

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 – 8:30 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  
Fax : 989-672-4011

- 8:30 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell  
Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell  
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Peterson  
Roll Call – Clerk White  
Adoption of Agenda  
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)  
Brief Public Comment Period  
Consent Agenda Resolution (See Correspondence #2)  
New Business  
    -2010/2011 EDC Annual Report (See Correspondence #3)  
    -NACo Rural Action Caucus Update Regarding EPA  
    -Resolution Accepting Request to Issue Refunding Bonds for  
        Denmark Township (See Correspondence #4)  
    -Road Commission Primary Roads Millage Transfer  
    -Road Commission Local Bridge Millage Transfer  
    -Probate Court Request for Temporary Part-Time Employee While  
        Employee is on FMLA  
    -Board of Canvassers' Vacancies (See Correspondence #5)  
Old Business  
Correspondence/Resolutions

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**KERN**

Thumb Area Consortium  
Human Development Commission  
Health Board  
Senior Services Advisory  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Behavioral Health Board  
DHS/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
Tuscola 2011

BARDWELL

Caro DDA  
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority  
Economic Development Corporation  
MAC Economic Development/Taxation  
MAC 7<sup>TH</sup> District  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Michigan Association of Counties – Board of Directors  
NACo

ALLEN

Board of Public Works  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Human Services Coordinating Council  
Great Start Collaborative – Tuscola County  
Parks & Recreation  
MAC Judiciary & Public Safety Committee  
NACo Agricultural Committee  
NACo Rural Action Caucus  
MAC Agriculture & Tourism

PETERSON

Enterprise Facilitation  
Human Development Commission  
MEMS  
Michigan Association of Counties – Aging Work Group  
Michigan Association of Counties – Environmental  
LEPC  
NACo  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Parks & Recreation  
Dispatch Authority Board  
County Planning Commission

PETZOLD

Recycling Advisory  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Technical Advisory Committee  
Michigan Works  
Multi-County Solid Waste  
TRIAD  
Local Unit of Government Activity Report  
Road Commission  
Health Board  
Saginaw Bay RC & D

Closed Session (If Necessary)

Other Business as Necessary

Extended Public Comment

Adjournment

**COMMITTEE MEETING TO FOLLOW BOARD  
MEETING AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30 A.M.**

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 August 25, 2011 Full Board Minutes**
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution**
- #3 2010/2011 EDC Annual Report**
- #4 Resolution Request Regarding Denmark Township**
- #5 Board of Canvassers' Vacancies Information**
- #6 August 25, 2011 Committee of the Whole & Statutory Finance Minutes**
- #7 August 17, 2011 Human Development Commission Minutes**
- #8 Capital Improvement Bonds Closing Information**
- #9 Huron County EDC Meeting Information**
- #10 Fairgrove VFW Post #7486 – RE: Veterans Affairs Office Hours**
- #11 August 18, 2011 Road Commission Minutes**
- #12 Drain Commission Notice of Review of Apportionments**
- #13 Change of Ownership for Public Employee Benefits Solutions LLC**
- #14 News Update Regarding Replacement Revenue for Possible Loss of  
Personal Property Tax Revenue**
- #15 Resolution #8/24/11 1253 – Supporting Employee Freedom to Work Act**
- #16 Thank You Letter for PA511 Program from Caro Assembly of God Church**

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**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**August 25, 2011 Minutes**  
**H. H. Purdy Building**

Chairman 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011 to order at 8:32 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer by Commissioner Petzold  
Pledge by Commissioner Bardwell

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

District #1 Roger Allen, District #2 Thomas Bardwell, District #4 Roy Petzold,  
District #5 Gerald Peterson

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

District #3 Tom Kern

11-M-186

Motion by Peterson seconded by Petzold to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

11-M-187

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the 8/11/2011 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment – none

11-M-188

It was moved by Peterson and supported by Allen that the following Consent Agenda resolution be adopted:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Reference:**           A

**Entity Proposing:**           COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/11/11

**Description of Matter:** Move that the budget amendments for August 2011 as presented by the Chief Accountant be approved and said changes be authorized for implementation.

**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/11/11

**Description of Matter:** Move that staff is authorized to obtain a draft contract for review of the Amalgam LLC Geographic Mapping System application with the understanding there is no cost to the county for use of the system.

**Agenda Reference:** C

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/11/11

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems, authorize Raymond Bates to fill one of the Board vacant positions and notification of said appointment be provided to appropriate parties.

**Agenda Reference:** D

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/11/11

**Description of Matter:** Move that the bid to replace the roof at the Recycling Center be awarded to Perfection Construction who was the low bidder for an amount of \$7,375.

**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: all

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Presentation of 2010 County audit and 2010 Road Commission audit– Gary Anderson and Jerry Bernhardt with Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C.

11-M-189

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson to receive and place on file the 2010 County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as presented by Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran CPA's (county auditors). Motion carried.

11-M-190

Motion by Allen seconded by Petzold that per the request of the Board of Health and Health Officer, a five year contract with Michigan Office Solutions be approved for all toner for printers, fax and copiers as well as maintenance and free replacement on broken or worn out equipment. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion carried.

11-M-191

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that the 2010 County Road Commission Annual Financial Report as presented by Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran CPA's (Audit) be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

11-M-192

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that per previous Board Motion 10-M-197, the second installment loan from the County to the Health Department in the amount of \$22,600 be approved for the purchase of computer equipment and software to comply with ARRA electronic medical record equipment. Motion carried.

11-M-193

Motion by Peterson seconded by Petzold that per the August 1, 2011 letter from ThumbWorks, reappoint Shellie Herford and John Welke as Tuscola County representatives to the Regional Community of Commerce/Workforce Investment Development Board. Motion carried.

11-M-194

Motion by Peterson seconded by Allen that per the August 1, 2011 letter from ThumbWorks appoint John Tilt and Tyler Ireland to the Regional Community of Commerce/Workforce Investment Development Board to fill vacancies on this board representing private industry. Motion carried.

