

**DRAFT – Agenda**  
**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**Committee of the Whole – Thursday, August 11, 2011**  
**HH Purdy Building – Following Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
**125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI**

**Finance**

Committee Leaders-Commissioner Peterson and Bardwell

**Primary Finance Items**

1. **2011 Budget Amendments**
2. **GIS Parcel Layer – Amalgam LLC (See A)**

Secondary/On-Going Finance Items

1. 2012 County Budget Development
2. EDC and Enterprise Facilitation Alternatives
3. Circuit Court Collections Plan
4. Kiosk System
5. Development of State Recommended County Financial Information
6. Treasurer Bank Statement
7. County Hiring Freeze – Reducing Cost Through Attrition
8. Coordination of Issues Through MAC
  - Personal Property Tax
  - Wind Energy Taxation and Revenue Potential
  - State Revenue as a Percent of Total Court Expenditures – Requested by MAC

**Personnel**

Committee Leader-Commissioners Peterson

**Primary Personnel Items**

1. **State Law Regarding Maximum County Payment for Health Insurance (See B)**
2. **Behavioral Health System Vacancy (See C)**

Secondary/On-Going Personnel Items

1. New Hire Wage/Fringe Benefits
2. Circuit/Family Court Personnel Policies

## **Building and Grounds**

Committee Leader-Commissioners Kern and Petzold

### **Primary Building and Grounds Items**

1. **Recycling Roof Replacement Bids**
2. **Off-Road Vehicles (See D)**
3. **Office Space Project**
4. **Purdy Building Security**

### **Secondary/On-Going Building and Grounds Items**

1. Niland Building Roof Repair
2. Potential Sheriff Department Tower Replacement
3. Off-Road Vehicles

### **Correspondence/Other Business as Necessary**

#### **Public Comment Period**

#### **Closed Session – If Necessary**

#### **Other Business as Necessary**

1. **September MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District Tuscola County**

### **Statutory Finance Committee**

1. Claims Review and Approval

#### **Notes:**

Except for the Statutory Finance Committee, committee meetings of the whole are advisory only. Any decision made at an advisory committee is only a recommendation and must be approved by a formal meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

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.

This is a draft agenda and subject to change. Items may be added the day of the meeting or covered under other business at the meeting.

**Mike Hoagland**

**From:** Walt Schlichting [wsch@TuscolaCounty.org]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 4:11 PM

**To:** 'Mike Hoagland'

**Subject:** Possible GIS parcel layer for Tuscola County

Mike,

I've gotten some information from Amalgam LLC, based in Mount Pleasant.

They say they could create a GIS parcel layer for Tuscola County paid for entirely from online user fees, with no up front payment.

They could have a bare bones system up in a few weeks and a complete parcel layer in 12 months or less.

I'm pretty excited about this opportunity and would like to know what you think. We've been looking at GIS for years now and the cost was always too much. Maybe this is a way we can provide this for the county.

I know it would be a great economic development tool.

Thanks,  
Walt

**A GIS Parcel Layer for Tuscola County****Why?**

- Economic development tool
- 911 Dispatch & responder safety and efficiency
- Drainage district mapping tool
- Emergency preparedness & damage assessment
- Township tax mapping
- Real estate and appraisal tool
- Grant application preparation
- Improved citizen access to information
- Resource for planning and zoning applications
- Improved mapping for mosquito control
- Road projects resource
- Parcel shapefiles will be provided for internal use

**How?**

7/29/2011

- User fees for online data will cover the cost -- no money up front
- Amalgam LLC will create the parcel layer
- Amalgam LLC will host the online data and mapping

**When?**

- The basic online data can be up online in 4 to 6 weeks
- A full parcel layer can be online in about 12 months

**What does it look like?**

To view live Fetch Web Applications for Isabella, Gratiot, Gladwin, Midland and the City of Portage, MI visit Amalgam LLC online at the URL below:

<http://www.amalgamonline.com/webmapping.html>

## MAC Legislative Update




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### PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE UPDATE

The House and Senate have been working toward a resolution on the issue of public employee healthcare. The House took up SB 7 in late June and passed a substitute bill with the following: all public employers would be subject to "hard caps" limiting what they can pay toward employee healthcare premiums. The caps are as follows: \$5,500 for single coverage, \$11,000 for individual and spouse, \$12,500 for single with children, and \$15,000 for family coverage. The employee would have to pay the difference if the plans exceed the caps, and the caps would be adjusted annually according to the medical care component of the Consumer Price Index. If a public employer wishes to pay a percentage, rather than have the caps, it could do so by opting in to an 80-20 cost share through a simple majority vote. Under this option, the employer would pay 80% of the total cost of the health insurance premiums, while the employees would pay 20%. Because 80-20 or hard caps would affect counties in many different ways, MAC fought to preserve options under the final bill, and was successful in doing so.

