

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016 – 8:00 A.M.

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

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Caro, MI 48723

Phone: 989-672-3700
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- 8:00 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Commissioner Young
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kirkpatrick
Roll Call – Clerk Fetting
Adoption of Agenda
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)
Brief Public Comment Period
Consent Agenda Resolution (None)
New Business
 -Final Approval of Agreement with CGI Communications
 -National Institute of Corrections Conference
 -2016 Budgeted Telephone System (See Correspondence #2)
 -SET MI Green Thumb Regional Economic Development Planning
 Program (See Correspondence #3)
 -Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (See
 Correspondence #4)
 -County Equalization Report
 -Update Regarding Potential Purchase of County Land by Medical
 Care Facility
 -Concur with Filling of Vacancy in District Court (See
 Correspondence #5)
 -Architectural Assistance to Develop Specifications for Jail
 Water/Plumbing Needs
 -Closed Session – Labor Negotiations (9:30 A.M.)
Old Business
Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Human Development Commission (HDC)
Tuscola 2020
Recycling Advisory Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Great Start Collaborative Council

Local Unit of Government Activity Report
Tuscola In-Sync
MAC Board of Directors
Human Services Collaborative Council
Region VI Economic Development Planning
MAC Judiciary Committee

TRISCH

Board of Health
Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
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Animal Control
Solid Waste Management

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
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
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NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board
County Road Commission
Board of Public Works
Senior Services Advisory Council
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Parks & Recreation
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
MAC Economic Development & Taxation Committee

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Economic Development/Taxation
MAC 7th District
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
TRIAD
Human Services Collaborative Council
Behavioral Health Systems Board

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 April 14, 2016 Full Board & Statutory Finance Minutes
- #2 VOIP Phone Study/Analysis/Recommendation
- #3 MI Green Thumb Regional SET Program Letter
- #4 Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program Farms
- #5 Memo Regarding Filling of Vacancy in District Court
- #6 April 7, 2016 Road Commission Minutes
- #7 April 18, 2016 Tuscola Senior Advisory Council Minutes
- #8 Bay County Resolution Regarding Tax Assessment of "Big Box" Retailers
- #9 MAC Support of House Bill 5578 Tax Assessment Solution

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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 14, 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 14th day of April 2016, to order at 3:00 o'clock p.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

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

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Andrew Dietderich, Steve Erickson, Vicky Sherry, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Bobbi Mozden, Mike Pattulo, Carmell Pattulo, Betty Pattulo, George Pattulo, Russ Spiers, George Mika, Sharon Mika, Norm Stevens, Wayne Koper, Register John Bishop, Jim Mewhiney, Joyce Mewhiney, John Sauber, Randi Spiers, Dan Grimshaw, Sharon Beals, Nancy Barrios

Adoption of Agenda -
16-M-053

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the agenda as amended.
Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
16-M-054

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 24, 2016 meeting as corrected. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period -

- Wayne Koper is concerned with road frontage on Graf Road between Gilford Road and Deckerville Road as it is crumbling causing a driving hazard.
- Mike Pattulo provided an update regarding the status of Almer Township Board not implementing the moratorium on use permits for wind turbines.

- Norm Stevens stated the Almer Township Board said there were too many people in attendance to the Township meetings putting pressure on the Board.
- Bobbi Mozden expressed concern regarding wind turbines. She also expressed concern of the Almer Township Board's comments over the number of residents that attended the Township Meeting and the dissatisfaction of the Board with the amount of participation.
- Randi Spiers expressed concerns with the Almer Township Board not enacting the moratorium.
- George Pattulo expressed concern that the Township Boards felt the need to move forward quickly rather than looking at the ordinance further. He expressed his concern to not encroach on neighbor's property.
- Bobbi Mozden expressed she is not anti-wind she would just like the wind program to be fair to all township residents.
- Wayne Koper expressed concern on government receiving revenue from a wind farm program and the influence the wind farm company could have if creating more revenue than the tax payers.
- Mike Pattulo questioned what a millage would be versus the amount of money received from wind farm revenue.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
16-M-055

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Trisch that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the March 21, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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| Agenda Reference: | A |
| Entity Proposing: | COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/21/16 |
| Description of Matter: | Move that the county attorney be authorized to send the revised CGI Communication contract for the Community Video Program to determine if CGI Communication will accept the revisions. |
| Agenda Reference: | B |
| Entity Proposing: | COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/21/16 |
| Description of Matter: | Move that authorization is given to establish appropriate accounting and budgeting for funds distributed to the county under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act as explained in the March 15, 2016 memorandum from the Undersheriff. The state has approved uses of these funds as follows: |

- o John Deere gator and trailer
- o Bar code scanner for records to log evidence for the Sheriff's Office
- o Evidence cabinets for the Sheriff's office
- o Training seminar hosted by the Sheriff's Office for all law enforcement agencies in the county dealing with Medical Marijuana and reimbursement for wages
- o Evidence bags and tape for local law enforcement agencies

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/21/16

Description of Matter: Move that the following recycling millage renewal language be approved for a vote at August 2016 primary election:

Tuscola County Recycling Renewal Proposal

For a period of eight (8) years, from 2017 and continuing through 2024, inclusive, shall the expiring previously voted increase in the taxable property rate limitation of Tuscola County be renewed at the rate of .15 mills (\$.15 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) to provide funds for recycling within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage raises an estimated \$262,000 in the first calendar year after its approval. All revenue will be disbursed to Tuscola County and shall be exclusively used for recycling activities within Tuscola County.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/21/16

Description of Matter: Move that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and concur with the hiring of Gary Miller to the budgeted position of temporary part-time Maintenance II position effective May 2, 2016.