11-M-195

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that the refinishing of benches for the remodeled Probate Court Room be awarded to D. A. Johnston for an amount of \$3000. Also, the Office Space remodeling project budget be amended for this change. Motion **FAILED**.

11-M-196

Motion by Allen seconded by Peterson that per the August 22, 2011 letter of request from Warren Taylor, authorize the use of the Courthouse Lawn on September 10, 2011 from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. for public assembly and signing of recall petitions. Also, the county Buildings and Grounds Director notify Mr. Taylor of the Board's approval. Motion carried.

Extended public comment - none

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Margie A. White  
Tuscola County Clerk



**'DRAFT'**

**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 15th day of September, 2011 at 8:30 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:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/25/11

**Description of Matter:** Move that the Contract with Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems for the purchase of mental health services for Jail Inmates be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that any motion, resolution, or other act of Tuscola 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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Margie White  
Tuscola County Clerk

INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM

To: County Administrator/Controller Mike Hoagland  
From: EDC Interim Director Don Beavers  
Subject: EDC Overview  
Date: August 30, 2011

In the past, the County has been a strong advocate for economic development. With your financial support, the EDC has consistently shown a proven track record of job creation and retention while helping the local tax base expand. 2010-2011 alone 179 jobs were created or retained. This was accomplished through working with all levels of government, local utilities, financial institutions, private investors, and individuals. For the coming fiscal year, the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors is requesting an allocation of \$44,302 from the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners for EDC operations.

Some of our success stories include agricultural based business expansion, independent business owners creating more jobs, manufacturers expanding product line, and service providers bringing more demand for qualified employees. All of these businesses have contributed to the local economy through payroll to employees, purchases of goods and services, paying of taxes, adding to the sense of place for the Tuscola community, and becoming community citizens that contribute to the overall benefit of the area.

Our direction towards more job creation has been reinforced by several initiatives on our part. In our efforts to review our level of services and priorities, the EDC Board has held a strategic planning process. Working with existing businesses and consulting with those wanting to start a new business have been identified as our continuing top priority. Additionally, the EDC Board of Directors has committed to continue our services as being presently delivered in our organization. Also, Enterprise Facilitation is in the process of joining the umbrella of the EDC allowing the public greater opportunity for entrepreneurs explore the starting or expansion of locally owned businesses.

The EDC recognizes that financial restraints are upon everyone. With that we have reduced some of our services at a time that the need is even greater. Because of this we feel that we need to restore some of those services to insure we can continue to respond to the economic development needs for all entrepreneurs and all governmental units. Also, the EDC anticipates an even greater role in assisting in many areas including expanding agri-business in areas as organic farming, helping develop niche retailers, helping existing businesses expand their goods and services, and responding to the new wind energy initiatives and its corresponding benefits as well as the challenges that must be overcome.

Our mission statement states it very concisely..."Tuscola County EDC's mission is to work to retain and create jobs for the citizens of Tuscola County. We foster, encourage, and assist new and existing businesses in expanding and growing their employee base in making Tuscola County a great place to live, work and play.

I would be available to make a presentation to the Board of Commissioners at the appropriate time to present the annual report and answer any questions the Board may have.

**TUSCOLA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

At a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola held at \_\_\_\_\_ in Caro, Michigan on September 15, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, there were

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_;

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REQUEST TO ISSUE  
REFUNDING BONDS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DENMARK**

WHEREAS, the County of Tuscola (the "County") by resolution of its Board of Commissioners has established a Department of Public Works ("DPW") for the administration of the powers conferred by Act No. 185, Michigan Public Acts of 1957, as amended ("Act 185"), which department is administered by a Board of Public works; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 the Township of Denmark, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan (the "Township") determined that it is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the Township to construct a water extension project to serve the Township (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Tuscola (the "County") through its Department of Public Works (the "DPW") under the terms of Act No. 185, Public Acts of Michigan, 1957, as amended ("Act 185) issued \$1,280,000 of bonds dated August 1, 1997 to finance construction of such Project which bonds will be maturing in various years through November 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Township anticipated an increase in users of its water system when the bonds were issued which has not materialized; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to have the County issue refunding bonds to extend the maturities on the existing bond issue to November 1, 2019 which will permit the Township to collect sufficient revenues to make the future principal and interest payments on the bonds.

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board of Public Works that the issuance of the Refunding Bonds as requested by the Township is feasible and should be carried out; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Commissioners shall appoint the Board of Public Works to hold a public hearing on behalf of the County and the Board of Public Works shall meet at 6:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, on October 27, 2011, at the Denmark Township Hall, 9386 W. Saginaw Rd, Richville, Michigan 48758 and during such meeting shall conduct a public hearing to hear objections to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds. The form of notice attached hereto as EXHIBIT A, is hereby approved as the form of notice for such hearing. The County Clerk shall cause a notice of such hearing to be published in the *Tuscola County Advertiser*, a newspaper of general circulation within the County, which is hereby determined to be the newspaper reaching the largest number of electors and taxpayers of the County, on September 21, 2011 in the form attached hereto.

2. The Board of Public Works is hereby directed to obtain and to submit to this Board of Commissioners, for approval, the necessary documents to proceed with the Refunding Bonds.

3. The Bonds shall be known as the "Tuscola County - Denmark Township Water Extension Refunding Bonds".

4. If necessary, the Chief Administrative Officer of the County is hereby authorized to apply to the Michigan Department of Treasury for approval to issue the Bonds, to provide any necessary documentation and to pay the related fee.

5. All resolutions, or portions thereof, insofar as they may be in conflict with the foregoing, are hereby rescinded to the extent of such conflict.

A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

YES: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

NO: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

The Resolution was declared adopted.

