

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014 – 7:30 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

- 7:30 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell  
Prayer – Commissioner Bierlein  
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Trisch  
Roll Call – Clerk Fetting  
Adoption of Agenda  
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)  
Brief Public Comment Period  
Consent Agenda Resolution (See Correspondence #2)  
New Business  
    -911 Surcharge Notification to Providers (See Correspondence #3)  
    -2013 Homeland Security Projects  
    -Project Lifesaver (See Correspondence #4)  
Old Business  
    -Medical Examiner Hiring of Medical Examiner Investigators (See  
        Correspondence #5)  
    -Human Resource Coordinator  
    -EDC Supplemental Funding Request (See Correspondence #6)  
    -State Revenue Sharing (See Correspondence #7)  
    -Level IV Equalization Director  
    -Questions for Potential Land Acquisition  
Correspondence/Resolutions

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works  
Board of Health  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition  
MEMS All Hazards  
Cass River Greenways Pathway  
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Tuscola In Sync

ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board  
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Board of Public Works  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative  
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TRISCH

Board of Health  
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BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works  
TRIAD  
Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Tuscola 2020  
Recycling Advisory Committee  
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BARDWELL

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Closed Session (If Necessary)

Other Business as Necessary

Extended Public Comment

Adjournment

Note: If you need accommodations to attend this meeting please notify the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator's Office (989-672-3700) two days in advance of the meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- #1 January 29, 2014 Full Board Minutes
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #3 911 Surcharge Notification
- #4 Project Lifesaver
- #5 Medical Examiner Investigators
- #6 EDC Supplemental Funding Request
- #7 State Revenue Sharing
- #8 January 27, 2014 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- #9 January 16, 2014 Road Commission Minutes
- #10 Letter Regarding Nation's Infrastructure
- #11 City of Vassar Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate
- #12 Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Committee Invitation
- #13 Prosecuting Attorney Employee Resignation – Refilling Position Letter
- #14 Government Finance Officers Association CAFR Award
- #15 February 10, 2014 Committee of the Whole Minutes

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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
January 29, 2014 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner Thomas Bardwell called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 29th day of January, 2014 to order at 7:30 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Trisch

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Allen

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Bob Bushaw, Steve Erickson, Vicky Sherry, Mike Miller, Nick Buggia, Robert McKay, Bob Klenk, Jerry Peterson, Chuck Heinlein, John Bishop, Steve Anderson.

14-M-009

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

14-M-010

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the January 16, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period - None

Consent Agenda Resolution -

14-M-011

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted. Motion Carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 21, 2014 letter of recommendation from the Mosquito Abatement Director that the two budgeted trucks for 2014 be purchased from Moore Motors who was the low bidder for an amount of \$45,222.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 21, 2014 letter of recommendation from the Mosquito Abatement Director to authorize the purchase of the following treatment materials for the 2014 season for an amount of \$111,468.60.
- Perm – X 4-4 (ULV permethrin) gallons
  - BTI Grandular 12,800 lbs.
  - BTI Liquid 540 gallons BVA 2 (larvicide oil) 550 gallons
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move to concur with the Kalkaska resolution in opposition to SB 552 (changes in personal property tax related to gas and oil drilling) due to the adverse effects on local revenue and the inequity it will create within the general property tax act by providing special treatment to a particular group of businesses. Also, copies of the resolution be forwarded to state officials and the Michigan Association of Counties.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that a letter of support be sent regarding submitting a grant application to the EPA for a Brownfield Assessment Grant.

- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the hiring freeze be lifted and the Recycling Director be authorized to refill the part-time Recycling Material Handler position vacancy.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that a letter be sent from the Board of Commissioners to Dr. Kumar congratulating him for his award from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for his tremendous work with childhood immunization.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 14, 2014 letter from the Region VII Area Agency on Aging the County Clerk be requested to advertise to fill various vacancies on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/27/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 10, 2014 letter from the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council effective March 31, 2014, Henry Wymore be reappointed to this Board for a three year term ending March 31, 2017.

#### New Business

-Economic Development Corporation Activity Report and Update on Regional Planning Efforts - Steve Erickson explained the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Region 6 and Sub Region, My Green Thumb Region. Steve also reviewed the new DFA Project in Cass City.

#### 14-M-012

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that the EDC 2013 Annual Report be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

-911 Dispatch Annual Report - Bob Klenk presented the Annual Report for 911 Dispatch for 2013.

## 14-M-013

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that the 2013 911 Dispatch Annual Report be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

Chairman Bardwell proceeded to Old Business - Parks and Recreation Committee Membership

## 14-M-014

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the County Parks and Recreation Commission be put in place following the membership requirements of Act 261 of 1965. Motion Carried.

## 14-M-015

Motion by Allen, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Jerry Peterson and Lisa Valentine be re-appointed to the County Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion Carried.

## 14-M-016

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that Nick Buggia and Robert McKay be appointed to the County Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 8:58 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:12 a.m.

## New Business Continued -

-Potential Procedure for Considering Employee Reclassification Requests - Labor Attorney Bob Kendrick's opinion reviewed. Once a Human Resources Director is hired, reclassification policy will be placed as a priority of the position.

-Continuation of Items Not Completed at Committee of the Whole Meeting - No further discussed needed.

## Old Business

-Cost Sharing for Thumb Works - Agenda item removed by Commissioner Kirkpatrick for further research.

-Medical Examiner System Changes - Mike Hoagland is currently working on a procedure to continue forward. Matter discussed at length. Discussion to be continued at the Committee of the Whole on February 11, 2014. Mike Hoagland to gather further detailed information.

-Parks and Recreation Commission Membership - Matter Discussed during New Business.

-Service Consolidations - Mike Hoagland continuing to work on future possible consolidations.



-Inter-county Governmental Agreement for NG911 Phone System - Bob Klenk provided information regarding the agreement.

#### 14-M-017

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen to approve and authorize signature of the Inter-governmental Agreement with Bay and Midland Counties to share the costs of new telephone technologies and virtual backup capabilities for their 911 call answering and emergency service dispatch operations which will result in tremendous savings. Motion Carried.

-Hiring Freeze Criteria -

#### 14-M-018

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Kirkpatrick that as part of the county hiring freeze process departments use the criteria below to determine alternative cost reduction methods. Also, communication be sent to all departments with a listing of prior and current cost reductions that have been implemented, expressing appreciation for reducing costs and asking for continued assistance to reduce costs to help resolve future anticipated financial issues using these methods.

- Changing full-time positions to part-time
- Reorganization and re-assignment of responsibility within the department
- Use of staff resources between different departments
- Fees and other revenue methods to defray costs
- Joint service deliver with other entities including county, city or townships
- Reduce personnel using online services to reduce demands on office staff
- Contracting for service with other public and private sector entities
- Reclassification to lower pay grade

The above listed items can result in tremendous savings. Motion Carried.

#### Correspondence/Resolutions

- Gretchen Tenbush is looking at new model for Dental Health Clinic.
- A \$90,000 check was presented to Tuscola County from Denmark Township. Chuck Heinlein asked if Hasting Bank would authorize an extension. Mike Hoagland advised that was not an option offered by the bank unfortunately.
- Huron County Resolution regarding Property Tax.
- Huron County Resolution to the State Tax Commission regarding the Equalization Director.
- Mosquito Abatement ballot language in process.
- IT Director, Eean Lee, is concerned about non-county computer use. The County policy has been distributed to Department Heads to be passed on to their employees.
- Water line to the Prosecutor's office has been fixed by the City of Caro.
- Court personnel policies will be brought to the Committee of the Whole.
- Baker College Business Mixer on February 11, 2014 starting at 4:00 p.m.

- Nancy Cory retirement luncheon is Friday January 31, 2014.
- Donation Center for Savannah Fielder at Signature Bank to help in medical needs from auto accident.

## **COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ALLEN

Dispatch Authority Board - to be rescheduled to the beginning of February.

County Road Commission

Board of Public Works - Working on water projects.

Senior Services Advisory Council - Meet again in Spring 2014.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee - Annual meeting in February 2014.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Water levels are supposed to be up state wide.

Dental Clinic for Indigents

Parks & Recreation

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Akron Township has put their water project out for bids.

### TRISCH

Board of Health

Human Development Commission (HDC)

TRIAD - Commissioner Bierlein is attending.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Commissioner Trisch excused at 10:40 a.m.

### BIERLEIN

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

Planning Commission - Commissioner Trisch is attending.

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Board just recently reviewed contracts.

