

**DRAFT – Agenda**  
**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**Committee of the Whole – Monday, November 25, 2013 - 7:00 A.M.**  
**HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI**

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

**Primary Finance**

1. **2014 County Budget Development**
2. **Personal Property Tax – Change to Use Tax (Ballot Question in 2014)**
3. **Death Certificates and Cremation Permits**
4. **Dental Program for Indigent**
5. **Inclement Weather Policy (See A)**
6. **Medical Examiner System**
7. **New Method of Cost Sharing for MREC Legal Invoices (See B)**
8. **Child Care Fund Budget Amendment Request (See C)**
9. **Service Consolidations**

**On-Going Finance**

1. Potential Re-Use of former Camp Tuscola
2. Denmark Township Litigation Update
3. Register of Deeds Land Transaction Recordings Regarding Wind Energy
4. Medical Care Facility Certificate of Need for Small House Project Update
5. BC/BS Access Fees Lawsuit
6. Health Insurance Affordable Care Act
7. Requirements to Receive Full State Revenue Sharing
8. Per Diems and Mileage for Boards and Commissions
9. eCivis Grant Writing Service
10. Joint Service Delivery Ideas
11. Tuscola “In Sync” – County Web Site, Micamp and GIS Review
12. Natural Gas/Shale Resource Workgroup
13. Update DTE Fire Run Payments to Fire Departments
14. 911 Radio Purchases
15. Medical Examiner Police Chiefs Proposed Changes
16. Abused Neglected Child Care Costs
17. Jail Law Suit

**Personnel**  
Committee Leader-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Trisch

**Primary Personnel**

1. **Hiring Freeze (See D)**
2. **Appointments to Vacant Boards and Commissions**

On-Going Personnel

1. Court Personnel Policy Revisions
2. Equalization Waiver Request
3. Labor Negotiations

**Building and Grounds**

Committee Leader-Commissioners Allen and Beirlein

**Primary Building and Grounds**

1. Tire Program Permit
2. Clean Sweep Grant

On-Going Building and Grounds

1. Cass River Greenway
2. Dead Ash Trees Roadway Problems/Concerns
3. Fixed Asset Inventory
4. Jail Bed Addition Update
5. Update to the County Solid Waste Management Plan – EDC
6. State Police Post
7. Office Relocations Lowest Level Courthouse

**Other Business as Necessary**

**Public Comment Period**

**Closed Session – If Necessary**

**Other Business as Necessary**

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Amended 03/03/08

### I. PURPOSE

To establish policies and procedures regarding inclement weather.

### II. POLICY

County services normally remain operational during severe weather periods and employees are expected to report for and remain at work. In severe weather conditions when an employee reports for work late or is authorized to leave work early, the employee must take unpaid leave for the time missed or may elect to use accrued vacation to maintain their normal pay for that day. The Chairperson of the County Board may close the Courthouse and other related County administrative offices and programs other than twenty-four hour operations during extreme severe weather periods. In those rare instances when County operations are closed due to severe weather, County employees will be paid for their lost time on the day of closure at their regular rate. Maintenance employees required to work when County operations are closed due to severe weather will time and one half pay in addition to the pay for time lost on the period of closure at the employees' regular rate of pay.

### I. PROCEDURE

Governmental programs, activities and operations will rarely fail to open due to inclement weather. The Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners shall consult with the Emergency Director, Judges and other officials prior to determining that it is necessary to close the Courthouse and other related County administrative offices and programs.



## Mike Hoagland

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**From:** Mike Hoagland [mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2013 7:46 AM  
**To:** Bierlein Matthew (mbierlein@tuscolacounty.org); Kirkpatrick Craig (kirkpatrick\_craig@sbcglobal.net); Roger Allen (beetman95@yahoo.com); Tom Bardwell (tbardwell@hillsanddales.com); Trisch Christine (christinetrisch@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** FW: Wind Legal Services Invoice

**Attachments:** Wind Turbine Invoice Breakdown TUSCOLA CO (2013 2nd Qtr) c (3).xls

FYI new cost sharing method.....this is the same method as used in Huron and Sanilac Counties

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**From:** Mike Hoagland [mailto:mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 4:05 PM  
**To:** Mike Tuckey (mtuckey@tuscolaroad.org); Margot Roedel (Margot Roedel); Kim Green (kgreen@tuscolacounty.org); Mike Miller (Mike Miller)  
**Subject:** Wind Legal Services Invoice

**Subject:** Cost Sharing to Pay Legal Costs for the Dispute Wind Generator Companies County and Local Officials

Over a year ago Tuscola County entered into an **intergovernmental agreement** with Huron, Gratiot, Mason and Sanilac Counties to share in legal expenses related to **appealing a decision made by the Michigan State Tax Commission (STC)**. The STC decision changed a multiplier schedule which is used to determine true cash value and tax payments for wind generator personal property. County and local unit of government **revenue was reduced by approximately 27%** as a result of this STC change. This is a major financial issue impacting your jurisdiction and all jurisdictions with wind generators in Tuscola County and the entire state. **Literally millions of dollars are at issue** as a result of this STC change which was made without any input from impacted communities.