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Tuscola, hereby certifies that (1) the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County at a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting held on September 15, 2011, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout, (2) that an original thereof is on file in the records of the County, (3) the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended), and (4) minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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**EXHIBIT A**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA  
ON THE COUNTY'S INTENT TO ISSUE  
TUSCOLA COUNTY - DENMARK TOWNSHIP WATER  
EXTENSION REFUNDING BONDS  
IN AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$550,000

TO ALL ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF DENMARK AND THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Public Works on behalf of the County of Tuscola, Michigan (the "County"), will meet beginning at 6:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, on October 27, 2011 at the Denmark Township Hall, 9386 W. Saginaw Rd, Richville, Michigan 48758 and during such meeting will conduct a public hearing to hear objections to the issuance of the not to exceed \$550,000 Tuscola County - Denmark Township Water Extension Refunding Bonds for the purpose of refunding part of the Tuscola Water Supply System Bonds (Denmark Township Water Main) Series 1997, Dated August 1, 1997 which were issued in the original principal amount of \$1,280,000 in order to restructure the Township's debt under the bonds.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the hearing is being held pursuant to and in compliance with Section 611 of Act No. 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001, as amended.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the estimated costs and new estimated debt service schedules of the restructuring prepared by the County's Financial Advisors, Municipal Financial Consultants Incorporated, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan are on file with the County Clerk, \_\_\_\_\_, Caro Michigan, for public examination during regular business hours.

The Township Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear and speak at the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Dated: September 21, 2011

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*Nike,  
Please add to an upcoming BOE agenda -  
Thanks,  
Marge*

tuscola-co@miqvf.org

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# NEWS YOU CAN USE - July 29, 2011 - Special Edition for County Clerks

From : Admin <admin4@miqvf.org>

Fri, Jul 29, 2011 03:35 PM

Subject : NEWS YOU CAN USE - July 29, 2011 - Special Edition for County Clerks

## "NEWS YOU CAN USE" July 29, 2011 A Special Edition for County Clerks

The terms of two members of the Board of County Canvassers established in your county expire on November 1 this year (one Republican member and one Democratic member). Michigan election law provides that the expired terms must be filled as follows:

- The county committee of each political party is required to provide the county clerk with the names of three nominees for the party's expiring seat on the Board *no later than September 1, 2011*. (MCL 168.24c)
- The County Board of Commissioners is required to fill the two vacancies on the Board by electing a Republican member and a Democratic member from the submitted names. Michigan election law specifies that the County Board of Commissioners use ballots when filling the seats. (MCL 168.24c) (Note: As the Open Meetings Act prohibits a voting procedure at a public meeting which prevents citizens from knowing how members of the public body have voted, a "secret" balloting process cannot be employed by the Board of County Commissioners when filling the positions.)
- The county clerk is required to notify the appointees within five days. (MCL 168.24a(3))

PA 463 of 2006 amended Michigan election law to extend the County Board of Commissioners the authority to request any of the following from county canvasser nominees before making the required appointments:

- A letter signed by the nominee indicating 1) an interest in serving on the Board of County Canvassers and 2) an intent to discharge the duties of the position to the best of his or her ability.
- Information on any prior election experience including canvassing elections.
- Information on whether the nominee has been convicted of a felony or election crime.

We ask that you alert the members of the County Board of Commissioners in your county of their responsibilities in this matter.

Questions? Please contact the Bureau of Elections: (800) 292-5973.

*Items expiring for:*

*Republican - Valerie Jewett  
Democrat - Margaret Skuta*



**DRAFT**  
**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**Committee of the Whole Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 25, 2011**  
**HH Purdy Building**  
**125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI**  
**10:16 a.m.**

Commissioners present: Allen, Bardwell, Petzold, Peterson. Also present: Mike Hoagland, Margie White, Mary Drier, Mike Miller

**Finance**

- Updated County Dashboard 8-25-11**
- Potential Recovery of County Administrative Costs for Financing of Local Government Sewer & Water Projects** – No action at this time
- 2012 County Budget Development** – a one-page calendar was distributed.
- GIS Parcel Layer – Amalgam LLC** – provide parcel mapping. The committee reviewed a draft agreement – further study to occur
- ATM Machines-** the Probate Judge would like one installed at the courthouse. More will be reported later.
- Kiosk System** – the sheriff’s department is changing from Swanson to Canteen and would like to wait on the kiosk until that change occurs.
- Update Regarding Purdy Building Purchase** – a few items remaining on punch list before the purchase can occur.
- MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District Tuscola County - September 26, 2011** – tour of the Octagon Barn.
- NACo - Rural Action Caucus Fund Raising** – ideas needed.
- Jail Mental Health Services Contract** – (see consent agenda resolution)

Secondary/On-Going Finance Items

1. EDC and Enterprise Facilitation Alternatives
2. Circuit Court Collections Plan
3. Development of State Recommended County Financial Information
4. Treasurer Bank Statement
5. County Hiring Freeze – Reducing Cost Through Attrition
6. 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**

- State Law Regarding Maximum County Payment for Health Insurance** – the costs can be spread and the county would not have to charge employees any additional amount.
- Alternative Health Department - Health Insurance Program** – awaiting renewal numbers and will discuss.
- SCAO Recommendations Regarding Statewide Judge Reductions** -

## Secondary/On-Going Personnel Items

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

## Building and Grounds

**Office Space Project** – it is hoped the Probate judge moved into her chambers after Labor Day. Adult Probation is moved into the former FOC building. Mr. Tuckey has some issues with the paint.

**Purdy Building Security** – Stanley Alarm install will occur mid-September

## Secondary/On-Going Building and Grounds Items

1. Niland Building Roof Repair – currently torn apart. Mr. Ransford has been discussing its purchase with Mr. Niland
2. Potential Sheriff Department Tower Replacement – possible lease with Thumb Cellular
3. Off-Road Vehicles – polling the local units of government

## Correspondence/Other Business as Necessary

**Public Comment Period** - none

**Other Business as Necessary** – Drain Commission – notice of apportionment associated with various county drains. Mike will check with the Drain Commissioner regarding budget implications

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Margie A. White  
Tuscola County Clerk

**Statutory Finance Committee Minutes  
Thursday, August 25, 2011  
HH Purdy Building  
125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI**

Called to order: 11:22 a.m.

Commissioners present: Allen, Bardwell, Peterson, Petzold

Also present: Michael Hoagland, Margie White, Mary Drier

Claims and per diems were reviewed and approved

Public Comment - none

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Margie A. White  
Tuscola County Clerk

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 17, 2011  
3 p.m.