16-M-056

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the April 11, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted.
Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the resolution regarding wind turbine development financial impacts in Tuscola County is approved and authorized for signature. Also, the resolution be forwarded to local officials in the County along with Senator Green and Representative Canfield and placed on the county web site for informational purposes.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the March 25, 2016 communication from Tim McClorey with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority that renewal of various county property, liability and other insurances for the 2016/2017 year be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2015 Mosquito Abatement Annual Report be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that a loan be provided to MSU-e in the amount of \$120,651.50 to fund the operation for the March 9, 2016 to December 31, 2016 period. Said loan to be repaid to the county from the approved 0.1 mill beginning in 2017. Payment shall be made in six equal annual installments of \$20,651.50. Also, the loan may be repaid in a shorter time period if this is financially possible.

- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the April 5, 2016 letter of request from the Mosquito Abatement Director that promotion of the part-time Office Clerk (Lisa Ozbat) to full-time be approved effective immediately. This change is authorized with the understanding that it is budget neutral with cost increases to be off-set by cost reductions in part-time seasonal and other line items as necessary. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that the proposal from the Tuscola BAR Association to pay the cost of materials and provide volunteer assistance to repair the stain glass window (individual to do the work is experienced in stain glass window repair) be approved and appreciation be extended to the local BAR Association for assistance for the repair of this historical stain glass window.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/11/16
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Sheriff, that the proposal to change cellular telephone carriers be approved and the Sheriff be authorized to enter into a new cellular telephone contract with AT&T.

New Business -

-Court Request for Contract with MGT Financial Services and Corresponding Budget Amendment - Judge Gierhart explained request to hire the Consultant from MGT Financial Services to administer the Child Care Fund.

16-M-057

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Trisch that per the April 12, 2016 memorandum of request from the Chief Judge that authorization is provided for the court to enter into a contract for \$8,000 with MGT of America to provide orderly Child Care financial services while the administrator normally responsible is on leave. Also, requested transfers within the current unified court budget are

authorized. Chairman is authorized to sign appropriate paperwork. Motion Carried.

-Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Update - Currently, the EDC is assisting with 8 grant writing projects. The EDC is close to having a year-round Farmer's Market established in Tuscola County. There are various Municipal Projects underway. Vicky has assisted in completing various Park Plans and there are also many Master Plans underway.

-Behavioral Health Systems Audit - Sharon Beals, Director - Sharon provided an overview of the audit. Sharon also discussed the changes with the Section 298 program. She is working with Steve Anderson for grant funding for substance abuse kits.

16-M-058

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Bierlein that the Behavioral Health Systems Audit be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

-Resolution Regarding Wind Energy Development - Mike Hoagland explained Resolution discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 11, 2016.

16-M-059

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the resolution regarding Wind Turbine Development in Tuscola County be approved and forwarded to state officials, cities, villages and townships in the county and be placed on the county web site. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

-Road Commission Requested Millage Renewal Languages for August 2016 Primary Vote - Mike Hoagland called Mike Tuckey to discuss the Millage Language. Mike Hoagland explained to the Board.

16-M-060

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that the following Primary Road/Street Improvement millage renewal language be approved for a vote at the August 2016 Primary Election:

**PRIMARY ROAD/STREET IMPROVEMENT
(Renewal)**

For a period of eight (8) years, from 2016 and continuing through 2023, inclusive, shall the previously voted increase in the taxable property rate limitation of Tuscola County be renewed at the rate of .9657 mills (\$.9657 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) to provide funds for primary county roads and streets within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise in the first year an estimated \$1,674,000. All revenue shall be disbursed only to the Tuscola County Road Commission, villages and cities, and be used exclusively for the construction, repair and maintenance of primary county roads and major streets within Tuscola County.

Roll Call Vote: Bardwell - yes; Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Young - yes.
Motion Carried.

16-M-061

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the following Bridge/Street Improvement millage renewal language be approved for a vote at the August 2016 Primary Election:

**BRIDGE/STREET IMPROVEMENT
(Renewal)**

For a period of eight (8) years, from 2016 and continuing through 2023, inclusive, shall the previously voted increase in the taxable property rate limitation of Tuscola County be renewed at the rate of .4807 mills (\$.4807 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) to provide funds for local bridges, roads, and streets within Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise in the first year an estimated \$833,300. All revenue shall be disbursed only to the Tuscola County Road Commission, villages and cities, and be used exclusively for improvement to local bridges, roads and streets within Tuscola County.