Tuscola 2020

Recycling Advisory Committee - Meets in February.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Training scheduled for January 30th.

Multi County Solid Waste

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MAC 6<sup>th</sup> District - Meeting to be scheduled.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC – Past President

KIRKPATRICK

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Groundbreaking scheduled for April 2014.

MI Renewable Energy Coalition - Working on project.

MEMS All Hazards

Cass River Greenways Pathway - Looking to do a canoe launch on M-46.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

Tuscola In Sync - County Clerk, Jodi Fetting, applauded for efforts in updating the website and looking for ways to automate services.

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

- Jodi Fetting thanked the Board for allowing herself, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Nicole Friday and Dara McGarry (LEAD) to attend the Leader Legacy training on January 16, 2014. The Leadership training was motivational and Justin Maust provided great information!

- Jodi Fetting updated the Board on the positive response from sending the CPL renewal letters. There was 213 letters sent for CPL license holders are expiring during the timeframe of December 2013 to May 2014. Of those letters, 59 applicants have responded and renewed their license. The applicants have all been very thankful of the letter that the County Clerk sent.

-All Hazards Training on January 30, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
County Clerk

Statutory Finance Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, January 29, 2014  
H.H. Purdy Building  
125 W Lincoln St, Caro MI

Meeting called to order at 10:54 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Bardwell, Allen, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: Trisch

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Bob Klenk, Jerry Peterson, Steve Anderson

Claims and Per Diems were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

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**COUNTY OF TUSCOLA**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. local time.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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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 2/10/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that because Mosquito Abatement Technician's wages have remained the same for 14 years at \$8.25 per hour and because the director has not been able to retain and attract new hires effective with the 2014 season Technician wages be increased to \$9.25 per hour. (It should be noted the cost of this wage change was off-set

by an office reorganization a few months ago that reduced costs by nearly \$24,000).

**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/10/14

**Description of Matter:** Move to support the Huron County resolution supporting HB 5215 which would require the State to reimburse a local tax collecting entity for revenue lost as a result of PA 161 of 2013 that enacted certain exemptions for disabled veterans pertaining to the payment of property taxes.

**Agenda Reference:** C

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/10/14

**Description of Matter:** Move to support the Huron County resolution supporting HB 5253 that would allow continued collaboration between Tuscola and Huron Counties for Equalization Director services which results in taxpayer savings in both counties. Also, this resolution be forwarded to all appropriate parties.

**Agenda Reference:** D

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/10/14

**Description of Matter:** Move to support the Bay and Huron County resolutions requesting the state to restore State General Fund appropriations to the Tuscola County Behavioral Health systems. Also, this resolution be forwarded to all appropriate parties.

**Agenda Reference:** E

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/10/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of corporate council that Medical Examiner Investigators be established as Independent Contractors. Also, the Independent Contractor Agreement as recommended by the labor attorney be approved for the individuals

appointed by the Medical Examiner as Medical Examiner Investigators. Also, Independent Contractor Agreements be authorized for signature.

- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/10/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the county hiring freeze be clarified by stating it is intended to also apply to both full-time and part-time employees. Irregular part-time employees that do not require a budget increase can be replaced without going through the hiring freeze process.
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- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/10/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that the County Clerk be requested to advertise to refill the vacancy on the Recycling Advisory Committee.
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- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/10/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that Matt Bierlein be appointed and Jerry Peterson be reappointed to the Human Development Commission Board of Directors.
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- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/10/14
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Mosquito Abatement Director that the individuals listed in the February 3, 2014 memorandum be authorized to be hired as seasonal employees for the season.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that any motion, resolution, or other act of Tuscola County inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded, modified, replaced or superseded by this Resolution.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

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Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk





STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE 9-1-1 COMMITTEE  
LANSING

RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

SHERIFF DALE GRIBLER  
CHAIR

January 17, 2014

Dear County Coordinator:

The following communication has been sent to your County Clerk.

Under MCL 484.1714(1)(g) the State 911 Committee is required to provide notice to communication providers of the 911 surcharges in Michigan. This includes the counties' 911 operational surcharges and the state 911 fee.

If a county commission determines that it is necessary for the county to enact a local surcharge that is more than \$0.42 per month and in excess of the monthly amount that was approved for the county by the Michigan Public Service Commission under U-15489, the voters of the county must approve the increased surcharge. In order for an increase to be effective beginning July 1, 2014, the county must hold a vote no later than the first Tuesday in May 2014. The first Tuesday in May 2014 is the last election date in 2014 in order to meet the statutory notice deadline for the change date of July 1, 2014. If the May 2014 date is missed, the next surcharge effective change date is July 2015. Please refer to your county's legal counsel for details on the dates for proper county commission action to place a question on a May 2014 ballot.

In order to make the proper notice to the communications providers about the counties' 911 surcharges, please follow one of the four options below:

1. If the county is not going to collect a local 911 operational surcharge between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, please provide a letter to the State 911 Office **no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2014**, stating that the county will not be collecting the local 911 surcharge. Please use Template A for this option.
2. If the county is going to continue collection of its local 911 surcharge with no change in its current amount between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, please provide a letter to the State 911 Office **no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2014**, stating that the county is going to continue collection of the local 911 surcharge with no change in its present amount. Please include a completed Form SNC-500 (attached and available on-line at [www.michigan.gov/snc](http://www.michigan.gov/snc)) with the county's letter. (Please use Template B for this option).
3. If the county is going to change its local 911 surcharge (whether increase or decrease) under either process set forth in MCL 484.1401b (1) (a) & (b), please do **one of the following** as appropriate:
  - a) If the county is going to change its surcharge by **county board of commissioners resolution** to collect **\$0.42 or less per month**, a notarized or certified copy of the county commissioner's resolution setting the local monthly 911 surcharge and a completed Form SNC-500 (attached and available on-line at [www.michigan.gov/snc](http://www.michigan.gov/snc)) must be provided.

ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS • COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE • DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS • DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE • DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION • FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE • MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF AMBULANCE SERVICES • MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE • MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES • MICHIGAN COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION • MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS • MICHIGAN PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS UNION • MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION • MICHIGAN SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION • MICHIGAN STATE POLICE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION • NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSOCIATION • TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN • UPPER PENINSULA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES • MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE

Both documents, the resolution and the completed SNC-500, must be received by the State 911 Office no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2014.

b) If the county is going to change its surcharge pursuant to voter approval to collect \$0.42 or more per month, please provide:

1. A copy of the clerk's certified ballot determination.
2. A notarized or certified copy of the county commissioner's resolution setting the local monthly 911 surcharge.
3. A letter from the county confirming the 911 surcharge. (Please use Template C for this option.)
4. A completed Form SNC-500 (attached and available on-line at [www.michigan.gov/snc](http://www.michigan.gov/snc)).

All four documents must be provided and received by the State 911 Office no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2014.

4. If the county 911 surcharge is changing pursuant to a settlement with the MPSC under U-15489 that occurred after July 1, 2013, please provide the following:

1. A copy of the resolution from the county board of commissioners accepting the settlement.
2. A notarized or certified copy of the resolution by the county board of commissioners establishing the new amount of the county 911 surcharge.
3. A letter from the county confirming the monthly county 911 surcharge. (Please use Template D for this option.)
4. A completed Form SNC-500 (attached and available on-line at [www.michigan.gov/snc](http://www.michigan.gov/snc)).

All four documents must be provided and received by the State 911 Office no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2014.

All documents are to be returned by:

E-mail to: [hansels@michigan.gov](mailto:hansels@michigan.gov)

or

U.S. Mail to:

Michigan State Police  
State 911 Administrative Section  
P. O. Box 30634  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-0634  
Attention: Ms. Stacie Hansel

Under MCL 484.1401b (7), the above information is due to the State 911 Committee no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2014; however, if it is possible for the county to do so, earlier responses will be accepted and are encouraged. Failure to meet the May 15 deadline may result in the inability of the State 911 Office to notify the communications providers prior to the annual deadline and can adversely affect the collection of your county's local 911 surcharge.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at [miller-brownh@michigan.gov](mailto:miller-brownh@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,



Ms. Harriet Miller-Brown  
State 911 Administrator  
Enclosures (4)

**Mike Hoagland**

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**From:** pubfin\_statelocalgovt@standardandpoors.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 10:26 AM  
**To:** mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org  
**Subject:** Please Complete Standard & Poor's Online Rating Review Questionnaire - Reference: ORG 5279 (Tuscola Cnty, MI)

Dear Mr. Hoagland:

Ongoing, timely access to your entity's information is a critical component of Standard & Poor's Ratings Services' routine review of your entity's outstanding ratings. In an effort to save you time and enable you to provide detailed review information on a consistent, annual basis, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services' U.S. Public Finance State & Local Government Group is now introducing its new, secure online review questionnaire. This new method will, in many cases, replace our phone calls and e-mails to you to gather this information, which we understand have caused scheduling challenges and placed time pressures on you. We have endeavored to make the review questionnaire as efficient and easy-to-use as possible. Please note, providing this information through the review questionnaire does not necessarily preclude a phone call or meeting if you desire to speak directly with us, or if we determine a need for further information.