#7

PRESENT: Della Hammond, Chris Taylor, Bob Sugden, Carl Holmes, Jerry Peterson, Tom Kern, John Merriman, Grace Temple, George Loomis, Steve Vaughan, David Eady, Cindy McDonnell

ABSENT: Judge Kim Glaspie (excused), Al Long (excused), Bill Butler (excused), Linda Jarvis (excused), John Espinoza (excused), Bob Wood (excused), Elmer Bussema (excused), Jamie Daws (excused), Ron Wruble

STAFF: Lori Offenbecher, Brian Neuville, Becky Hassler, Maryanne Eagle, Michelle Cubitt, Lisa Meyer, Peg Davy, Lori Ertman

Chairperson Hammond convened the meeting at 3 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum established. The Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of staff and guests followed.

Motion by Steve Vaughan, seconded by George Loomis, to accept the July 20, 2011 Board of Directors minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

TIME FOR PUBLIC - There were no comments from the public.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Board Pass-Around Folder was distributed and contained: 1) thank you and pictures from HDC's 2010 Achiever of the Year, Betty Burton, 2) customer thank you, 3) pictures of the agency's property on Cook Drive in Bad Axe, 4) thank you note from Bill Butler, 5) Thumb Works! monitoring report as a result of their on-site visit, 6) Region VII Area Agency on Aging monitoring report/agency response, 7) HDC letter of support for United Way of Southeastern Michigan's application to bring 2-1-1 to Lapeer County, and 8) news article regarding the Michigan Court of Appeals decision that finds the administration of a Low-Income and Energy Efficiency Fund does not fall within the scope of the Public Service Commission. This is the fund which provides over \$500 million for shut-off protection and is split between many entities, including Michigan Community Action Agencies.

Chairperson Hammond advised that, on behalf of the Board, the agency sent flowers to Bill Butler and Al Long to let them know that the Board was thinking of them.

She also advised that she had attended the MCAAA Summer Conference in July and noted that it was an excellent event and two agency staff people, Controller, Maryanne Eagle and Caregiver Trainer, Kim Wasik, were workshop presenters.

Members were informed that the Board Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Executive Director would be attending the National Community Action Conference the week of August 22.

Ms. Eagle provided information on the difficulties that the agency was encountering in implementing the MDHS-mandated FACSPRO software.

Motion by John Merriman, seconded by Tom Kern, to accept the Chairperson's Report as presented. Motion carried.

### FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Eagle highlighted the July 2011 Finance Report which reflected monthly expenditures of \$1,170,384 and a total budget of \$16.3 million.

Motion by Tom Kern, seconded by David Eady, to accept the Finance Report as presented. Motion carried.

### COMMUNITY ACTION ENDOWMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Holmes highlighted the minutes of the July 20 Endowment Board meeting noting that the Endowment Asset Report reflected a balance of \$90,597.

He stated that a license had been received to conduct a Michigan Daily-3 Game as a fundraiser for the Endowment and that 1,000 tickets were available to sell. It was noted that all cash, ticket stubs and unsold tickets were to be returned to the agency by October 13 to prepare for the month-long drawing which would begin November 1.

Motion by Grace Temple, seconded by George Loomis, to accept the Community Action Endowment Board of Trustees minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### BYLAWS/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Ms. Offenbecher stated that the Committee had met on August 11 and had been chaired by Judge Glaspie.

Following discussion regarding the potential of decreasing the size of the agency's Board of Directors, it was the consensus of the Committee that the size of the Board remain at 24 Directors.

Members also discussed current Board vacancies and noted the Bylaws which outlined the process for filling vacancies. Members agreed that the Bylaws/Membership Committee, Board of Directors and Executive Director should work in partnership to seek qualified members.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 20, 2011 Domestic Violence Services Advisory Council in which those members recommended that the Council's Bylaws be revised. Motion by Chris Taylor, seconded by Carl Holmes, that Article V, Section A, of the Domestic Violence Services Bylaws be changed to reflect that regular meetings of the Council shall meet a minimum of four times per year. Motion carried.

Members were apprised that nine Board members had terms expiring in August. Motion by Steve Vaughan, seconded by Jerry Peterson, that the terms of Elmer Bussema, Al Long, Bill Butler, Della Hammond, Robert Wood, George Loomis, Judge Kim Glaspie, Bob Sugden and Chris Taylor be renewed for three years. Motion carried.

Motion by John Merriman, seconded by Grace Temple, to accept the Bylaws/Membership Committee minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### PLANNING/EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Peterson presented proposals which the Committee had recommended be submitted for funding at their August 17 meeting. Proposal updates were also reviewed with members.

Motion by Carl Holmes, seconded by Bob Sugden, to submit the proposals as recommended by the Planning/Evaluation Committee. Motion carried.

The Committee had also reviewed the Region VII Area Agency on Aging monitoring report/agency response and the ThumbWorks! monitoring report.

Motion by Steve Vaughan, seconded by George Loomis, to accept the Planning/Evaluation Committee report as presented. Motion carried.

### EXECUTIVE/FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hammond highlighted the minutes of the August 4 Committee meeting noting that a revised Board of Directors Conflict of Interest Agreement and Disclosure, as well as a proposed Suspension and Debarment Certification, had been mailed to Board members in advance.

Motion by Jerry Peterson, seconded by Cindy McDonnell to accept the revised Board of Directors Conflict of Interest Agreement and Disclosure. Motion carried.

Motion by David Eady, seconded by Grace Temple, to accept the Board of Directors Suspension and Debarment Certification as presented. Motion carried.

The agency credit card statements were reviewed by members. A discussion was also held on the lot owned by the agency on Cook Drive in Bad Axe. It was the consensus of members that the agency not attempt to sell the property at this time.

Members were provided with information on the agency's financial status and scored the seven responses which had been received as a result of the agency's RFP for the provision of conducting the agency's single audit for 2010/11. Committee members then reviewed and scored the proposals.