Roll Call Vote: Trisch - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-MAC 7th District Meeting - Meeting is being hosted by Sanilac County on April 25, 2016. Tuscola County will host at a future time. The Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for April 25, 2016 will be cancelled. Clerk Fetting will prepare the posting.

Old Business -

-Commissioner Bardwell wanted an update regarding CGI Communication contract for Community Video Program. The contract was approved today in the Consent Agenda.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Mike Hoagland would like the Board to begin thinking about Labor Negotiations.
-Jail Planning Committee - Mike Hoagland updated the Board regarding the goals of the Committee.
-Mike Hoagland and Register Bishop are watching SB599.
-ME Program - Mike Hoagland is working with Dr. Busch in streamlining the program with hopes of staying cost neutral.
-Equalization Director - Timeline discussed as to having a new Director hired and in place.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTSTRISCH

Board of Health - Meets tomorrow.

Planning Commission - Meeting was recently held with no update.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Update provided earlier in the Board Meeting.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Animal Control

Solid Waste Management

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health - Will follow up with Dr. Busch regarding the ME program.

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Update provided.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Land Acquisition

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MEMS All Hazards - Update Provided.

MAC-Environment Energy Land Use

Oil/Shale Work Group

Cass River Greenways Pathway

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Has received concerns regarding the Tuscola County Road Commission from his local units.

Tuscola In Sync

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use - Update provided.

Jail Planning Commission - Would like to support select members to receive training in moving forward with this project.

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board - Update Provided.

County Road Commission - Tuscola County has more bridges and tubes than any other county in the State of Michigan.

Board of Public Works - Update Provided.

Senior Services Advisory Council - Update Provided.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Update Provided.

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Economic Development & Taxation Committee - Update Provided.

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA - The Board had to disband the summer music at Atwood Park as there is no longer a person to organize. Please forward any names of people interested that may be interested to Mike Bauerschmidt at Galaxy Office Supply.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation - Commissioner Young provided update.

MAC 7th District - Sanilac County hosting next meeting.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

TRIAD - Update Provided.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Update provided during meeting.

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - No meeting this month.

Human Development Commission (HDC) - Meets next week.

Tuscola 2020 - Tuscola Stars breakfast will be on Thursday, April 21st at 7:30 a.m. There will be 22 more quilts placed on the Thumb Quilt Trail this summer.

Recycling Advisory Committee - Met last week.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council - Meets next week.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In-Sync

MAC Board of Directors - Provided update on MAC position for SB599.

Human Services Collaborative Council

Region VI Economic Development Planning

MAC - Judiciary Committee - Update Provided.

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary -

-Saturday, May 14th 10:00 a.m. moving auction sale at the Kern property.

Extended Public Comment -

-Nancy Barrios questioned if there was a legal opinion regarding holding Village office and County Commissioner office. Commissioner Young stated Tuscola County corporate counsel, Braun Kendrick, has rendered an opinion reflecting the advisement that it is proper.

-Mike Pattulo thanked the Board for preparing and approving the wind energy resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
April 14, 2016
H.H. Purdy Building
125 W. Lincoln St, Caro MI

Meeting called to order at 4:53 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Young, Bardwell, Trisch, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Claims and Per Diems were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk



Tuscola County Information Systems

VOIP Phone Study/Analysis/Recommendation

What is VoIP

- Voice over Internet Protocol
- Utilizes network for voice calls as opposed to analog phone lines
- Requires specialized equipment and phones

What is our goal?

- Reduce/stabilize costs
- Unified phone system
 - 1 touch or 4 digit dialing
 - Centralized number listings
- Reduce IS support time
- Provide users with a better tool to communicate with each other and the public.
- Utilize existing technologies without increasing costs.
- Build a redundant and stable system

The BAD about VoIP

- Reliant on the network
- Requires A LOT of setup
- Initial purchasing costs can be expensive
- Yearly licensing
- The acronym is intimidating for end users
- Security
- Support can be a pain if not trained

Long story short

We're going to replace old copper line telephones that we pay about \$41 per month, each. The new phones are going to utilize one big phone line (PRI/ISDN) to dial into and out of, resulting in SIGNIFICANT savings.

We've tested this in smaller applications. We've already realized savings in the Annex, TCSO and Purdy.

The Courthouse is going to be our biggest challenge and biggest realization of savings.