Please log on to the online review questionnaire to submit the requested information by March 12, 2014. In order to access the review questionnaire, please click on the link below, or copy the entire link and paste it into your web browser.

[https://www.mycreditprofile.standardandpoors.com/USPublicFinanceQuestionnaires/questionnaire?yW7THaIx-QQZgu1-w41jIiYkX1URL1g2su7pfW\\_Yq2GJjZuDRAmVIU2Zge7qMqNbihst5xQINWchUVRkGrxU-D7CMqScfhxNX5x90d7IkIA](https://www.mycreditprofile.standardandpoors.com/USPublicFinanceQuestionnaires/questionnaire?yW7THaIx-QQZgu1-w41jIiYkX1URL1g2su7pfW_Yq2GJjZuDRAmVIU2Zge7qMqNbihst5xQINWchUVRkGrxU-D7CMqScfhxNX5x90d7IkIA)

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To assist you, detailed instructions on how to complete the review questionnaire, as well as Frequently Asked Questions, are available on the website. If you encounter any problems completing the review questionnaire, please call the questionnaire support line at 1-855-551-6884 (toll free), or e-mail [USPFQuestionnaires@standardandpoors.com](mailto:USPFQuestionnaires@standardandpoors.com).

We thank you in advance for your cooperation, and look forward to your responses by March 12, 2014.

Best regards,

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services

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**PUBLIC ACT 379 OF 2008 REMITTANCE CONTACT INFORMATION  
JULY 2014-JUNE 2015**

**A. County Information**

County Name	
Name of Person Completing Form	
Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Is the county collecting a local surcharge from July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
If "yes" to the above question, what is the monthly amount per device?	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Is the county interested in electronic fund transmittal of local surcharge funds? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

**B. Primary Remittance Information**

Primary Remittance Contact Name	
Primary Remittance Contact Address	
Phone Number (Include Area Code)	Fax Number (Include Area Code)
E-Mail Address	

**C. Geographical Information**

Geographical Information Contact Name	
Geographical Contact Address	
Phone Number (Include Area Code)	Fax Number (Include Area Code)
E-Mail Address	

**D. County 911 Director/Coordinator Information**

County 911 Directory/Coordinator Contact Name	
County 911 Directory/Coordinator Contact Address	
Phone Number (Include Area Code)	Fax Number (Include Area Code)
E-Mail Address	

**E. Authorization**

County Clerk or County 911 Coordinator Printed Name	Date
County Clerk or County 911 Coordinator Signature	

**AUTHORITY:** 2008 PA 379; **COMPLIANCE:** Voluntary; **PENALTY:** No Funding

This form must be received by **Thursday, May 15, 2014** by:

E-mail to: [hansels@michigan.gov](mailto:hansels@michigan.gov)

Or

U.S. Mail to: Michigan State Police, State 911 Office, P.O. Box 30634, Lansing, MI 48909  
Attention: Stacie Hansel

**Handwritten or facsimile forms will not be accepted.**

**Template A**

[County Letterhead]

[Date]

Please be advised that [County name] is not collecting a local 911 surcharge from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

[County 911 Coordinator or County Clerk name/signature]

**Template B**

[County Letterhead]

[Date]

Please be advised that [County name] will continue collection of its local 911 surcharge of [amount] with no change in the amount from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

[County 911 Coordinator or County Clerk name/signature]

**Template C**

[County Letterhead]

[Date]

Please be advised that it is [County name]'s intention to change the local 911 surcharge by commission resolution to [new amount]. I have included a notarized or certified copy of the County Commissioner's resolution setting the local monthly 911 surcharge. This local surcharge will be collected from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

**OR**

Please be advised that it is [County name]'s intention to change the local 911 surcharge as allowed by voter approval to [new amount]. I have included a copy of the Clerk's certified ballot determination and a notarized or certified copy of the County Commissioner's resolution setting the local 911 surcharge. This local surcharge will be collected from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

[County 911 Coordinator or County Clerk name/signature]



#4

**Mike Hoagland**

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**From:** Glen Skrent [ggs@tuscolacounty.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 9:25 AM  
**To:** mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org  
**Cc:** Sheriff Teschendorf  
**Subject:** Project Lifesaver

Mike,

Last week we had a dementia patient walk away from his home. Time was of the essence since it was so bitterly cold out and the person only had underwear on. Luckily, Deputy Meisel spotted him by seeing a pair of socks sticking out of a snowbank. I had seen on the news recently of Project Lifesaver that has been started in Bay, Midland and Saginaw Counties. I would like to have permission from the board to look around for funding for the project. Project Lifesaver is a non profit organization that supplies and trains in the use of an electronic tracking device. The person wears a bracelet that can be tracked by this device. The equipment for the law enforcement agency to have is around \$4500. The citizen or their family pays for the bracelet themselves. Once the family reports the person is missing the Sheriff's Office would use the device to locate the person. I am hoping one of the commissioners will show up for the next TRIAD meeting where I will present what information I have on it.

According to the information I received from Project Lifesaver, it looks like the Arc Bay County (contact@arcbc.com) provided the funding for Bay COSO to join in 2013 and the Arc of Midland County assisted/paid for Midland COSO to join in 2008.

County Commission on Aging, County Council on Aging, and local Autism Society Chapter organizations are also actively supporting Michigan agencies.

My question is, do any of the board members have knowledge of this project or possible funding sources.

This is their website. Lt. Andy Miller at the VA hospital (ex tcisd employee) and instructor for Project Lifesaver is willing to come and do a demonstration if needed. I just thought it would be a great community type project. Project Lifesaver.org





## Tuscola County Sheriff's Office

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Lee Teschendorf, Sheriff  
Glen Skrent, Undersheriff

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February 04, 2014

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Michael Hoagland, County Controller

I am disappointed with the decision the board relayed to me at the committee meeting on Monday 01/27/2014 regarding further delay in the establishment of county medical examiner investigator program. I feel the fee structure regarding individual calls and reimbursement for training and court appearances were, in my opinion, very fair. In order to get and keep qualified and experienced people in the important and necessary position they should be adequately compensated in all these areas.

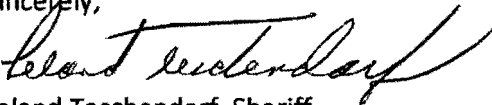
At this time Thomas Kern, Nancy Stimson and Larry Walker, all retired law enforcement officers, and John McKenney, a retired United States Public Health Service RN are all willing to participate.

With the recent decision of several local police departments to stop assisting with the medical examiner calls the total responsibility has fallen on our uniform division deputies and detectives who, at times, are not able to keep up with normal investigations. I have instructed our division command officers to continue assigning deputies so our public has a timely response in their time of need but medical examiner investigations are not a required function of this office. Police agencies are responsible for any suspicious or criminal death investigations but these cases will be referred to us by the on scene medical examiner if evidence indicates foul play.

Our office and other county police agencies have provided this service for over 20 years on a voluntary basis without expecting or receiving any reimbursement to their respective budgets. We cannot continue to perform this task in a comprehensive and competent manner with our limited patrol division road and detective staffing. This has been evidenced by the withdrawal of most local agencies.

I will continue to assist the county in any fashion I can but would ask that the establishment of this program be made a priority so I can let the candidates know there is progress being made and something will be in place in the very near future.

Sincerely,



Leland Teschendorf, Sheriff

**Mike Hoagland**

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**From:** Mike Hoagland [mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 04, 2014 10:00 AM  
**To:** Robert A. Kendrick (robken@bkf-law.com)  
**Cc:** Lee Teschendorf (sheriff@tuscolacounty.org); Glen Skrent (undersheriff@tuscolacounty.org); 'Russel Bush MD'; 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); Bowden Dawn (dbowden@tuscolacounty.org); Clayette Zechmeister (Clayette Zechmeister); Renee Ondrajka  
**Subject:** Medical Examiner Special Investigators

Bob

Medical examiner investigations use to be conducted by law enforcement officials. With decreasing numbers of police officers at the Sheriff Department and at local police departments, these agencies have explained that they can no longer perform this function. Funds are included in the 2014 Medical Examiner Budget to change the system to Medical Examiner Investigators (MEI).