**At the time the county entered into the agreement the situation was different than it is today.** There were only 68 generators under construction in Gilford Township and 7 in Blumfield Township (Saginaw County). The county paid 50% of legal invoices and the other 50% was divided evenly to entities that had or were projected to have wind generators: Gilford, Blumfield (Saginaw County), Columbia, Akron and Fairgrove Townships along with the Tuscola Intermediate School District.

The situation has significantly changed and our **method of sharing in legal costs needs to also be changed.** Building permits have now been issued for 190 wind generators in Tuscola County. You and certain other entities are now stakeholders and we are requesting your assistance in paying a portion of legal services required to resolve the assessing/taxation

situation. By spreading these legal costs to all stakeholders expenses become more manageable.

**Attached is a spreadsheet that allocates cost based on number of generators and millages in each jurisdiction. This same billing methodology is used in Huron and Sanilac Counties. Also attached is your current invoice for your proportionate share of cost for September legal services. Please make payment to Tuscola County Controller, 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI 48723.**

Your help is needed as we all strive to be unified for fair assessing/taxation and ultimately revenue received. Together we can make a difference.

Please call if you want to discuss this further. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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TIER 2 - Calculation for TUSCOLA COUNTY BREAKDOWN of Attorney Bill from CLARK HILL

October \$ 5,419.33

|                                       | Millage Rate | # of turbines in Tuscola County | Millage rate x # of turbines | Percentage share | Share of bill | Amount due to County | Due from                       |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>COUNTY OPERATING</b>               | 3.9141       | 190                             | 743.679                      | 0.213624737      | \$ 1,157.70   |                      | COUNTY OPERATING               |
| Bridge/Streets                        | 0.4807       | 190                             | 91.333                       | 0.026235766      | \$ 142.18     | \$ 142.18            | Bridge/Streets                 |
| Senior Citizens                       | 0.2000       | 190                             | 38                           | 0.01091565       | \$ 59.16      | \$ 59.16             | Senior Citizens                |
| Medical Care                          | 0.2500       | 190                             | 47.5                         | 0.013644563      | \$ 73.94      | \$ 73.94             | Medical Care                   |
| Road Patrol                           | 0.9000       | 190                             | 171                          | 0.049120427      | \$ 266.20     | \$ 266.20            | Road Patrol                    |
| Roads/Streets                         | 0.9657       | 190                             | 183.483                      | 0.052706218      | \$ 285.63     | \$ 285.63            | Roads/Streets                  |
| Mosquito                              | 0.6316       | 190                             | 120.004                      | 0.034471624      | \$ 186.81     | \$ 186.81            | Mosquito                       |
| Recycling                             | 0.1500       | 190                             | 28.5                         | 0.008186738      | \$ 44.37      | \$ 44.37             | Recycling                      |
| MCF Construction                      | 1.0000       | 190                             | 190                          | 0.054578252      | \$ 295.78     | \$ 295.78            | MCF Construction               |
| <b>Gilford Township</b>               | 1.3553       | 79                              | 107.0687                     | 0.030755908      | \$ 166.68     |                      |                                |
| Fire                                  | 0.5000       | 79                              | 39.5                         | 0.011346531      | \$ 61.49      |                      |                                |
| Drains                                | 0.5000       | 79                              | 39.5                         | 0.011346531      | \$ 61.49      |                      |                                |
| Roads                                 | 1.9986       | 79                              | 157.8894                     | 0.045354355      | \$ 245.79     | \$ 535.45            | Gilford Township               |
| <b>Fairgrove Township</b>             | 1.4360       | 38                              | 54.568                       | 0.015674874      | \$ 84.95      |                      |                                |
| ROADS                                 | 1.6903       | 38                              | 64.2314                      | 0.018450724      | \$ 99.99      |                      |                                |
| Fire                                  | 0.5000       | 38                              | 19                           | 0.005457825      | \$ 29.58      | \$ 214.52            | Fairgrove Township             |
| <b>Akron Township</b>                 | 1.4038       | 50                              | 70.19                        | 0.020162355      | \$ 109.27     |                      |                                |
| Roads                                 | 0.9462       | 50                              | 47.31                        | 0.013589985      | \$ 73.65      |                      |                                |
| Blacktop                              | 1.8730       | 50                              | 93.65                        | 0.026901333      | \$ 145.79     |                      |                                |
| Roads                                 | 0.9994       | 50                              | 49.97                        | 0.01435408       | \$ 77.79      |                      |                                |
| Emerg Services                        | 0.9994       | 50                              | 49.97                        | 0.01435408       | \$ 77.79      | \$ 484.29            | Akron Township                 |
| <b>Wisner Township</b>                | 1.4145       | 1                               | 1.4145                       | 0.000406321      | \$ 2.20       |                      |                                |
| Fire/Ambulance                        | 1.7500       | 1                               | 1.75                         | 0.000502694      | \$ 2.72       |                      |                                |
| Roads                                 | 2.0000       | 1                               | 2                            | 0.000574508      | \$ 3.11       | \$ 8.03              | Wisner Township                |
| <b>Columbia Township</b>              | 1.4175       | 18                              | 25.515                       | 0.007329285      | \$ 39.72      |                      |                                |
| ROADS                                 | 1.5000       | 18                              | 27                           | 0.007755857      | \$ 42.03      |                      |                                |
| Emrg Services                         | 1.0000       | 18                              | 18                           | 0.005170571      | \$ 28.02      |                      |                                |
| Roads                                 | 1.5000       | 18                              | 27                           | 0.007755857      | \$ 42.03      |                      |                                |
| Library                               | 1.0000       | 18                              | 18                           | 0.005170571      | \$ 28.02      | \$ 179.82            | Columbia Township              |
| <b>Blumfield Township, Saginaw Co</b> | 0.9480       | 7                               | 6.636                        | 0.001906217      | \$ 10.33      |                      |                                |
| Voted                                 | 1.4872       | 7                               | 10.4104                      | 0.002990429      | \$ 16.21      | \$ 26.54             | Blumfield Township, Saginaw Co |