Motion by Chris Taylor, seconded by Bob Sugden, that Yeo & Yeo be hired to conduct the agency's 2010/2011 single audit with an option to renew for two additional years. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Kern, seconded by David Eady, to accept the Executive & Finance/Audit Committee minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### EARLY HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL

Ms. McDonnell highlighted the minutes of the August 10 Council meeting at which time members reviewed and approved the agency's revised Personnel Policies. Members were provided information regarding the PIR (Program Information Report) and it was noted that Program enrollment was at 152.

Motion by Chris Taylor, seconded by Grace Temple, to accept the Early Head Start Policy Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Kern highlighted the July 27 minutes of the Council meeting noting that he and his wife had hosted the meeting at their home. Members discussed the upcoming Tuscola Council on Aging Dinner Dance and reviewed the status of Senior Services as of June.

Motion by Chris Taylor, seconded by Jerry Peterson, to accept the Senior Services Advisory Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### CARO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

At the July meeting of the Authority, Mr. Taylor advised that the Master Agreement between MDOT and CTA was reviewed and approved for Program Years 2012-2016. An amended copy of the Drug and Alcohol Policy Handbook for transit employees was presented and approved and it was noted that Thumbody Express began utilizing a new computerized dispatching system on July 29.

Motion by John Merriman, seconded by David Eady, to receive the Caro Transit Authority Report as presented. Motion carried.

### AGENCY REPORT

Ms. Offenbecher advised that she had been appointed to Senator Bruce Caswell's Energy Workgroup established to explore the possibility of transferring state emergency relief and energy programs from the Department of Human Services to Community Action Agencies by FY 2012.

It was noted that, effective October 1, 2011, over 10,000 families in Michigan will be eliminated from FIP assistance due to the enforcement of a 48-month lifetime limit on benefits received from the Department of Human Services. HDC has been listed as a resource within a letter that will be sent to all four-county recipients notifying them of their termination of benefits.

Members were apprised that the agency was in the process of exploring the potential of a centralized kitchen facility in Sanilac County due to current constraints at the Lexington and Deckerville kitchens.

Ms. Offenbecher stated that the agency had been selected to participate in MSHDA's National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Pilot Program.

It was also noted that the agency's "Let's Do Lunch" Program had ended and a total of 1,439 meals were served from June 20 through August 11.

Ms. Offenbecher advised that Tuscola Behavioral Health Services will be on-site to provide 60 agency employees with Mental Health First Aid Certification training. The training will be provided during the months of October, November and January with the result that interested staff will receive a three-year certification in how to identify mental health-related issues and how to connect customers and/or co-workers to needed resources.

It was noted that the agency's revised Personnel Policies had been approved by both the Board of Directors and EHS Policy Council. In September, a meeting will be held with supervisory staff to review the revisions and distribution to all staff would take place prior to October 1, 2011.

Ms. Offenbecher stated that, over the last six months, the agency has noted that senior citizens are not picking up their commodities through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program on a regular basis due to the high gas prices. To address this issue, staff are working on the logistics to deliver commodities to senior apartment complexes in all four counties.

On August 25, a "Help For Homeowners" event will be hosted by the agency from 1-8 p.m. at the Generations/Weatherization Training Center. A live radio feed will be provided by 92.1 and local bank representatives will be on site to meet with individuals seeking assistance with foreclosure issues. Independent and Chemical Bank have both donated \$50 to help sponsor the event.

Ms. Davy provided an update as it relates to the potential of receiving STOP funds for Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties. If approved, each county would receive approximately \$25,000 to address domestic violence.

Mr. Neuville provided an update on South Saginaw Homes II and advised that he was negotiating a 2011/2012 lease for the continued rental of the Bad Axe Senior Center. He also noted that Habitat for Humanity would be moving from the Lapeer Field Office based on HDC's need for additional office space.

It was also noted that Rural Development had inspected the Generations Building and was very impressed with the services provided from that facility.

Motion by Chris Taylor, seconded by Grace Temple, to accept the Agency Report as presented. Motion carried.

#### OTHER

Mr. Vaughan distributed pictures of the Bad Axe Senior Center and talked of a tour which had been provided to representatives of the State, including the Lieutenant Governor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lori Ertman  
Director's Assistant



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September 7, 2011

Ms Gineen DeStefano  
Bernardi Securities, Inc  
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Chicago, Illinois 60603

Re: County of Tuscola, Michigan, Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2011

Dear Ms DeStefano:

Closing for the above captioned bond issue will take place on the morning of Thursday, September 8, 2011 via a wire transfer. The breakdown of the proceeds due and the transfer instructions are as follows:

Par Value of the Bonds	\$995,000.00
Plus: Accrued Interest	756.15
Less: Good Faith Amount	(19,900.00)
Less: Underwriters Discount	(14,925.00)
<b>Total Due at Closing</b>	<b><u>\$960,931.15</u></b>

Please wire transfer funds to the following account:  
County of Tuscola  
North Star Bank  
ABA# 072414064  
Tuscola County General Fund  
Account#: 52252046

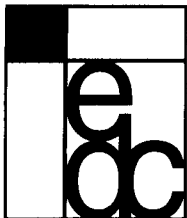
Please call me if you have any questions about this closing letter

Very truly yours,  
**Leonard & Company**

**s/ T M Enright**

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cc: Mr. Michael Hoagland  
Ms Patricia Donovan-Gray  
Ms Deborah Miller  
Ms Nell Worthy



# HURON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

August 26, 2011

A call to action:

Recent indications point to Michigan legislators and the Governor's office taking action to eliminate industrial personal property. This is a cause of concern for many local communities, but is especially critical for those communities that will be hosting wind farm developments.

This potential loss of local revenues will have a huge negative impact on our communities and the ability of local governments to provide services to their residents. A part of many local presentations and discussions were centered on these huge, landscape altering developments paying their fair share of taxes.

Now, it seems, that our state leaders are determined to change the agreements and commitments we have forged over the past several years.

To confront these changes and to inform our state legislative leaders on the seriousness of the changes being discussed we are inviting you to a state wide meeting.

The meeting is intended to establish a group of local leaders at the county and township levels that can educate and inform Lansing as to the serious and substantial impacts these tax changes will have on communities that are hosting wind farms.