The new system entails the use of four individuals to serve different parts of the county as MEI. My thought is these individuals would be classified as independent contractors and not county employees. This would require the use of independent contractor agreements and issuing of 1099's for tax purposes. I believe for other situations you have prepared model independent contractor agreements. I know you have recommended this approach because it allows you to incorporate other language that you believe is important to protect the county. We are requesting you to prepare an independent contractor agreement for the MEI.

The Public Act related to the Medical Examiner Investigators is P.A. 181 of 1953 as amended. Items that need to be incorporated into the agreement are:

- Payment of \$150 per investigation
- Signed voucher used to pay for services rendered
- \$15 per hour for attending training session, court appearances and autopsies
- Mileage to be paid for training sessions conducted outside of the county

It would be helpful to have the independent contractor agreement ready for action at the February 10, 2014 Board meeting.

Your assistance is appreciated.

Mike

## INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, by and between Tuscola County, hereinafter referred to as "County", and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor".

WHEREAS, County wishes to obtain Contractor as a medical examiner investigator and \_\_\_\_\_ wishes to perform medical examiner investigator services on an independent contractor basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual rights and obligations contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Services to be provided. Contractor will provide medical examiner investigator services upon request of County on a day-to-day basis.

2. Compensation.

A. Contractor shall receive as sole compensation for his/her services One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per investigation in accordance with a signed voucher by County and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per hour for attendance at any County authorized training session, court appearance or autopsy. Contractor to also receive reimbursement (IRS approved level) for any miles driven outside of the County associated with County training sessions.

B. Contractor is not eligible for, nor entitled to, any other compensation of any kind from County, and specifically is not entitled to any pension, healthcare, vacation or to any other health or other fringe benefits. Contractor will be reimbursed by County for workers' compensation insurance, which Contractor is obligated to obtain in relation to his services being performed for County.

C. County shall not be responsible for any tax withholding on Contractor's behalf, nor shall County be liable for any federal, state, or local income taxes, social security taxes, or workers' compensation or any other insurance taxes of Contractor.

3. Ownership of Work Product. Any documents developed, produced, or provided or any other written material, dated information, by-product or end product arising as a direct result of the performance of this contract shall be the sole property of County.

4. Standard of Performance. Contractor shall perform all services hereunder in a competent and professional manner and in accordance with all specifications provided by County.

5. Relationship. In the performance of his services, it is mutually agreed that Contractor is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor and not as an employee. County acknowledges that Contractor is an independent contractor and may perform work for other businesses during the term of this Agreement.

6. Term. The term of this Agreement shall begin on \_\_\_\_\_, and end on \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Termination. County or Contractor may terminate this Agreement without cause upon a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice to the other party specifying the cancellation date.

8. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior agreements. This Agreement may not be changed except by mutual written agreement.

COUNTY:  
Tuscola County

CONTRACTOR:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_



## TUSCOLA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP

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February 10, 2014

The last down turn in our economy was devastating to our budgets. Tuscola County EDC has been struggling with dropping budget revenues over the past 7 years. The budget has gone from over 200,000 dollars in 2007 to as low as 80,000 dollars in 2011 the year I accepted the executive director's job. Another big change to the EDC was most of the board members in 2007 had retired after many years of service. In 2011 the new Board members and the new executive director had to take on the challenge of taking the EDC which was cut down to less than 50% of its operating budget and build it back into a strong vibrant agency moving Tuscola County forward. Since 2010-2011 the board of directors has grown to over 23, these changes have put the EDC on a fast track to move Tuscola County forward with new assistances programs to help spark new growth in our county. Starting with a new equipment lease program we have invested over 160,000 dollars into our small businesses in the county.

We have re-evaluated the roll we play as a region with other counties. We have been successful in leading the way to form our new Green Thumb region (Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties). This gives us the ability to receive grant funding from the state, to support economic development projects in our new region. We have been awarded 20,000 dollars because of our sub-region to date. Because of our leadership role in our region we have been given a seat on the state CDC board that reviews new economic programs and policies on the state level. To encourage DFA to build in Cass City we wrote a number of successful grants and wrote the environmental saving the community thousands of dollars. This brought millions of investment dollars into the county.

We are energized with our current success rate of returning \$162.30 back from the Tuscola County investment into the EDC, but we feel we can achieve much more for the economic development of Tuscola County with your additional investment of \$15,000. This additional investment would be used to increase our grant writing service by 50%, with our past success rate of over \$5,000,000 dollars raised for communities in Tuscola County we feel this is a worthy endeavor to invest in. The additional funds would also be used to allow us to create networking partnerships through regional and state meetings to spur further economic development in Tuscola County. The EDC is growing faster than the income available to support our daily operations; your support will ensure another successful year of moving Tuscola County forward.

**Mike Hoagland**

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**From:** Mike Hoagland [mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org]**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 11:32 AM

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**Subject:** State Revenue Sharing

Commissioners and County Officials

**SOME GREAT NEWS !!!!**

I spoke with Deena Bosworth (MAC staff) this morning she said the Governors Executive Budget does recommend full funding of state revenue sharing !!!!

Now the challenge is to make sure the Senate and House do not change the Executive Budget.....

Wow maybe our persistence paid off.....I think they know where Tuscola County is located.....

Thanks to everyone who made calls and contacts.....

My faith is being restored.....together we can make a difference.....

Mike

Michael R. Hoagland  
 Tuscola County/Controller Administrator  
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**Mike Hoagland**

**From:** ericson@micounties.org on behalf of Michigan Association of Counties [ericson@micounties.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 11:21 AM  
**To:** mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org  
**Subject:** Special Alert: Gov. Recommends 100% Full Funding for County Revenue Sharing

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## SPECIAL ALERT



February 5, 2013

### **Governor Recommends Full Funding for County Revenue Sharing in FY 2015 Totaling \$211,134,899**

It is with immense gratitude that the Michigan Association of Counties announces that Governor Rick Snyder delivered his FY 2015 budget recommendation today which included 100% full funding for county revenue sharing totaling over \$211 million. This marks the first time in 14 years that counties are in a position to receive full revenue sharing payments. It hasn't been since FY 2001 that counties have received full funding. Please take the time to publicly thank Governor Snyder and his administration for their tireless efforts to restore county revenue sharing.

For fourteen years, MAC and their member counties have been trying to explain to the state how critical these funds are to county operations. In a continued effort to advocate for full funding for counties, MAC Director Jon Campbell (Allegan County), Eaton County Administrator John Fuentes and MAC Director of Governmental Affairs Deena Bosworth met with Governor Snyder to discuss the value counties bring to the state and the history of revenue sharing. Our ask of the governor was that he recommend full funding of county revenue sharing in FY 2015. Our message was heard loud and clear

and we would like to thank the governor for recognizing our contributions over the years.

As a brief history, in 2004-2005, when the state was in the midst of yet another financially difficult year, counties agreed to go off of state revenue sharing temporarily in order to help the state with its budget problems. Part of that solution was the establishment of "revenue sharing reserve accounts" that had resulted due to a state imposed acceleration in property tax payments to counties. All counties went off of revenue sharing and paid themselves out of these accounts. The agreement was that each county would draw from these reserve accounts an annual amount established by the Department of Treasury until which time the funds were exhausted, then they would come back into the statutory revenue sharing formula.

In FY 2014, 63 counties were back in the revenue sharing formula and are scheduled to receive \$145,760,000 in payments. These 63 counties will see an increase of over \$37 million in FY 2015 if the governor's recommendation is adopted by the legislature. For FY 2015, 11 more counties are scheduled to come back into the formula at full funding levels. Attached to this update is a spreadsheet detailing the amounts due each county in FY 2015.

Although this is excellent news coming from the governor, it is just the first step in a long budget process. Both the House and Senate need to agree with the governor on his recommendations. It is critical that counties contact their legislators and encourage them to approve county revenue sharing as proposed by the governor.

MAC has prepared a sample resolution and talking points to assist counties in getting the message out to their elected officials. Both of those documents are attached here as well.

Once again we ask you to thank the Governor Snyder for the full funding recommendation and as we move forward, we encourage you to ask members of the legislature to approve this budget recommendation.