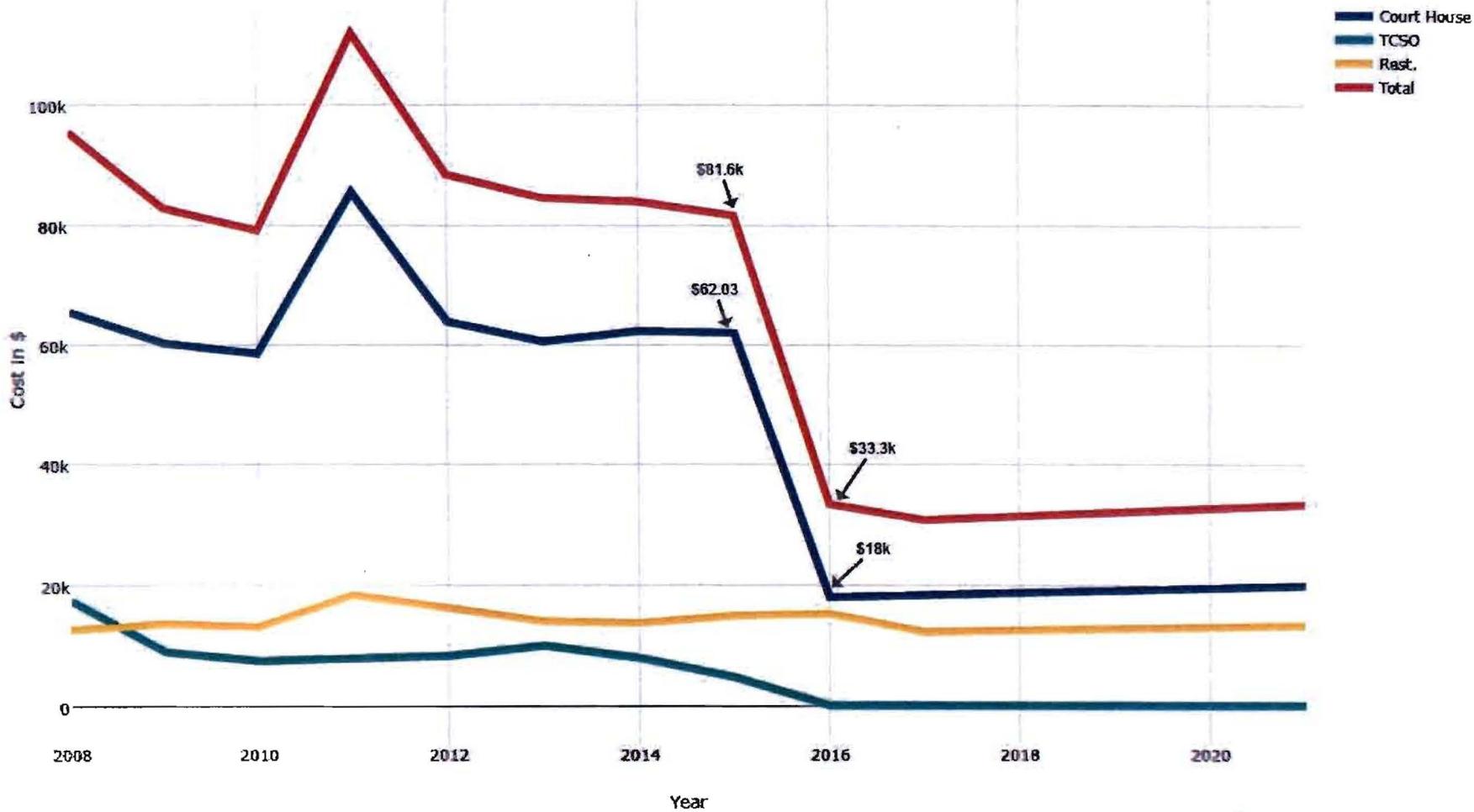
Reduce costs by

\$48.3k/yr

*Current costs are about \$81.6k/yr

**Courthouse project will see a \$40k/yr alone reduction in cost.

TC VoIP Cost Study



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Current Setup

The Annex building, TCSO and the Purdy Building have Avaya VoIP solutions

- Inherited legacy VoIP solution
- Difficult to manage
- Unreliable
- Poor support
- Financially troubled company
- Lacks features
- Replacement parts are expensive

Proposed solution

- ShoreTel phone solutions provided by Millennia Technologies
- Big box features without the cost
- Much less expensive
- Easily managed
- Utilizes existing network infrastructure
- Financially stable company
- Fantastic support - locally trained administrators
- Users can manage their own options - reduces support requests



Why Millennia

- Biggest/best/oldest Shoretel partner in Michigan
 - 2001 first ever Re-Seller
 - Gold Level Partner (highest besides Global)
 - Specialize in Gov solutions
- Able to provide local administrator training
- Already manages systems for multiple Gov organizations:
 - TCMCF
 - TCBehavHealth
 - HuronBehavHealth
 - ...more
- Utilizes NASPO (National Association of State Procurement Officials) purchasing consortium
 - Also known as WSCA
 - Gives us guaranteed lowest price without RFP

Questions

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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April 19, 2016
Ms. Valarie Handy
1501 Cass Street, Suite A
Traverse City, MI 49684

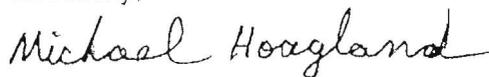
Dear Ms. Handy,

This letter is to inform you of our commitment of being an active MI Green Thumb Regional team member for the SET program. We recognize regional strategies represent a key part of the overall economic development blueprint for our region's small communities, cities, villages, and counties.