This is not intended to be a debate of wind farms, rather, it is focused on the capture of taxes locally. These terrain altering projects serve as a source of renewable energy in Michigan. They do impact our communities and they should be paying taxes.

We, in Huron County have had extensive discussions with the wind farm developers and every one of them have committed to paying taxes.

We will be hosting a meeting on **September 21<sup>st</sup> at Wirt Public Library, 500 Center Ave., Bay City, MI 48708 Phone – 989.893.9566 from 10 a.m. to Noon** to further discuss the unfolding events in Lansing and to decide on a course of action to protect our communities and our residents.

You will find enclosed a tentative agenda that outlines the topics and discussion points. We feel it is crucial that our voices and the voices of our citizens be heard.

We encourage you to attend. If you are able to participate, please RSVP to Huron County EDC – 989.269.6431 or [laura@huroncounty.com](mailto:laura@huroncounty.com).

Thank you. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Carl Osentoski at 989.269.6431.

Sincerely,

Carl J. Osentoski, Executive Director  
Huron County EDC

Donald Schurr, President  
Greater Gratiot Development, Inc.

## **State Wind Tax Coalition - Agenda**

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*September 21<sup>st</sup> – Wirt Public Library, 500 Center Ave., Bay City, MI 48708  
10 a.m. to Noon*

1. Welcome: host of meeting: Carl Osentoski – Huron County EDC & Don Schurr-Greater Gratiot Development Inc.
2. Overview: Current Wind Energy Tax
3. Presenter Panel:
  - a. Mike Harris, Superintendent, McBain Schools (Invited)
  - b. Ron Wruble, Chair, Huron County Board of Commissioners
  - c. Dave Bertram, Legislative Team Leader, MI Township Association (Invited)
  - d. Mike Krause, Chair, Huron County Economic Development Corp
  - e. Gene Pierce, Superintendent, Tuscola County ISD (Invited)
4. Possible Changes: Senator Nof's legislation
  - a. Senator Mike Green, (or staff) (Invited)
  - b. Other pending legislation - Representative Kurt Damrow (Invited)
5. Other possible legislation
6. Extension of the Next Energy Authority
7. Legislation for flexible use of tax revenues
8. Need for Action
9. Next Steps
10. Form an executive action committee for plan formulation
11. Meet with legislators: Senator Nofs, Senator Green, Senator Kahn etc. on impacts of tax law changes and legislative remedies
12. Next Meeting: Time and Location

## Talking taxes with Brian Calley, part II

By THE CENTER FOR MICHIGAN | *Published:* JULY 21, 2011

By Susan J. Demas

Fans of a service tax in Michigan will be disappointed.

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley stressed again in an interview this month that the administration of Gov. Rick Snyder has little interest in a service tax, arguing it would be far more complex to implement than most people imagine.

"I don't think many appreciate the pitfalls and complexities of administering a sales tax on services," he said.

Calley spearheaded the governor's effort to dump the Michigan Business Tax and replace it with a flat, 6-percent corporate income tax. Snyder signed that into law in May, along with [a slew of other tax changes](#). Calley said he believes that will become Michigan's calling card.

"I think you can make the case it's the simplest business tax in the country, if not the world," he said this month. (Click [here](#) to read Part I of Calley's interview.)

Now that tax reform is done, the governor has charged Calley with shepherding through the Legislature a Personal Property Tax reform, something on manufacturers' wish list for years. The Center for Michigan sat down with Calley about the PPT and service tax, as well as the future of the gas tax and mineral taxes.

**Q: With more and more retail activity going to services as opposed to goods, how long do you think that Michigan's use tax remains viable in its current form? Is reform in that regard something the administration is considering at some point?**

A: We don't have sales and use tax on services as any part of our plans or agenda at this point. One thing I guess I would encourage people to take into consideration is that all the different types of taxation that we have in this state captures in one shape or form the service industry. Whether you're talking about property taxes — the service industry does own a lot of property. Or the business tax or the pass-through tax on the individual income tax. ... As that industry grows, we do capture revenue from it in all of our different taxing streams. It's just not the direct sales tax itself.

There are other aspects. I don't think many appreciate the pitfalls and complexities of administering a sales tax on services. Some services would be easy to administer. A haircut is easy to determine where the service happened and who got the benefit. But take, for example, from my previous employer, I rolled over my IRA into a Fidelity account. And Fidelity is located in Boston. And let's say I bought a stock and paid a \$9 commission on it. Well, I live in Michigan. Fidelity is in Boston. The trade happened in New York. Where's the nexus to that service transaction?

Beyond that, when you look at sales tax on service questions, there are traditional things that you would exempt, like health care, for example. Well, how do you define that? ... For example, how about rhinoplasty. If I had a nose job, does that qualify as health care? So maybe you'd say no. But OK, what if I was in a car accident and it was to restore it? Then does it count as health care? Then is it exempt?

When you get down into it, there's like a thousand different decisions that have to be made in order to effectively administer a broad-based service sales tax. Of course, we do tax [some services](#) in this state already. So some of them are easier than others. But if you talk as broad-based as some have proposed, these nexus questions and what's in or out — there's a lot more to it than I think most people appreciate.

**Q: Most states do tax more services than we do. Have they had some of these complications? Have you looked there and that's why you're not really interested in going in that direction?**

A: Every state — there's no standard out there — has a different [sales-tax scheme](#) in place. I don't know of any comprehensive we're-adding-a-sales-tax-on-services movement. It's just a system that's grown over time. It's kind of been a piecemeal approach.



Lt. Gov. Brian Calley says Personal Property Tax reform is the next big agenda item for the Snyder administration. (Courtesy photo/state of Michigan)

So I personally don't have any examples of anybody that's just said overnight, "You know what? Tomorrow we're just going to tax most services." So that's a tough nut to crack. It really is.

**Q. What do you think is the best practice when it comes to fuel taxes, especially in light of people changing their driving habits?**

A: We're not to the point that we have a proposal; we're just kind of getting an overview of the things that we know. We know that there's not a good future in Michigan roads and bridges with tying their fate to the consumption of gas and diesel. And undeniably and internationally and nationally, and even at the state level, (there is) a drive to reduce the amount of fossil fuels.