[Revenue Sharing Talking Points](#)

[Sample Resolution](#)

[Revenue Sharing FY 2015 Numbers](#)

You can also find these on the MAC website: [micounties.org](http://micounties.org)

Deena Bosworth  
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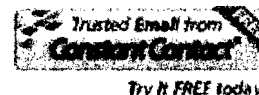
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\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION #**

**WHEREAS**, In the Governor's recommendation for the FY 2015 budget, counties are scheduled to receive 100% full funding of revenue sharing totaling \$211,134,899; and

**WHEREAS**, This will bring counties to the level of revenue sharing agreed upon in 2004 for the 2005 FY; and

**WHEREAS**, The attached spreadsheet details the full funding allocations for FY 2015 for each county; and

**WHEREAS**, This marks the first time in fourteen years that the administration has recommended full funding for county revenue sharing; and

**WHEREAS**, Counties have worked diligently for the past decade by leading the effort to reform, consolidate, and right size government in an effort to increase efficiency and adjust declining revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, Revenue sharing is more than just a pot of money to be allocated in whole or in part to counties but is a statutory promise made to counties in exchange for giving up local taxing authority and for a more recent change in local taxing administration; and

**WHEREAS**, Revenue sharing is used by counties to pay for the multitude of state mandated services including the courts, the jails, the constitutional officers, elections and the public health system and, coupled with the recent reductions in property values and increased mandated state service delivery, counties are stretched to the financial limit; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the \_\_\_\_\_ would like to thank the Governor for fully funding county revenue sharing payments fiscal year 2015;

**THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, That the \_\_\_\_\_ call upon the state legislature to live up to their promise and adopt the Governor's recommendation for fully funding county revenue sharing in FY 2015;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, our State Legislators, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014



## MAC Revenue Sharing Talking Points FY 2015

Please encourage all county commissioners to thank the Governor Snyder for his FY 2015 budget recommendation and contact their legislators and ask them to support the governor's recommendation for full funding for county revenue sharing.

- Governor Snyder recommended 100% full funding for county revenue sharing totally over \$211 million.
- This is the first time in 14 years the administration has recommended full funding. Please thank the Governor for his support.
- The House and the Senate will start considering budgets as early as next week. Full funding for county revenue sharing **must be supported and approved by the House and Senate** in order for counties to receive the funds in FY 2015.
- It is imperative that counties engage their Representatives and Senators in a conversation about how important revenue sharing is to counties so that they approve this budget recommendation.
- As a brief history, in 2004-2005, when the state was in the midst of yet another financially difficult year, counties agreed to go off of state revenue sharing temporarily in order to help the state with its budget problems. Part of that solution was the establishment of "revenue sharing reserve accounts" that had resulted in accelerated property tax payments to counties when the collection dates were moved up. County withdraw from these reserve account are restricted each year to the authorized amount established by the Department of Treasury. When those accounts become exhausted, counties, by statute, move back to state revenue sharing.
- In FY 2015, as the reserve accounts continue to be exhausted, 11 more counties will come back into the formula.
- The recommendation totals \$37.2 million more for the 63 counties that were back in the revenue sharing formula in 2014. An additional \$28.1 million is also included in the recommendation for the 11 new counties coming back on.

MAC will continue to advocate on behalf of Michigan's counties for full funding for county revenue sharing.



FY 2015 Governor Recommendation  
Full Funding for County Revenue Sharing

TOTAL  
\$211,134,816

County	FY 2014 Appropriation	Exec. Rec. FY 2015 Full Funding	Increase over FY 2014 Appropriation
Alger	\$153,281	\$191,722	\$38,441
Allegan	\$1,798,266	\$2,249,250	\$450,984
Alpena	\$581,800	\$727,709	\$145,909
Arenac	\$269,045	\$336,518	\$67,473
Baraga	\$149,869	\$187,454	\$37,585
Barry	\$917,369	\$1,147,434	\$230,065
Bay	\$2,065,870	\$2,583,966	\$518,096
Benzie	\$0	\$333,039	N/A
Berrien	\$2,912,427	\$3,642,830	\$730,403
Branch	\$773,292	\$967,225	\$193,933
Calhoun	\$2,395,979	\$2,996,853	\$600,884
Cass	\$832,455	\$1,041,225	\$208,770
Cheybogan	\$0	\$304,634	N/A
Chippewa	\$573,860	\$717,778	\$143,918
Clare	\$515,942	\$645,394	\$129,392
Clinton	\$546,612	\$1,334,321	\$787,709
Crawford	\$0	\$243,604	N/A
Delta	\$641,278	\$802,102	\$160,824
Dickinson	\$457,940	\$572,766	\$114,846
Eaton	\$1,771,839	\$2,216,186	\$444,357
Grand Traverse	\$0	\$1,517,350	N/A
Genesee	\$7,901,123	\$9,882,633	\$1,981,510
Gladwin	\$407,184	\$509,301	\$102,117
Gogebic	\$270,902	\$338,841	\$67,939
Gratiot	\$686,494	\$858,658	\$172,164
Hillsdale	\$750,497	\$938,712	\$188,215
Houghton	\$545,591	\$682,419	\$136,828
Huron	\$640,624	\$801,268	\$160,662
Ingham	\$4,867,925	\$6,088,744	\$1,220,819
Ionia	\$941,489	\$1,177,804	\$236,115
Iosco	\$424,833	\$531,376	\$106,543
Iron	\$216,366	\$270,626	\$54,262
Isabella	\$994,164	\$1,243,488	\$249,324
Jackson	\$2,696,542	\$3,372,803	\$676,261
Kalamazoo	\$4,148,454	\$5,188,638	\$1,040,384
Kent	\$9,632,745	\$12,048,525	\$2,415,780
Lake	\$0	\$124,089	N/A
Lapeer	\$1,336,401	\$1,671,555	\$335,154
Lenawee	\$1,626,725	\$2,034,689	\$407,964

County	FY 2014 Appropriation	FY2015 Full Funding Amount	Increase over FY 2014 Appropriation
Livingston	\$2,485,764	\$3,109,165	\$623,401
Luce	\$102,601	\$128,332	\$25,731
Macomb	\$13,137,739	\$16,432,531	\$3,294,792
Manistee	\$432,446	\$540,898	\$108,452
Marquette	\$1,019,897	\$1,275,675	\$255,778
Mecosta	\$680,809	\$851,547	\$170,738
Menominee	\$424,368	\$530,794	\$106,426
Midland	\$1,578,910	\$1,974,882	\$395,972
Missaukee	\$226,816	\$283,698	\$56,882
Monroe	\$2,481,791	\$3,104,195	\$622,404
Montcalm	\$993,378	\$1,242,506	\$249,128
Montmorency	\$0	\$174,377	N/A
Muskegon	\$2,879,056	\$3,598,090	\$722,034
Newaygo	\$762,808	\$953,911	\$191,303
Oakland	\$0	\$24,200	N/A
Oceana	\$428,156	\$535,533	\$107,377
Ogemaw	\$0	\$43,948	N/A
Ontonagon	\$138,531	\$173,272	\$34,741
Osceola	\$453,161	\$566,809	\$113,648
Oscoda	\$0	\$1,000	N/A
Otsego	\$0	\$33,000	N/A
Ottawa	\$3,748,173	\$4,687,171	\$939,998
Presque Isle	\$0	\$144,000	N/A
Roscommon	\$405,795	\$512,594	\$107,799
Saginaw	\$3,650,812	\$4,566,393	\$915,581
Sanilac	\$732,483	\$918,181	\$185,698
Schoolcraft	\$147,661	\$184,693	\$37,032
Shiawassee	\$1,152,357	\$1,441,355	\$288,998
St. Clair	\$3,001,610	\$3,754,379	\$752,769
St. Joseph	\$1,098,111	\$1,375,605	\$277,494
Tuscola	\$877,359	\$1,097,391	\$220,032
Van Buren	\$1,229,726	\$1,538,127	\$308,401
Washtenaw	\$5,522,843	\$6,907,907	\$1,385,064
Wayne	\$39,984,520	\$50,012,170	\$10,027,650
Wexford	\$537,136	\$671,844	\$134,708
Total	\$145,760,000	\$211,134,899	\$65,374,899

Data Source: Michigan Department of Treasury

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
Committee of the Whole Minutes  
Monday, January 27, 2014 - 7:32 A.M.  
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI**

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

Commissioner Absent: District 1 - Roger Allen

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Kimberly Green, John Bishop, Steve Anderson, Representative Terry Brown, Sheriff Lee Teschendorf, Bob Klenk, John Joles.

