sale – March 23, 2016 - Update Provided.
3. Meeting with MMRMA Mitigation Insurance Losses and Litigation – April 19, 2016
4. Johnson Controls Energy Efficiency - No updated.
5. Road Commission Legacy Cost - Meeting to be scheduled.
6. Dispute Concerning Wind Turbine Assessing/Taxation
7. Update Multi-Year County Financial Plan
8. MSU-e/4-H Loan Repayment and Memorandum of Understanding - Mike Hoagland will work with the Chief Accountant to set up the repayment schedule. Register Bishop asked if there would be interest charged to MSUe. Mike Hoagland stated it has not been previously handled this way.

#### Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioner Trisch

#### Primary Personnel

1. **Review Lifting Hiring Freeze to Concur with Hiring of Budgeted Part-Time Maintenance** - Mike Miller explained his request. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going Personnel - None

**Building and Grounds**  
Committee Leader-Young

**Primary Building and Grounds - None**

On-Going Building and Grounds

1. Vanderbilt Park Grant Application - Commissioner Young has followed up with Vicky Sherry on the Grant.

**Other Business as Necessary -**

- Mike Miller updated the Board there will be two bills coming through in regards to the County Jail. One will be for a hot water tank that needed to be replaced. Another will be from having asbestos removed in order to repair a plumbing leak.
- Marquette County forwarded a letter in opposition to the appointment the Governor made to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.
- Senator Green is hosting a meeting regarding grant applications.
- Dr. Bush is having trouble retaining medical examiners. He has a new list of examiners that will be attending training.

**Public Comment Period -**

- Register Bishop asked why interest is not charged when money is fronted prior to a millage being levied. Commissioner Bierlein asked to have the matter placed on the next Finance Committee meeting for discussion.
- Eean Lee thanked the Commissioners for their patience in moving forward with technology in trying to improve attending the meetings remotely.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

March 1, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 8:00 A.M., rescheduled from Thursday, February 25, 2016 due to inclement weather.

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.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the February 11, 2016 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$115,186.62 and bills in the amount of \$205,810.54 covered by vouchers #16-09, #16-10, and #16-11 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.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Parsell that the following Seasonal Weight Restrictions were put into effect on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 7:00 A.M.

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

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

On Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. the following bids were opened for the Cass City Road over the Latimer Drain Box Culvert Fabrication and Installation Project:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
Nicol and Sons, Inc.	\$ 262,060.15
Marlette Excavating Company	275,014.44
Worth Construction, Inc.	282,459.25
Bilacic Trucking	289,006.00
Waldorf and Sons, Inc.	321,464.21
L.J. Construction, Inc.	329,994.00
Heystek Contracting, Inc.	347,510.00
Anlaan Corporation	442,880.00

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan that the bids opened on Thursday, February 25, 2016 for the Cass City Road over the Latimer Drain Box Culvert Fabrication and Installation Project be accepted and awarded to Nicol and Sons, Inc., as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

On Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2016 Seed and Mulch:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Hydro seeding, Mulch, Straw</u>	<u>Hydro seeding, Mulch, Paper</u>	<u>Seed, Fertilizer, Mulch Blanket</u>
West Branch Greenhouse	\$ .65 SYD	\$ .65 SYD	\$ 6.50 SYD

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Parsell that the bids opened on Thursday, February 25, 2016 for 2016 Seed and Mulch be accepted and awarded to West Branch Greenhouse. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

On Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 9:15 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2016 Roadside Vegetation Control Spraying:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Item A</u>	<u>Item B</u>	<u>Item C</u>	<u>Item D</u>	<u>Item E</u>
Owen Tree Service	\$ 94.00 p/mile \$ 8.00 p/tenth	\$ 95.00 p/mile \$ 8.00 p/tenth	\$240.00 p/mile \$ 22.00 p/tenth \$225.00 p/twp. \$201.00 p/twp./2nd	\$107.00 p/int.	\$0.04 p/lft(1)
Kappen Excavating	\$140.00 p/mile \$ 15.00 p/tenth	\$ 97.00 p/mile \$ 8.90 p/tenth	\$245.00 p/mile \$ 25.00 p/tenth \$230.00 p/twp. \$205.00 p/twp./2nd	\$105.00 p/int.	\$0.06 p/lft(1)
The Dalton's	\$132.00 p/mile \$ 11.00 p/tenth	\$ 94.00 p/mile \$ 9.00 p/tenth	\$235.00 p/mile \$ 24.00 p/tenth \$230.00 p/twp. \$195.00 p/twp./2nd	\$109.00 p/int.	\$0.05 p/lft(1)
TruGreen	\$502.38 p/mile \$ 50.24 p/tenth	\$1046.64 p/mile \$104.65 p/tenth	\$1046.64 p/mile \$104.65 p/tenth	\$162.50 p/int.	\$3.10 p/lft(1)

\$1046.64 p/twp.