Finally, if a local unit of government (county, city, village, or township) wishes not to participate at all under this act, it may opt-out with a 2/3 majority vote of its board without penalty. The opt-out had not been included in the previous House bill, and many legislators fought against including it in the House version. While the opt-out is not a simple-majority, including it still preserves a county's ability to remain independent of the legislature if it wishes. MAC wishes to thank Senator Mark Jansen (R-Kent County) for his assistance in preserving the opt-out. Again, only counties, cities, villages, and townships are able to opt-out under the bill while schools, authorities, agencies, and the state are forbidden. SB 7 is now in conference committee and it appears the House and Senate are close to agreements on small issues within the bill. MAC will keep you updated on further developments; the bill is likely to

move at the end of August.

## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX - HOT TOPIC THIS FALL

The Legislature started this debate earlier this year, but it appears the Governor's office and Lieutenant Governor's office will be taking the lead on repealing at least a portion of the personal property tax (PPT). At this point, a plan has not yet been revealed, but it is in the formulation phase. MAC has learned that they will begin looking at the repeal of the industrial and commercial categories of the PPT first. Earlier this year MAC sent out a request to all counties for information on how much they collect in PPT. We learned that the reliance on PPT ranges from one percent to twenty percent of a county's general fund budget. This disparity across the state speaks to the complexity of the tax and the potential repeal and replacement of the revenue. MAC has formed an internal workgroup comprised of commissioners, controllers/administrators and equalization directors charged with evaluating the situation and coming up with a list of priorities for the Tax Committee and MAC Board to consider. MAC will oppose any plan that does not include forward placement. We will keep you informed as more information unfolds.

## REGISTER TODAY FOR THE 2011 ANNUAL MAC CONFERENCE

Registration for the MAC 2011 Annual Conference is officially open. Our conference will be held September 18-20, 2011 at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Acme, (Grand Traverse County), Michigan. The MAC 2011 Annual Conference pre-conference workshops and early registration will be Sunday, September 18th, with the conference officially getting underway Monday, September 19, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. [Click here](#) for the tentative agenda, which will be updated as the conference nears. To register for the conference via credit card payment, [please click here](#). To make reservations at the hotel call 800-968-7352, visit [www.grandtraverseresort.com/promocode/index.cfm?promoCode=MAC0911](http://www.grandtraverseresort.com/promocode/index.cfm?promoCode=MAC0911), go to [www.grandtraverseresort.com](http://www.grandtraverseresort.com) and enter promo code MAC0911 or complete the Hotel Registration Form and fax it to 231-534-6670. Feel free to contact our office at 800-258-1152, if you have any registration questions.

## MAC DIRECTORY CHANGES

MAC would like to provide you with the most recent directory changes that we've received. Please update your records accordingly.

- For Midland County, the County Treasurer is now Catherine Lunsford, and she can be reached at 989-832-6720 and [clundsford@co.midland.mi.us](mailto:clundsford@co.midland.mi.us).

For Iosco County, please note that Bonita Coyle's email address is [rod@ioscocounty.org](mailto:rod@ioscocounty.org).

- For Schoolcraft County, please note the following email address changes:



# TUSCOLA

## *Behavioral Health Systems*

August 1, 2011

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
125 W. Lincoln, Suite 500  
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Commissioners,

The Tuscola Behavioral Health System's (TBHS) Board of Directors currently has two vacancies. One vacancy is due to the resignation of Brad Glassford, term expiration of March, 2012 and the passing of Donald McLane, term expiration of March, 2013.

On July 21, 2011, Sharon Beals, CEO and Walter Szostak, Board Chairperson, interviewed Mr. Raymond Bates for one of the current vacancies. Enclosed is a copy of Mr. Bates' application for your review.

At its regularly scheduled Board Meeting of July 28, 2011, the Tuscola Behavioral Health System's Board of Directors, unanimously resolved to recommend to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, the appointment of Raymond Bates to complete the remainder of Brad Glassford's term; expiration of March 2012.

As always, we appreciate your strong support of our efforts and thank you in advance for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Sharon Beals  
Chief Executive Officer

Walter Szostak  
Board Chairperson

SB/WS/psp

Enclosure

cc: Raymond Bates

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*A Michigan Community Mental Health Authority serving Tuscola County*

P.O. Box 239 • Caro, Michigan 48723 • Ph. 989.673.6191 or 1.800.462.6814 • TDD 1.866.835.4186 • [www.tbhsonline.com](http://www.tbhsonline.com)

TUSCOLA COUNTY  
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Print Form

Please return this questionnaire to the County Clerk's Office, Attention: Appointments Division, 440 N. State St., Caro MI 48723; by email to [appoint@tuscolacounty.org](mailto:appoint@tuscolacounty.org) ; or by fax at (989) 672-4266  
Please submit your resume with this application.