**Finance**

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Trisch and Kirkpatrick

**Primary Finance**

1. **Mosquito Abatement Truck Purchase** – Move to consent agenda.
2. **Mosquito Abatement Material Purchase** – Move to consent agenda.
3. **Mosquito Abatement Millage Renewable Language for May Ballot** – Based on surrounding counties, a 10 year millage will be requested. Matter discussed.
4. **State Revenue Sharing Full Funding – State Surplus** – Rep. Terry Brown provided an update. Matter discussed.
5. **Oil Shale Mining Assessing/Taxation – MAC Involvement – SB 552** – Move to consent agenda.
6. **Next Steps to Five Year Financial Plan Development – Forwarded to County Officials** – Matter discussed.
7. **Prisoner Medical Costs** – Response received from Daniel Skiver. Matter discussed.
8. **Equalization Appeal of Wavier One Year Approval – Proposed House Bill** – Matter discussed.
9. **Cost Sharing for Thumb Works – Conference Speaker Costs** – Matter discussed, added to agenda (not a consent item).
10. **EDC Letter of Support for Brownfield Grant Application** – Move to consent agenda.
11. **Medical Examiner System Changes – Sheriff** – The County will pay for the cost of a training course but not for the hours spent at the training. Mileage will be paid for travel outside of Tuscola County. Sheriff Teschendorf will see how much of the training can take place locally. The qualifications of the four candidates should limit the amount of training needed. Matter discussed.



## On-Going Finance

1. 2014/15 Governor Proposed Budget in February 2014 – Matter discussed.
2. Renewable Energy - New Minimum Requirement? – Matter discussed.
3. Any Changes or Additions to 2013 Accomplishments – Matter discussed.
4. Changes or Additions to 2014 Issues and Work Program – Matter discussed.
5. Personnel Property Tax Replacement with Use Tax – Public Vote – Matter discussed.
6. State Police Lease – Mike Hoagland and Mike Miller will work on this together. Matter discussed.
7. Potential Re-Use of former Camp Tuscola – Matter discussed.
8. Periodic Updates on Major Budget Factors – The Personnel Committee would like to meet with all the department heads individually to discuss. Matter discussed.
9. Register of Deeds Recording of Wind Project Land Transactions – John Bishop is still waiting on the written opinion. Matter discussed.
10. NG911 Multi-County Purchase – Matter discussed.
11. New Method of Cost Sharing for MREC Legal Invoices – Reese Library – Matter discussed.
12. Jail Law Suit – Matter discussed.
13. Managing Jail Bed Space - Matter discussed.
14. County Web Page and Further Enhancements - Matter discussed.
15. Digital Parcel Mapping/GIS – Still progressing slowly. Matter discussed.
16. Indigent Dental Program – Matter discussed.
17. Unfunded State Mandates – Matter discussed.

### **Update from State Representative Terry Brown- 8:15A.M. – 8:25 A.M.**

8:25 A.M. – Recessed

8:30 A.M. - Reconvened

### **8:30 A.M. Closed Session to Discuss Pending litigation**

14-M-008

Motion by Matthew Bierlein, seconded by Craig Kirkpatrick, at 8:30 a.m. that the board convenes into closed session regarding pending litigation to consider the legal opinions and memorandum of our attorneys which are exempt from public disclosure under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Bardwell, Trisch Kirkpatrick, Bierlein. Nay – None.

Motion Carried.

Reconvened from closed session at 9:03 A.M.

### **Continued update from State Representative – 9:03 A.M. – 9:20 A.M.**

18. Abused, Neglect and Delinquent Child Care Costs – Matter discussed.

## Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Trisch

### Primary Personnel

1. **Hiring Freeze Criteria to be Used to Evaluate Alternative to Refilling Position** – Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Trisch would like to meet with all department heads. Matter discussed.
2. **Hiring of Part-time Replacements for former Full-Time Maintenance Person** – 2 part-time positions would gain 10 additional working hours per week without insurance costs to the County. Move to consent agenda.
3. **Replacing Part-time Recycling Material Handler Position – Hired as a Maintenance Person** – Move to consent agenda.
4. **Parks and Recreation Commission Membership** – Matter discussed, add to agenda for Wednesday, January 29, 2014.
5. **New Zimco Technology Services Contract and Director Status and Possible Changes** – Zimco would like the same contract terms as last year. The previous overage was due to extraordinary events over the past year, Zimco does not foresee the same issues this year. Matter discussed.
6. **Potential Meeting Dates with State Senator** – Matter discussed.
7. **Meeting on February 20, 2014 Sanilac County Regional Planning – Service Consolidations** – Matter discussed.
8. **MAC 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting Date and Agenda** – Matter discussed.
9. **Letter Honoring Dr. Kumar** – Move to consent agenda.
10. **Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Vacancies** – Move to consent agenda.
11. **Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Vacancies** – Move to consent agenda.

### On-Going Personnel

1. Health Insurance Affordable Care Act – Matter discussed.
2. Draft Court Personnel Policies – Labor Attorney Conducting Review – Matter discussed.
3. Schedule Resolution Presentation for Child Immunizations – Matter discussed.

**Building and Grounds**  
Committee Leader-Commissioners Allen and Bierlein

**Primary Building and Grounds**

1. None this Meeting

**On-Going Building and Grounds**

2. Board Room Audio System - IT Director – Microphones installed and working well.
3. Cass River Greenway
4. Dead Ash Trees Roadway Problems/Concerns
5. Update to the County Solid Waste Management Plan – EDC
6. State Police Post Lease – Matter discussed.
7. Fairgrove Sign
8. Agricultural Irrigation/Residential Wells
9. 20 Year Maintenance Plan Update – Matter discussed.
10. Jail Boiler Installation – Matter discussed.
11. Annex Generator – Matter discussed.
12. Wisner Township Park Access – Matter discussed.

**Other Business as Necessary**

1. MAC Conference Registration – Matter discussed.

**Public Comment Period**

Bob Klenk - One of the Dispatch employees was unable to make it home due to the weather. Heritage Hill gave the employee a room to stay in until the road was able to be cleared.

**Closed Session – None**

**Other Business as Necessary**

Dispatch Director Replacement Procedures – Meeting with Dispatch Committee after COW Meeting – Postponed.

Adjourned at 10:13 A.M.

Cindy McKinney-Volz  
Chief Deputy Clerk

January 16, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 8:00 A.M.

Present: Road Commissioners John Laurie, Gary Parsell, Mike Zwerk, Julie Matuszak, and Pat Sheridan; County Highway Engineer Michele Zawerucha, Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey, Director of Finance/Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the January 2, 2014 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$137,046.51 and bills in the amount of \$367,855.94 covered by vouchers #13-53, #14-01, and #14-02 were presented and audited.

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

Management and the Board discussed winter maintenance expenses to date for the 2013-14 season. The Board requested that Management look at each department regarding further cost-saving measures and additional operation efficiencies, and report back to the Board with recommendations.

At 8:15 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2014 Cold Patch:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Specified Material</u>	<u>Price</u>
Unique Paving Materials Corporation	UPM – to Caro	\$ 91.65 p/ton
Unique Paving Materials Corporation	UPM – to Vassar	90.80 p/ton
Unique Paving Materials Corporation	UPM – to Deford	92.73 p/ton
Unique Paving Materials Corporation	UPM – to Akron	91.65 p/ton
Ace-Saginaw Paving Company	CP-6	85.70 p/ton
Ace-Saginaw Paving Company	QPR	90.14 p/ton
Lakeland Asphalt Corp.	CP-6	88.00 p/ton

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Zwerk that the bids for 2014 Cold Patch be accepted and awarded to Ace-Saginaw Paving Company for the QPR specified material. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Brief Public Comment Segment:

- (1) Almer Township Supervisor Jim Miklovic asked the Board about the policy with the Vassar Township Board to salt their local roads during winter maintenance.

At 8:30 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2014 Portland Cement Concrete:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Concrete-3500</u>	<u>Concrete-4500</u>	<u>Cement</u>
Rock Products Company	\$91.00 / cyd	\$97.00 / cyd	\$6.50 per 94 lbs.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the bids for 2014 Portland Cement Concrete be accepted and awarded to Rock Products Company. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zawerucha reported to the Board that the Cass River Greenway Committee has requested the Road Commission's assistance in conjunction with their proposed canoe launch at the M-46 state park. They have asked if the Road Commission would empty the garbage at the canoe launch which would be located within the MDOT road right-of-way. After further discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk to grant the request from the Cass River Greenway Committee that the Road Commission will empty the garbage at their proposed canoe launch at the M-46 state park on a trial basis. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zawerucha reported to the Board a summary of the Regional 7A Task Force Meeting held on January 8, 2014.