|                            |        |     |                  |             |                    |             |                            |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Fairgrove District Library | 0.7916 | 132 | 104.4912         | 0.030015511 | \$ 162.66          | \$ 162.66   | Fairgrove District Library |
| Reese District Library     | 0.9965 | 27  | 26.9055          | 0.007728711 | \$ 41.88           | \$ 41.88    | Reese District Library     |
| Tuscola ISD                | 4.2409 | 190 | 805.771          | 0.23146091  | \$ 1,254.36        | \$ 1,254.36 | Tuscola ISD                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |        |     | <b>3481.2401</b> | <b>1</b>    | <b>\$ 5,419.32</b> |             |                            |

**\$ 5,419.32**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
TUSCOLA COUNTY PROBATION SERVICES**

440 NORTH STATE STREET

**CARO, MI 48723**

989-672-3810

CHIEF JUDGE KIM DAVID GLASPIE

Hon. Amy Grace Gierhart

Hon. Nancy L. Thane

SHEILA LONG, PROBATION SERVICES DIRECTOR

**M E M O R A N D U M**

DATE: 11-14-2013

TO: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
Mike Hoagland, County Controller

FROM: Sheila Long, Probation Services Director *SL*

RE: Child Care Fund Budget

I am requesting to transfer within the Child Care Fund \$10,000 from line-item 292-662-843-001 (Work Weekend Program) to line-item 292-662-844-000 (Out of County Detention).

Thank you.

Cc: Hon. Kim David Glaspie  
Donna Fraczek



Agenda Reference: K

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Description of Matter: Move that the previous practice of making individual Board motions for employee hiring, resignations, promotions and retirements be discontinued provided the change does not result in costs that exceed the budget amount. The Human Resource Director shall continue to maintain appropriate records for payroll, tax reporting and other necessary personnel record keeping functions. (The County Labor Attorney has provided written comment that there is no legal reason these types of personal matters require a Board of Commissioner motion as long as the change is consistent with the adopted county budget).

Agenda Reference: L

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Description of Matter: Move that per the December 27, 2012 letter of request from Susan R. Holder, that the Courthouse Lawn be authorized for use from September 22, 2013 to October 6, 2013 for the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival.

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: Bardwell, Trisch, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

New Business

13-M-047

Motioned by Trisch seconded by Kirkpatrick to approve the MMRMA Application for a Police Car Video Camera.

Request to Refill County Planning Commission Vacancy:

Board approved the County Clerk to advertise for the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Henry Wymore will be asked to complete an application.

Affordable Care Act Update (Dan Skyver – Brown & Brown)

Dan Skyver provided an update on the Affordable Care Act Update. The slide presentation will be emailed to members of the Board.