Boards/Commissions for which you would like to be considered:

Boards/Commissions for which you would like to be considered:

First Name\*  Middle Initial\*  Last Name\*

Have you ever used, or have you ever been known by any other name? | Yes  No

If yes, provide names and explain:

Home Address  City  Zip

Township  County

Employer Name:

Employer Address  City  Zip

Position Title

Work Number\*  Home Number\*  Cell Number

Email [r.j.l.r.bates@gmail.com](mailto:r.j.l.r.bates@gmail.com) (email is the preferred method of contact, please provide if available)

Are you a United States Citizen?  Yes  No

EDUCATION (Include degree and dates; if answered in full on your attached resume, please indicate):



EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (if answered in full on your attached resume, please indicate):

Caro Center 1977-2001: Director of Social Work; Risk Manager; Clinical Social Work Supervisor; Psychiatric Unit Administrator; Program Director - Programs for Developmental Disabilities.

Do you hold any professional licenses? If so, please include numbers:

None Current: Licensed Master Social Worker - let lapse after 7 years of retirement.

What special skills could you bring to this position?

Training & Experience in organizational development. Master's degree program focus was in Administration & Policy

Previous government appointments:

Zoning Board of Appeals, City of Caro - Current  
Caro Area Transit Authority, City of Caro - Current

Please provide us with the names of your:

State Senator

M. Green

State Representative

K. Damro

County Commissioner

T. Bardwell

The following **optional** information is elicited in order to ensure that this administration considers the talent and creativity of a diverse pool of candidates. In addition, specific backgrounds or qualifications are legally required for appointment to some boards and commissions. You may, therefore, wish to provide this information in order to ensure that you are considered for relevant boards and commissions.

Age

67

Political Affiliation

Independent

Military Service

US Army 1969-1970

Spouse or Partner's Name

Linda R. Bates

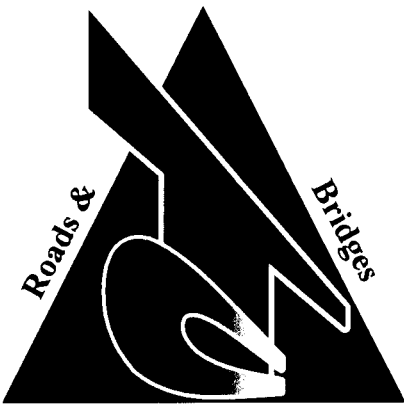
### CONSENT AND CERTIFICATION

I, Raymond J. Bates (please print name), hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I, the undersigned applicant, have personally completed this application. I understand that any misrepresentation, falsification or omission of information on this application or on any document used to secure employment shall be grounds for rejection of this application or immediate discharge if I am employed, regardless of the time elapsed before discovery.

Raymond J. Bates  
Signed By

Print Form

<b>Off Road Vehicle Survey of Local Government (As of August 10, 2011)</b>			
	<b>YES Ordinance</b>	<b>NO Ordinance</b>	<b>Undecided</b>
<b>City-Villages</b>			
Akron			
Caro			
Cass City			
City of Vassar			
Fairgrove			
Gagetown			
Kingston			
Mayville			
Millington			
Reese			
Unionville			
<b>Townships</b>			
Akron			
Almer	YES		
Arbela			
Columbia			
Dayton	YES		
Denmark			
Elkland			
Ellington			
Elmwood			
Fairgrove			
Fremont	YES		
Gilford	YES		
Indianfields			X
Juniata			X
Kingston			
Koylton			
Millington	YES		
Novesta			
Tuscola	YES		
Vassar			
Watertown			
Wells			
Wisner	YES		
Road Commission		NO	



Tuscola County Road Commission  
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To Our Future

## MEMORANDUM

Date: August 1, 2011

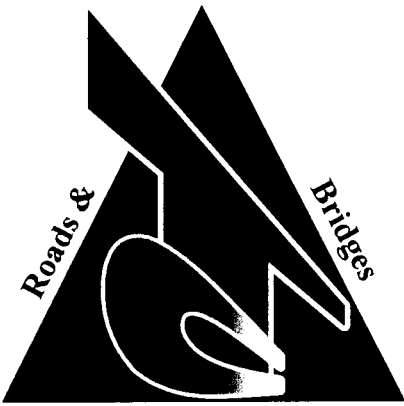
To: Mike Hoagland, Controller  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

From: Michael Tuckey, Director of Finance/Clerk of the Board

R/E: County-Wide O.R.V. Ordinance

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MT', is written over the 'R/E' line.

The Board of Tuscola County Road Commissioners discussed a proposed County-Wide O.R.V. Ordinance at their last regular meeting. Enclosed please find an excerpt from that meeting. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact me. Thanks.



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To Our Future

Management and the Board further discussed a request from the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners regarding a county-wide Off Road Vehicles (O.R.V.) Ordinance. The Board reviewed O.R.V. Ordinances adopted by Huron County and Sanilac County. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Zwerk that this Board recommends that Tuscola County not create a county-wide O.R.V. Ordinance; however if the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners decide to create an O.R.V. Ordinance, this Board recommends that the ordinance include proper liability protection and that drivers be 18 years old with a valid driver's license. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion made and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2011.

Signed:

  
Secretary-Clerk of the Board