County Highway Engineer Zawerucha reported to the Board an update regarding the East Dayton Road Federal Aid project scheduled for 2014. Zawerucha reported that the bids for the project were well over the engineer's estimate for the second time, and that all bids were rejected and the grant funding was forfeited.

At 8:45 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2014 Liquid Calcium Chloride:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Continuous</u>	<u>Intermittent</u>	<u>Livingston Storage</u>
Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales	\$ .475 p/gal	\$ .485 p/gal	\$ .375 p/gal
The Wilkinson Corporation	alternate bid	alternate bid	alternate bid
Michigan Chloride Sales	alternate bid	alternate bid	alternate bid

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the bids for 2014 Liquid Calcium Chloride be accepted and awarded to Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed road damage caused in conjunction with a R.O.W. Permit issued to I.T.C. and MJ Electric. County Highway Engineer Zawerucha reported to the Board the latest correspondence and the review of the road damage locations. After further review and discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk to approve the settlement amount of \$110,560 of agreed road damages caused in conjunction with a R.O.W. Permit issued to I.T.C. and MJ Electric; and that Management continue to review a policy for future projects of this nature. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zawerucha presented to the Board a response from the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool regarding the proposed tree removal program and the Road Commission's liability exposure. After discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to accept the information from the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool regarding the proposed tree removal program and the Road Commission's liability exposure, and that Management continue to review the program and any grant opportunities. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

County Highway Engineer Zawerucha presented to the Board the 2013 P.A.S.E.R. data for the Road Commission's Primary Road System, as well as an analysis of the Bridge System.

Motion by Zwerk seconded by Parsell that the Board thanks all Road Commission employees for their efforts and dedication during winter maintenance over the last few weeks including the blizzard conditions of January 5, 2014. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Zwerk that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 A.M. Sheridan, Matuszak, Zwerk, Parsell, Laurie --- Carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary-Clerk of the Board

DEBBIE STABENOW  
MICHIGAN

#10  
COMMITTEES:  
AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY  
BUDGET  
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
FINANCE

**United States Senate**  
133 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2204

December 10, 2013

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

Dear Tuscola,

Thank you for contacting me about improving our nation's transportation infrastructure. I share your concerns.

I believe we must make critical investments in our nation's roads, bridges, highways and railroads. Investing in our nation's infrastructure not only creates jobs, but makes traveling much safer for everyone.

As you may know, last year Congress passed a bipartisan transportation bill that would keep our roads and bridges safe while also keeping American workers on the job. In Michigan, the bill would create over 40,000 badly-needed jobs to fix our roads. As Congress continues to debate funding for infrastructure, I will keep your views in mind.

Thank you again for contacting me. Please continue to keep me informed about issues of concern to you and your family.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow  
United States Senator



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY  
LANSING

RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

R. KEVIN CLINTON  
STATE TREASURER

February 2, 2014

Ted Kabat  
Glassworks  
583 Water Street  
Vassar, MI 48768

Dear Sir\Madam:

The State Tax Commission has received notification that the treasurer of the City of Vassar filed a Certificate of Non-Payment of Industrial Facilities Tax along with an Affidavit of Proof of Service upon Glassworks, located in the City of Vassar, Tuscola County.

As required by Sections 12 and 13 of Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended, this action was filed with the County Register of Deeds, creating a lien upon the property. The treasurer did not receive payment of this lien within the required 60 day notification period, therefore, the real and personal property components of Industrial Facility Exemption certificate 2007-279 shall automatically terminate on the following December 31, 2013.

At their September 25, 2013 meeting, the State Tax Commission acknowledged the automatic termination of the real and/or personal property component(s) of Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate 2007-279 as revoked effective December 31, 2013, for the 2014 tax year.

If you have further questions, please contact the Property Services Division at (517) 373-3302.

Sincerely,

Kelli Sobel, Executive Director  
State Tax Commission

By Certified Mail

cc: Clerk, City of Vassar  
Assessor, City of Vassar  
Tuscola County Equalization Department  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
Vassar School District  
Tuscola Intermediate School District



# Celebrating Tuscola's Stars

c/o Tuscola Technology Center  
1401 Cleaver Road Caro, Michigan 48723  
989.673.5300

February 7, 2014

The "Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Committee" was established in 2003 by the Tuscola County Community Foundation, the Tuscola County Human Services Collaborative Council and Tuscola 2020, Inc. The Stars Committee is pleased to announce the twelfth annual search for "Tuscola's Stars". A celebration to honor these Stars will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 7:30 to 9:00 AM at the Tuscola Technology Center. An invitation will follow at a later date.

We need your help in searching for Tuscola's Stars and nominating them for the awards. These awards are designed to recognize individuals, groups and businesses whose efforts have improved the quality of life for the people in Tuscola County.

We are sure you know one or more individuals, groups or businesses whose efforts deserve recognition. We have included a nomination form (it may be copied if you wish to make more than one nomination.) **Please take a few minutes to complete the form and return it by February 21, 2014.**

All nominees will receive a "Celebrating Tuscola's Stars" certificate and lapel pin. A finalist will be selected in each category and will be presented a "Celebrating Tuscola's Stars" award.

We strongly believe in the value of volunteerism and want to honor these Stars. Thank you for your assistance in identifying and nominating these individuals, groups and businesses that make a difference in our communities.

We invite you to help us celebrate the Stars by sending in your nomination(s) and joining us for breakfast. An event invitation will be sent to you at a later date. If you have any questions or would like to help with this event, please call Susan at 989-550-8283 or 989-673-8283 or email her at [susaneawalker@gmail.com](mailto:susaneawalker@gmail.com).

Sincerely,



Susan Walker, Co-Chair  
Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Committee



Gene Pierce, Co-Chair  
Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Committee

**Committee Members**

- Susan Walker, Co-Chair*
- Lila Deeren*
- Jim McLoskey*
- Glen Roth*
- Joe Hembling*
- Jodi Fetting*

- Gene Pierce, Co-Chair*
- Bev Rodabaugh*
- Ken Micklash*
- Rose Putnam*
- Jim Heiser*

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## NOMINATION FORM FOR TUSCOLA'S STARS AWARD

**Eligibility Criteria:** These awards are open to any individual, group or business that has donated time and effort to provide a humanitarian benefit to residents of Tuscola County during the past year. The effort must be voluntary and not involve personal or monetary gain. However, minimal out-of-pocket reimbursement such as mileage would not disqualify an honoree and stipends are not counted.

In addition to these awards, we will be honoring an employed individual who has consistently gone "ABOVE AND BEYOND" the call of duty; this can be anyone that goes beyond their regular job duties & expectations for the benefit of Tuscola County residents.

**Selection:** Representatives of the sponsoring groups, the Tuscola County Community Foundation, the Tuscola County Human Services Collaborative Council and Tuscola 2020, Inc., will serve as the selection committee as well as representatives from all area school districts.

**Questions?** Contact Susan Walker at 989-550-8283, 989-673-8283 or [susaneawalker@gmail.com](mailto:susaneawalker@gmail.com).

Tuscola's STARS awards will be presented in the four categories of:

**Category 1 - INDIVIDUAL:** Includes individuals, couples, and families whose volunteer efforts deserve public recognition. This includes activities such as village councils, school boards, hospital boards and auxiliaries, church work and etc.

**Category 2 - GROUP:** Includes service clubs, churches, student groups, charities, nonprofit organizations, and other groups of unrelated persons whose volunteer efforts are worthy of respect.

**Category 3 - BUSINESS:** Includes for-profit businesses, and public agencies whose volunteer efforts are changing lives for the better.

**Category 4 - ABOVE AND BEYOND:** A special category to recognize someone in a paid or volunteer position whose efforts exemplify the spirit of giving!

It is very important to make your nomination thorough. The committee can only make decisions based on the information provided to them. It is also important to indicate the category for which you are making your nomination.

**Please return form to:** Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd.  
Caro, MI 48723. The deadline is February 21, 2014.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE** and join us at our Celebration Breakfast on Thursday, April 17th, at 7:30 AM at the Tuscola Technology Center.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

If nominating a group or business, person to contact \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee **complete** mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Nominee Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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*IMPORTANT: Make sure you indicate the number of the category for which you are making this nomination. \_\_\_\_\_ See page one for categories (Indicate 1, 2, 3 or 4- pick only one.)*

**Why are you making the recommendation?** \_\_\_\_\_

*Explain in your own words. Consider including information such as: organizations involved, projects completed, number of Tuscola County residents served, years of service. What makes this person, group or business exceptional? (**REMEMBER IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE AS THE COMMITTEE CAN ONLY ACT ON THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE**).*

**Other information that you'd like to share:**

*Do you have an anecdote, story or personal interest; how to pronounce person's name or anything else we need to know. For additional space, please attach a separate sheet of paper.*

**Nominator Information:**

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

If additional space is needed, please attach extra pages.