We are open to exploring economic activities that will focus on strengthening key existing or emerging economic clusters in the MI Green Thumb Region. We are committed to gathering inputs and insights from a large diverse set of organizations, institutions, and residents when determining the MI Green Thumb's Regional goals and plans.

We are willing to take a fresh look at where the MI Green Thumb Region is, where it wants to go, and the best way to get there. We are eager and fully committed to devoting the time and energy needed to actively participate and work through the SET planning process and to use this process as the foundation for a High Quality MI Green Thumb Regional Economic Development Plan which is developed and implemented by the MI Green Thumb Regional Team.

Sincerely,



Michael Hoagland
Tuscola County Controller/Administrator



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

JAMIE CLOVER ADAMS
DIRECTOR

November 18, 2015

Mr. Jerry Vandemark
Jerry Vandemark Farm
4704 East Gilford Road
Deford, MI 48729

Dear Mr. Jerry Vandemark:

On June 22, 2015, Mr. Tom Young from the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) visited your farm located at 4704 East Gilford Road, Deford, Michigan, to verify your farming operation through the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). This visit was made at your request to complete the verification requirements of the MAEAP Farmstead System. Your MAEAP verification risk assessment was completed by Mr. Steve Schaub, with the Tuscola Conservation District.

After reviewing your Farmstead Improvement Action Plan and the required components of your Farm*A*Syst, MDARD staff has verified that you have met all of the requirements set forth by the MAEAP Farmstead System at the time of the farm inspection.

The MAEAP Farmstead System verification is valid for five years from the date of the farm visit. This verification is approved on the basis that you have disclosed to the best of your knowledge, all requested information pertaining to your Farmstead Improvement Action Plan. We understand that you intend to manage the Farmstead as reviewed and follow the applicable Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs). Changes in your farming operation may necessitate a review of your Farm*A*Syst.

Verification in good standing is contingent on updates as necessary as conditions change on your farm as well as staying in compliance with applicable state and federal laws and following the identified MAEAP standards. Farms with livestock that expand must be verified through the Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Operations GAAMPs as appropriate to remain in good standing as a MAEAP verified farm.

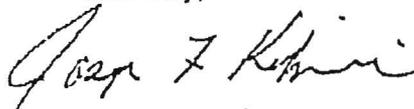
We encourage you to display a sign proudly at your verified site as a sign of your commitment to agricultural pollution prevention and successful completion of the MAEAP Farmstead System requirements.

Mr. Jerry Vandemark
November 18, 2015
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Congratulations on your accomplishment. Your participation in MAEAP is proof that the combined efforts of committed individuals, organizations, and agencies can foster voluntary change in the agriculture industry.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Joe Kelpinski
Program Manager, MAEAP
(517) 284-5609

JFK:FG

Enclosures: Certificate

cc: Wells Township Clerk
Mr. Steve Schaub, MAEAP Technician
Ms. Delores Damm, Chair, Tuscola Conservation District
Mr. Jim Kratz, Administrator, Tuscola Conservation District
Mr. Thomas Bardwell, Chair, Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Senator Mike Green
Representative Ed Canfield
Mr. Dan Wyant, Director, MDEQ
Ms. Jamie Clover Adams, Director, MDARD
Mr. James Johnson, Environmental Stewardship Division Director, MDARD



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

JAMIE CLOVER ADAMS
DIRECTOR

November 18, 2015

Mr. Louis Wehrman
Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn
PO Box 145
Gagetown, MI 48735

Dear Mr. Louis Wehrman:

On June 22, 2015, Mr. Tom Young from the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) visited your farm located at 6948 Richie Road, Gagetown, Michigan, to verify your farming operation through the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). This visit was made at your request to complete the verification requirements of the MAEAP Farmstead System. Your MAEAP verification risk assessment was completed by Mr. Steve Schaub, with the Tuscola Conservation District.

After reviewing your Farmstead Improvement Action Plan and the required components of your Farm*A*Syst, MDARD staff has verified that you have met all of the requirements set forth by the MAEAP Farmstead System at the time of the farm inspection.

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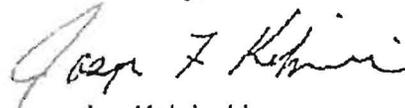
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cc: Section 5, Elkland Township Clerk
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Ms. Delores Damm, Chair, Tuscola Conservation District
Mr. Jim Kratz, Administrator, Tuscola Conservation District
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

JAMIE CLOVER ADAMS
DIRECTOR

November 18, 2015

Mr. Ben Grady
Ben Grady Home Farm
1715 North Sheridan Road
Fairgrove, MI 48733

Dear Mr. Ben Grady:

On August 4, 2015, Mr. Tom Young from the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) visited your farm located at 1715 North Sheridan Road, Fairgrove, Michigan, to verify your farming operation through the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). This visit was made at your request to complete the verification requirements of the MAEAP Farmstead System. Your MAEAP verification risk assessment was completed by Mr. Steve Schaub, with the Tuscola Conservation District.