\$1046.64 p/twp./2nd

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that the bids opened on Thursday, February 25, 2016 for 2016 Roadside Vegetation Control Spraying be accepted and awarded to Owen Tree Service, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

On Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 9:30 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2016 Pavement Marking:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>WPM, 4" White</u>	<u>WPM, 4" Yel.</u>	<u>W.RR X Sym.</u>	<u>Cold Plastic RR X Sym.</u>	<u>Reg. Dry 4" White</u>	<u>Reg. Dry 4" Yellow</u>
P.K. Contracting, Inc.	\$0.0410 p/lft	\$0.0570 p/lft	\$125.00 ea.	\$405.00 ea.	\$0.050 p/lft	\$0.070 p/lft
M&M Pavement Mark.	\$0.0400 p/lft	\$0.0410 p/lft	\$ 70.00 ea.	\$490.00 ea.	\$0.055 p/lft	\$0.059 p/lft
Mich. Pavement Mark.	\$0.0430 p/lft	\$0.0440 p/lft	\$100.00 ea.	\$400.00 ea.	\$0.049 p/lft	\$0.049 p/lft

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>WPM, Stop Bar</u>	<u>Cold Plastic Only</u>	<u>Cold Plastic Left Arrow</u>	<u>Cold Plastic Thru Arrow</u>	<u>Cold Plastic Thru Rt Turn</u>	<u>Cold Plastic Stop Bar</u>
P.K. Contracting, Inc.	\$2.40 p/lft	\$110.00 each	\$110.00 ea.	\$ 90.00 ea.	\$170.00 ea.	\$8.65 p/lft
M&M Pavement Mark.	\$1.50 p/lft	\$120.00 each	\$130.00 ea.	\$130.00 ea.	\$200.00 ea.	\$9.50 p/lft
Mich. Pavement Mark.	\$2.00 p/lft	\$125.00 each	\$125.00 ea.	\$100.00 ea.	\$195.00 ea.	\$10.00 p/lft

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the bids opened on Thursday, February 25, 2016 for 2016 Pavement Marking be accepted and awarded to M&M Pavement Marking, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the bids for 2016 Chip Seals taken and accepted at the last regular meeting of the Board be split awarded between Pavement Maintenance Systems and Fahrner Asphalt Sealer, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak that the bids for HMA Base Crushing, Shaping, and Compaction taken and accepted at the last regular meeting of the Board be awarded in the best interest of the Tuscola County Road Commission, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak that the quotes for Federal Aid Bridge Applications be awarded to R.S. Scott & Associates, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that the quotes for 2016 Bridge Inspection Services be awarded to Rowe Engineering, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed a proposed R.O.W. Abandonment on Castle Road in Watertown Township. Director of Finance Michael Tuckey reported to the Board that the Petition to Abandon and Discontinue document has been forwarded to the Watertown Township Board for processing.

Management and the Board discussed the pending wind turbine tax appeals with the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Director of Finance Michael Tuckey will further review the issue, and report back to the Board.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Sheridan to approve the request from the Tuscola Township Board to make the intersection of Ormes Road and Bray Road a 4-Way Stop intersection, as recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Road Commissioner Matuszak presented to the Board a report of snow days from Caro Community Schools.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the Tuscola County Road Commission cast a ballot for Blair Ballou of Eaton County to serve as a Board of Director of the Association of Southern Michigan County Road Agencies. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak to accept the quotes for the Survey & Design of the Huron Line Road Project, and to forward the results to the Columbia Township Board for their approval. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan to approve the request from the Cass River Greenway Trail Committee for the Road Commission's continued participation in the control of phragmites along the road right-of-ways draining into the Cass River. Sheridan, Matuszak, Parsell, Zwerk, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Sheridan that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

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Secretary-Clerk of the Board

## 2016 Standard Mileage Rates for Business, Medical and Moving Announced

IR-2015-137, Dec. 17, 2015

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today issued the 2016 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, 2016, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- \* • 54 cents per mile for business miles driven, down from 57.5 cents for 2015
- 19 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, down from 23 cents for 2015
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

The business mileage rate decreased 3.5 cents per mile and the medical, and moving expense rates decrease 4 cents per mile from the 2015 rates. The charitable rate is based on statute.

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. Notice 2016-01 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.

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March 22, 2016

From: Sandra Nielsen, Director

Subject: Out of State Travel

To: Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I am requesting permission to travel to the APCO (Association of Public Communications Officials) National Conference in Orland, Fl. The conference will be held August 14 to 17, 2016. I am currently the president of the Michigan APCO chapter and serve on a National APCO committee. Additionally, there will probably be a follow-up meeting at the conference in relation to the meeting I just return from attending in Kansas City. As president of the Michigan Chapter of APCO, the chapter will reimburse all costs for my travel. I am requesting this in advance because National does a one day discount of \$100.00 if you register on April 1.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sandra K Nielsen, Director  
Tuscola County Central Dispatch