... So we do have to find a way to transition to something else. There are a lot of ideas out there — some that are creative; some that are, frankly, not very creative. Short-term, an increase in the rate — but if you were just to increase the rate, you'd find yourself back in the same problem before too long. And we're not so much into dealing with the symptoms of problems. We'd rather get to the root of the problem. And that base itself is something that we need to figure out something else.

**Q: How would you like to see the Personal Property Tax reform structured and would there be anything to offset it?**

A: The Personal Property Tax is my next task. We'll have a proposal sometime this fall ready for making changes there. It's the biggest real obstacle to manufacturing, creating an environment conducive to growth in manufacturing — not just automobiles, but all things we manufacture here in this state, whether it's chemicals or cereal or Slinkys or furniture or pharmaceuticals.

The Personal Property Tax is just an asset-based tax. There's no sound economic theory behind why you'd use that form of taxation. At the same time, we're not willing to end the Personal Property Tax cold turkey. The impact that it has on local governments throughout the state — it varies. You have a lot of municipalities that would frankly care less; the Personal Property Tax is more of a hassle to administer. And others have built their entire government structure around it.

So we can't just end it. We do have to provide local government a replacement stream of revenue and what has yet to be determined, in terms of our proposal, is whether or not that's something we just make room for out of existing revenue streams or if there's some way that we can restructure to establish a system that's based on something other than the value of equipment placed in Michigan.

**Q: Depending on how you do it, this could be about a \$1 billion hit to local and state revenue, right?**

A: It's about \$1.2 billion. There are three types of personal property: industrial, commercial and utility. I do consider industrial and commercial personal property to be the most urgent of the questions in front of us. With respect to utility Personal Property Tax, for the most part, that's a tax that through the Public Service Commission process — the rate-setting process; it is passed on to consumers in a very formal way. So it's not really as much of a competitive issue for the state, as are commercial and industrial, which are much more mobile.

**Q. How much is the utility portion?**

A: Just in broad strokes, it's about half and half. I think utilities are a little less than half. So the way I look at it is, in a first round of Personal Property Tax reform, it's more commercial and industrial. I do believe we have opportunities to make changes for utilities, as well, to a different form of taxation that isn't asset-based — something variable-based. The oil and gas industry has a severance tax, or sometimes you have a per-unit tax; (it's) much easier to administer. At the end of the day, our goal has to be to implement a system that's less costly than the Personal Property Tax. It's a terribly complicated tax to administer.

**Q: What are the prospects of changing Michigan's taxes on minerals?**

A: It's something that we've really not dug into at all at this point. Our first priority was the repeal of the MBT (Michigan Business Tax) and institution of the corporate income tax. No. 2 is the Personal Property Tax reform for this fall. I expect that over the course of the next term here that we're going to have to look at some different reforms in how we pay for our roads and bridges, as well.

But the way that the mineral part of it works today ... I know that oil and gas, for example, pay severance tax in lieu of other taxes. It's one that seems to work pretty well. The system is one that the industry seems to like and it's been a growing source of revenue to the state. But as to mining activities and so forth, it's not something that we've really even approached at this point.

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**Fairgrove VFW Post # 7486  
4734 Dutcher Rd.  
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September 7, 2011

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**

**SUBJECT: Veteran Affairs Office Hours**

**The post members at their last night meeting voted to the proposed change to the Veterans Affairs office to part time status. The post will support the change in the operation hours of the office as long as the needs of the County Veterans are handled in a timely matter.**

**Yours in Comradeship**

***Dennis Haske***

**Dennis Haske  
VFW Post #7486  
Post Commander**

August 18, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, August 18, 2011 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, Director of Finance/Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey.

Also present: County Commissioner Roy Petzold.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the minutes of the August 4, 2011 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$100,953.87 and bills in the amount of \$204,117.60 covered by voucher #11-29 were presented and audited.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Matuszak that the payroll and bills be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Brief Public Comment Segment:

None.

Management and the Board further discussed plans for replacing the County Weighmaster position. Management conducted interviews this week and recommended the top two candidates to the Board. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Matuszak that Management continue to review the top two candidates for the County Weighmaster position and report back at the next regular meeting of the Board. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed the Road Commission's group health insurance plan. Management is currently working with the newly assigned Agent and will report updates back to the Board during this transition.

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Parsell to grant Koylton Township a variance of the Local Road Improvement and Township Allowance Policy for the 2011 season by allowing all of the improvements to White Creek Road from Denhoff Road to M-46 to be eligible for the Section II Township Matching Allowance. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed the request from the Ellington Township Board regarding the proposed improvements to Gilford Road west of the White Creek Bridge which was previously discussed at the last regular meeting of the Board. County Highway Engineer Zaverucha reported to the Board that Ellington Township has requested a variance of the proposed improvements. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to deny the request from the Ellington Township Board for a variance of the proposed improvements to Gilford Road west of the White Creek Bridge, and require the township to

proceed with the project as proposed and recommended by the County Highway Engineer. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management presented to the Board the proposed specifications to bid three (3) Pickup Trucks and one (1) Engineering Vehicle as part of the adopted 2011 Capital Outlay Budget. After review and discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to approve the proposed specifications for three (3) Pickup Trucks and one (1) Engineering Vehicle and to advertise for bids to be opened at the next regular meeting of the Board. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Sheridan that the agreement between Michigan Aggregate Products, LLC and the Tuscola County Road Commission allowing Designated and Special Designated All-Season loads on Snover Road from its establishment east to Leix Road be extended for two (2) years with the conditions specified in the agreement. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Director of Finance Michael Tuckey presented to the Board a revised 2011 Budget. After discussion and review of various financial reports, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to approve the revised 2011 Budget as presented. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the following resolution be adopted:

As provided by the MERS Plan Document, 1 year, 3 months additional credited service is granted David Davidson by resolution adopted by the Board of Tuscola County Road Commissioners at its meeting on August 18, 2011. It is understood that the calculation of service purchase cost is based on actuarial assumptions. Actual, future events and experience may result in changes different than those assumed, and liability different than that estimated. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell to grant Vassar Township a one-year variance of the Local Road Improvement and Township Allowance Policy for the 2011 season approving to suspend resurfacing Caine Road from Rupprecht to Saginaw and instead pave Van Wagnen Road from Kirk to Waterman in 2011, with the understanding that in 2012 Vassar Township will return to the policy requiring that a roadway surface fifteen years old or older to be resurfaced. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Sheridan that the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary-Clerk of the Board



OFFICE OF  
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September 1, 2011

Dear Landowner,

**NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT**

**September 16, 2011**

**FARMER DRAIN  
Ellington Township**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there will be a review of apportionment for the Farmer Drain on **Friday, September 16, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** in the office of the Tuscola County Drain Commissioner, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan 48723. You are being notified of this review because, according to the records of this Office, you have an interest in affected property located in Sections 4, 5, 8, 9 or 17 of Ellington Township. At said review the computation of costs for said drain will be open for inspection by any parties interested. The Drain Commissioner will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities in the Drainage District available to review. A drain assessment against the land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes and will be placed on the winter tax bills. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

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If you have any questions, please contact the Tuscola County Drain Commissioner at 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, Michigan 48723 or by phone at 989-672-3820.

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**September 16, 2011**

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Almer Township**

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**Special Update, Thursday, September 8, 2011, 10:06 AM**

### **Locals Call For Constitutional Guarantee On Replacing P.P.T.**

If Governor Rick Snyder and the Legislature are going to repeal the personal property tax, then the replacement revenue should be constitutionally guaranteed, a wide array of groups representing local governments and schools said today.

The tax on business equipment, which raises \$1.2 billion, largely goes directly to municipalities and counties with some revenue also going to schools. The coalition of local government and school groups did not specify a replacement plan, but said the only way they could support repeal of the personal property tax would be to enshrine a replacement source of revenue in the Constitution.

Officials representing those groups said the move need not mean raising taxes to replace the personal property tax. The state could instead earmark in the Constitution \$1.2 billion in existing revenue to make up the lost funds.

Gongwer News Service will have more on this story in today's Michigan Report.

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**RESOLUTION #8/24/11 1253**  
**Supporting Employee Freedom to Work Act**

**WHEREAS,** we agree with President John F. Kennedy's executive order regarding federal employees, that all persons "should have the right, freely and without fear of penalty, to form, join, or assist a labor organization," and of equal importance, "or to refrain from any such activity."

**WHEREAS,** to ensure individual freedom of choice, we believe that no person should be compelled, as a condition of employment, to: (1) refrain from voluntary membership or financial support of a labor organization, or (2) become or remain a member of a labor organization, or (3) pay any dues, fees, or assessments to a labor organization.

**WHEREAS,** we believe that the freedom to choose regarding union membership or financial support is a civil right, and that job discrimination on the basis of union membership or non-membership or financial support or nonsupport should be prohibited by law.

**WHEREAS,** in addition to being a matter of individual freedom and civil rights, those states that have enacted laws prohibiting the threat of being discriminated against or fired based on union affiliation have experienced dramatically higher job creation and income growth, a benefit Michigan can no longer afford to do without.

**WHEREAS,** over the last decade, Michigan suffered the biggest loss of jobs of any state in the nation, while the top five states for the creation of new private sector jobs over the same time were all states that protect employees' individual freedom of choice regarding union membership and financial support.

**WHEREAS,** according to the U.S. Census Bureau, two-thirds of the states which guarantee employees individual freedom to choose regarding union membership and support have higher per capita income than do the citizens of Michigan.

**WHEREAS,** over the last half-century, eight of the top ten states with the highest average annual growth in income were such voluntary unionism states, which Michigan ranked 50<sup>th</sup> among the states.

**WHEREAS,** when adjusted for taxes and the cost of living, families in voluntary unionism states have been found to have over \$2,000 more disposable income each year than in states such as Michigan, where employees face the threat of being discriminated against and fired if they choose not to join or financially support a labor organization.

**WHEREAS,** we conclude that in addition to protecting our citizens' individual freedom and civil rights, passage of a state law guaranteeing voluntary unionism and prohibiting job discrimination based on union affiliation will also dramatically improve Michigan's ability to attract and create new jobs and thus stimulate our economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,** hereby calls on Governor Rick Snyder and the Legislature, and specifically Senator Darwin Booher and Representative Jon Bumstead, to propose and enact an Employee Freedom to Work Act that will safeguard our individual freedom and civil rights by guaranteeing that all persons in Michigan have the right, freely and without fear of penalty, to form, join, or assist a labor organization, or to refrain from any such activity in order to acquire, keep or maintain employment. The Act should not create right to work zones only.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Snyder, Senator Booher and Representative Bumstead, and also to the boards of County Commissioners of the other counties of the state, who we urge to join us in calling for the enactment of an Employee Freedom To Work Act for the people in Michigan.

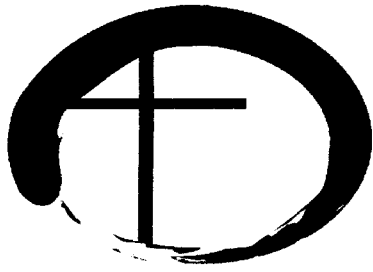
STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
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COUNTY OF LAKE        )

I, Lori R. DeWolf, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lake, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Lake County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on August 24, 2011.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal at Baldwin, Michigan this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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Lori R. DeWolf, Deputy Clerk of the Board



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August 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in appreciation for the assistance our church received from Officer Rod Bertsch and the prisoners that work in the PA511 program. Our church is in a renovation project. We were able to look to the Officer Bertsch and the PA511 program to obtain assistance in removing pews and carpet from our church.

We would like to sing the praises of this program. This program was of huge assistance in getting things done in a timely and efficient manner. Officer Bertsch and the prisoners were extremely helpful and they were excellent to work with.

Thank you for this program, we were very happy for the assistance and will keep this program in mind when we need help again.

Sincerely,

David D. Dietzel, Pastor

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