After reviewing your Farmstead Improvement Action Plan and the required components of your Farm*A*Syst, MDARD staff has verified that you have met all of the requirements set forth by the MAEAP Farmstead System at the time of the farm inspection.

The MAEAP Farmstead System verification is valid for five years from the date of the farm visit. This verification is approved on the basis that you have disclosed to the best of your knowledge, all requested information pertaining to your Farmstead Improvement Action Plan. We understand that you intend to manage the Farmstead as reviewed and follow the applicable Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs). Changes in your farming operation may necessitate a review of your Farm*A*Syst.

Verification in good standing is contingent on updates as necessary as conditions change on your farm as well as staying in compliance with applicable state and federal laws and following the identified MAEAP standards. Farms with livestock that expand must be verified through the Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Operations GAAMPs as appropriate to remain in good standing as a MAEAP verified farm.

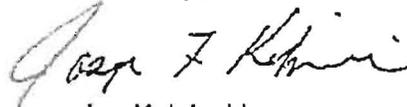
We encourage you to display a sign proudly at your verified site as a sign of your commitment to agricultural pollution prevention and successful completion of the MAEAP Farmstead System requirements.

Mr. Ben Grady
November 18, 2015
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Congratulations on your accomplishment. Your participation in MAEAP is proof that the combined efforts of committed individuals, organizations, and agencies can foster voluntary change in the agriculture industry.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Joe Kelpinski
Program Manager, MAEAP
(517) 284-5609

JFK:FG

Enclosures: Certificate

cc: Fairgrove Township Clerk
Mr. Steve Schaub, MAEAP Technician
Ms. Delores Damm, Chair, Tuscola Conservation District
Mr. Jim Kratz, Administrator, Tuscola Conservation District
Mr. Thomas Bardwell, Chair, Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Senator Mike Green
Representative Ed Canfield
Mr. Dan Wyant, Director, MDEQ
Ms. Jamie Clover Adams, Director, MDARD
Mr. James Johnson, Environmental Stewardship Division Director, MDARD

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
71B DISTRICT COURT
440 NORTH STATE STREET
CARO, MI 48723
TELEPHONE: (989) 672-3800

HON. AMY GRACE GIERHART
CHIEF JUDGE
HON. KIM DAVID GLASPIE
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

SHEILA LONG
DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 19, 2016

TO: Mike Hoagland

FROM: Hon. Amy Grace Gierhart, Chief Judge 

RE: New Employee

Please be advised that due to an employee leaving, the 71B District Court has an open position for a Deputy Court Clerk. As the funds for this position are already appropriated for the Court's 2016 budget, the Court plans to fill this position immediately.

April 7, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 8:00 A.M.

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

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

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

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

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the March 24, 2016 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$102,107.92 and bills in the amount of \$105,248.08 covered by vouchers #16-17 and #16-18 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:

- (1) Tuscola County Commissioner Thomas Young introduced himself to the Board, and reported that he will be the Road Commission's liaison to the Board. Mr. Young also thanked the Board for this season's winter maintenance.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that the Seasonal Weight Restrictions be removed from all affected county roads effective Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Fremont Township Supervisor Henry Wymore appeared before the Board to discuss the condition of the bank on the south side of the bridge on Blackmore Road east of Chambers Road. Management will review the erosion issue, and report back to the Board for further discussion. Mr. Wymore also discussed with the Board options for the township to fund for paving O'Brien Road from Leix Road to Conrad Road. Management and the Board will further discuss the options, and report back to the Fremont Township Board.

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
 RESOLUTION OF
 SUPPORT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE VAN BUREN ROAD BRIDGE
 OVER THE SHEBOYGAN I/C DRAIN, SECTIONS 29 & 30 – DENMARK TOWNSHIP
 STRUCTURE NUMBER 10488 - BETWEEN M-46 & M-15

Commissioner Sheridan offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Tuscola County Board of Road Commissioners supports the application for State and/or Federal funding participation in the replacement of the Van Buren Road Bridge over the Sheboygan I/C Drain (Structure Number 10488),

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Road Commissioners, County of Tuscola, concurs that this replacement is urgently needed.

Motion supported and resolution adopted on a roll call vote:

AYES: Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie
NAYS: None

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION OF
SUPPORT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SHAYS LAKE ROAD BRIDGE
OVER THE SUCKER CREEK DRAIN, SECTIONS 11 & 14 – DAYTON TOWNSHIP
STRUCTURE NUMBER 10565 - BETWEEN PLAIN ROAD & REED ROAD

Commissioner Sheridan offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Tuscola County Board of Road Commissioners supports the application for State and/or Federal funding participation in the replacement of the Shays Lake Road Bridge over the Sucker Creek Drain (Structure Number 10565),

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Road Commissioners, County of Tuscola, concurs that this replacement is urgently needed.

Motion supported and resolution adopted on a roll call vote:

AYES: Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie
NAYS: None

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION OF
SUPPORT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE DECKERVILLE ROAD BRIDGE
OVER THE WHITE CREEK INTERCOUNTY DRAIN, SECTIONS 25 & 36 – NOVESTA TOWNSHIP
STRUCTURE NUMBER 10468 - BETWEEN CRAWFORD ROAD & LAMTON ROAD

Commissioner Sheridan offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Tuscola County Board of Road Commissioners supports the application for State and/or Federal funding participation in the rehabilitation of the Deckerville Road Bridge over the White Creek Intercounty Drain (Structure Number 10468),

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Road Commissioners, County of Tuscola, concurs that this rehabilitation is urgently needed.

Motion supported and resolution adopted on a roll call vote:

AYES: Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie
NAYS: None

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION OF
SUPPORT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE HURDS CORNER ROAD BRIDGE
OVER THE COLUMBIA BROOKFIELD DRAIN, SECTIONS 9 & 10 – ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP
STRUCTURE NUMBER 10513 - BETWEEN HOBART ROAD & BAY CITY-FORESTVILLE ROAD

Commissioner Sheridan offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Tuscola County Board of Road Commissioners supports the application for State and/or Federal funding participation in the rehabilitation of the Hurds Corner Road Bridge over the Columbia Brookfield Drain (Structure Number 10513),

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Road Commissioners, County of Tuscola, concurs that this rehabilitation is urgently needed.

Motion supported and resolution adopted on a roll call vote:

AYES: Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie
NAYS: None

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Zwerk to approve the priority list for local bridge funding applications as listed and recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the proposals for Survey & Design Work for Cass City Road in Columbia Township be accepted and forwarded to the Columbia Township Board for their approval. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 8:30 A.M. the following bids were opened for the Dickerson Road over the Akron-Centerline Drain Box Culvert Installation Project:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
Wonsey Tree Service, Inc.	\$ 75,530.31
Bilacic Trucking Inc.	75,632.00
Shaw Contracting Co.	107,500.00
Worth Construction, Inc.	108,160.00
Heystek Contracting, Inc.	108,543.00
Marlette Excavating Co.	108,930.00
Novak Construction	111,697.00
Nicol and Sons, Inc.	178,380.60

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the bids for the Dickerson Road over the Akron-Centerline Drain Box Culvert Installation Project be accepted, reviewed by Management, and tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Zwerk that the bid received for the addendum to HMA Base Crushing, Shaping, and Compaction for Stabilization be accepted. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 8:45 A.M. the following bids were opened for an In-Ground Hoist Upgrade for the Caro Shop:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
No bids received.	

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to Re-Bid the In-Ground Hoist Upgrade for the Caro Shop at the next regular meeting of the Board. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Parsell that bid item #38 for Novesta Township of the 2016 bituminous resurfacing bids be awarded to the low bidder, Albrecht Sand & Gravel Company. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zawerucha reported to the Board that the Ellington Township Board has requested information in regards to making Lazell Road between M-81 and Jacob Road an All-Season Road. Zawerucha reported to the Board the construction history of Lazall Road, and provided cost estimates for the needed improvements for an All-Season Road. The Board also discussed the possibility of an All-Season Hauling Agreement for this portion of Lazell Road. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the Road Commission would approve an All-Season Hauling Agreement with the Ellington Township Board for Lazell Road from M-81 to Jacob Road, along with the proposed improvements. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak that the Board go into closed session at 9:35 A.M. for the purpose of discussing a lawsuit. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

At 10:45 A.M. the Board returned to open session.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak that the meeting be adjourned at 10:50 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board

TUSCOLA COUNTY SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL
APRIL 18,2016 at the MAYVILLE DINNING CENTER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerald Gamm at 11:00am
Pledge to the Flag was said by all

Minutes from the March 21, 2016 was read an approved. Motion to approve minutes made
by Henry Wymore seconded by Connie Pliska

Treasurer Report was read. Motion to approve Treasure Report made by Henry Wymore
seconded by Connie Pliska

Connie Pliska was appointed to be on the Checking account along with Jerald Gramm
and Sandra Williamson.

HDC Report given by Shelly Schulz-

Total serving days for the month of March was 14

449 meals as dining center

7670 home delivered meals

Average donation for congregate meals was \$2.65

Home delivered meals was \$.60

Motion to accept HDC Report -made by Henry Wymore seconded by Connie Pliska

Motion was made by Barb Dawson to donate \$200.00 to Michigan Extension office for
Project Fresh Start seconded by Henry Wymore

OLD BUSINESS

Dinner Dance tentative date September 22,2016. Jerry getting with County Commissioners
with paper work to get some funding-also checking with Don Poliski Hall about using the
hall for the Dinner Dance

NEW BUSINESS

Some Literature was handed out by Henry Wymore from the Senior Advisory Council
Region 7

Shelly Schulz still working on purchasing a refrigerator for the Caro meal site
Eugene Davidson will be the site Manager for the Caro Meal Site an Shirley Hormel
will be the Mayville Site Manager

Next Meeting at the VASSAR MEAL SITE on MAY 16,2016
Meeting adjourned at 11:35

Those in attendance: Shelly Schulz from HDC,Connie Pliska,Shirley Hormel,Elaine Romain,
Barb Dawson,Jerry Gamm, Henry an Carolyn Wymore, Sid Sternsdorff

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 12, 2016

RESOLUTION

BY: BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, The Michigan Tax Tribunal has interpreted the law for tax assessments in a way that dramatically reduces the property tax liabilities of major "big box" retailers by assessing currently used buildings as though they are empty and dark; and

WHEREAS, Under the "dark store" theory, big box stores are appealing their property tax assessments to the Michigan Tax Tribunal (MTT), arguing that the fair market value of their operating store should be based on comparisons to sales of similar properties that are vacant and abandoned, or are now used for a different, less valuable purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Tax Tribunal has upheld this theory and cut property tax assessments by as much as 50 percent and, as a result, townships and local units are losing millions of dollars, impacting services to their residents; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, big box stores are putting deed restrictions on their properties that severely limit how the building can be used once it's vacant resulting in buildings being kept empty and adding to the blight problem in Michigan townships; and

WHEREAS, The issue is already spreading to restaurants, apartment complexes, auto part stores and many other businesses and, without action, the problem will only get worse; and

WHEREAS, The reduction of property tax liabilities creates huge cuts in the funding to state and local units of government like cities, counties, townships and school districts; and

WHEREAS, The decisions of the Michigan Tax Tribunal are a catastrophic departure from the tax assessment process required by law and all precedents in the matter, once again reducing the rightful tax to businesses and the wealthy, thus, once again, placing the tax burden on the poor and middle class; Therefore, Be it

RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners strongly supports a legislative fix that addresses three issues:

- All properties, including big box stores, must be assessed at their highest and best use.
- Deed restrictions should not be a factor in determining a property's true cash value.
- The Michigan Tax Tribunal should be required to consider all three methods of assessing—cost minus depreciation, sales comparison and income— when determining a property's true cash value. Be It Further

RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Rick Snyder and our area representatives in the House and Senate urging their support of legislation to correct the law that allows the "Dark Store" interpretation by the Tax Tribunal for tax assessments; Be It Further

RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all the Michigan counties and to the Michigan Association of Counties.

ERNIE KRYGIER, CHAIR AND BOARD

Dark Store Assessing Resolution sponsored by Commissioner Donald J. Tilley, 6th District, and Commissioner Michael E. Lutz, 7th District

MOVED BY COMM. COONAN

SUPPORTED BY COMM. HEREK

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
MICHAEL J. DURANCZYK	X			KIM J. COONAN	X			MICHAEL E. LUTZ	X		
ERNIE KRYGIER	X			THOMAS M. HEREK	X						
VAUGHN J. BEGICK	X			DONALD J. TILLEY	X						

VOTE TOTALS:
 ROLL CALL: YEAS _____ NAYS _____ EXCUSED _____
 VOICE: X YEAS 7 NAYS 0 EXCUSED 0

DISPOSITION: ADOPTED X DEFEATED _____ WITHDRAWN _____
 AMENDED _____ CORRECTED _____ REFERRED _____

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MAC ISSUE SUMMARY

House Bill 5578 creates fair, equitable solution to Dark Stores crisis

Starting in about 2013, "Big Box" retailers (Meijer, Home Depot, Target, etc.) convinced the Michigan Tax Tribunal to deviate from traditional practice in valuing property and rely on the "sales approach," a shift that has become known as the "Dark Stores" theory.

Under this theory of valuation, an operating store's value is built off comparable structures – even if said structures are vacant. Dark Stores appeals have distorted Michigan's property tax system, with Big Box retailers in our state enjoying per square foot values of about \$20, regardless of the size of the store or the type of products being sold.

HB 5578 by Rep. David Maturen (R-Kalamazoo County) would block the Dark Stores technique.

- By requiring the Tax Tribunal to consider all methods of assessing property, HB 5578 sets up a fair and equitable system of property review.
- HB 5578 enforces current law by clarifying that Tax Tribunal members must independently evaluate the parties' stipulation as to any valuation method or issue.
- The bill limits the use of deed restrictions to prevent the Dark Stores technique of using vacant, restricted properties for the sole purpose of artificially lowering value.
- The bill details in law the four-part tests that appraisers use to determine the highest and best use of property.
- HB 5578 is consistent with state law defining a property's "true cash value."
- The bill does not impose any new requirements on assessors or appraisers.