- Check list:
1. Did you indicate the number of the nomination area 1, 2, 3 or 4?
  2. Did you indicate the nominee's full address & phone number?
  3. Did you list all your contact information?
  4. **REMEMBER IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE AS THE COMMITTEE CAN ONLY ACT ON THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE**
  5. Please review your nomination as the committee can only make selections based on the information provided.

**PLEASE RETURN BY FEBRUARY 21, 2014**

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Office of the Prosecuting Attorney  
Caro, Michigan

February 9, 2014

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners:

Please find attached relevant background regarding the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney.

History:

It must be noted that despite escalating case volume and complexity the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney has remained the exact same size in regard to county funded staff levels for more than thirty years. This is a distinguishing characteristic from virtually every other department in the County. The only staff members that have been added are a Victim Services Coordinator that is fully grant funded by the State of Michigan pursuant to new duties created by the legislature through the Victims' Rights Act and a Part-Time Prosecutor that is also fully grant funded. It can be persuasively argued that the Prosecutor's Office has functioned in a constant state of understaffing for more than three decades.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney has also historically experienced significant turnover in the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney slots due to a variety of factors including the level of compensation. It takes a lengthy period of time to maximize efficiency in this type of environment. Operating with fewer staff members simply is not feasible as our Office typically has obligations on a daily basis that require appearances in each of the three courts as well as at times at the Friend of the Court. New cases also have to be reviewed on a daily basis with many requiring immediate action. Another issue in regard to professional staff last year was the loss of an employee at the end of 2012 with approximately thirty years of experience and another with approximately fifteen years experience. Those losses of knowledge cannot be replaced in the short term.

### Overtime:

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney has historically relied upon overtime to offset less than sufficient staffing levels as well as matters requiring immediate response. Attorneys have to be available twenty four hours a day 365 days a year to address issues that arise. Administrative staff typically has to work on holidays and weekends to assist in the preparation of paperwork that must be completed pursuant to law often within twenty four hours of an incident. Our current budget reflects a significant reduction in this essential overtime tool that impacts the Office's ability to function. It should be noted that attorneys only receive \$50.00 compensation for being on call for a seven day time period and the elected prosecutor has foregone this compensation throughout his tenure.

### Public Safety:

It is understood that departments are divided into various categories for budgeting purposes and review. However, it must be noted that the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney is at the crux of every Public Safety issue that exists. The Prosecuting Attorney is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer in the County. Every violation of state law that results in the authorization of formal charges is addressed by the Prosecutor's Office. The actions of the Prosecuting Attorney directly impact the health, safety and welfare of each citizen in this County on a daily basis.

### Recent Actions Directly Impacting Public Safety:

Throughout recent years the Michigan Department of Corrections has altered its prior practices in regard to parole criteria and commenced with the wholesale release of thousands of felons convicted of violent crimes and sex crimes (many involving children). Many of these offenders are returning to our County. Certain ones have already committed new felony offenses. The Michigan Department of Corrections has also altered its criteria for discharging individuals from probation and often seeks early releases. Each of the above referenced actions places the citizens of our County and State in greater peril. These developments will certainly enhance the workload of the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney.

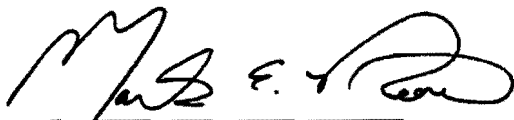
New Programs Directly Impacting Attorney Resources:

During the past year in cooperation with a variety of entities the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney has participated in the creation of a Child Advocacy Center. As a result of these efforts children are being far better protected. The adopted protocols however require the Prosecuting Attorney and/or an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney to be present for every child interview and for a variety of case review meetings. These interviews are often conducted outside normal business hours. The Center is doing tremendous work but it has a significant impact on attorney resources.

A Regional Sobriety Court was also created last year and was supported by the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. Protocols again require the presence of the Prosecuting Attorney or an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney at various meetings and review hearings. Attorney resources are again being expended in a manner they were not previously.

Final Analysis:

Under the circumstances that presently exist in the Criminal Justice System in the State of Michigan it would be unconscionable to reduce employees in an Office that has remained at the same size for more than thirty years. The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney is duty bound to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizenry of this County and requires adequate resources to satisfy its mandate. Thank you in advance for recognizing the circumstances of this Office.



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Mark E. Reese  
Prosecuting Attorney  
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February 6, 2014

Dear Mr. Reene:

It is with sincere regret that I must resign my position as an Assistant Prosecutor in Tuscola County. I have accepted a position as the Tuscola County FOC Referee and will begin my new position on February 18<sup>th</sup>. My last day at the Prosecutor's Office will be February 14<sup>th</sup>.

I am deeply thankful for my time at the Prosecutor's Office. It has been an invaluable learning experience and one I will appreciate for the rest of my career. The work and my co-workers will be greatly missed.

Please let me know what I can do to aid in this transition.

Sincerely,



Ariana E. Hemerline



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NEWS RELEASE

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(Chicago)--The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to **Tuscola County** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to:

**Michael R. Hoagland, Controller/Administrator**

**Clayette A. Zechmeister, Chief Accountant**

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.





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February 3, 2014

Michael R. Hoagland  
Controller/Administrator  
Tuscola County  
125 W. Lincoln St., Ste 500  
Caro MI 48723

Dear Mr. Hoagland:

We are pleased to notify you that your comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Each entity submitting a report to the Certificate of Achievement review process is provided with a "Summary of Grading" form and a confidential list of comments and suggestions for possible improvements in its financial reporting techniques. Your list has been enclosed. You are strongly encouraged to implement the recommended improvements into the next report and submit it to the program. If it is unclear what must be done to implement a comment or if there appears to be a discrepancy between the comment and the information in the CAFR, please contact the Technical Services Center (312) 977-9700 and ask to speak with a Certificate of Achievement Program in-house reviewer.

Certificate of Achievement program policy requires that written responses to the comments and suggestions for improvement accompany the next fiscal year's submission. Your written responses should provide detail about how you choose to address each item that is contained within this report. These responses will be provided to those Special Review Committee members participating in the review.

When a Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement (AFRA) is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated by the government as primarily responsible for its having earned the Certificate. As a designated individual we have enclosed your AFRA. Since you are only one of the designees, also enclosed are AFRA's for:

**Clayette A. Zechmeister, Chief Accountant**

Your Certificate of Achievement plaque will be shipped to you under separate cover in about eight weeks. We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release has been enclosed. We suggest that you provide copies of it to local newspapers, radio stations and television stations. In addition, details of recent recipients of the Certificate of Achievement and other information about Certificate Program results are available in the "Awards Program" area of our website, [www.gfoa.org](http://www.gfoa.org).

A current holder of a Certificate of Achievement may include a reproduction of the award in its immediately subsequent CAFR. A camera ready copy of your Certificate is enclosed for that purpose. If you reproduce your Certificate in your next report, please refer to the enclosed instructions. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year. To continue to participate in the Certificate of Achievement Program it will be necessary for you to submit your next CAFR to our review process.

In order to expedite your submission we have enclosed a Certificate of Achievement Program application form to facilitate a timely submission of your next report. This form should be completed and sent (postmarked) with three copies of your report, three copies of your application, three copies of your written responses to the program's comments and suggestions for improvement from the prior year, and any other pertinent material with the appropriate fee by June 30, 2014.

Your continued interest in and support of the Certificate of Achievement Program is most appreciated. If we may be of any further assistance, please contact Delores Smith ([dsmith@gfoa.org](mailto:dsmith@gfoa.org) or (312) 578-5454).

Sincerely,  
Government Finance Officers Association

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen J. Gauthier". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director  
Technical Services Center

SJG/ds

**CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING  
COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS**

The detailed comments and suggestions for improvements are comprised of: 1) an indication above the comment that provides either the specific certificate program checklist question to which the item directly relates or the notation "Additional Comment" to indicate the comment does not directly relate to a specific checklist question and 2) text that generally identifies the location of the item in your CAFR, the reason for the comment, and the particular item you should address. Following is the legend for the references to specific authoritative literature that are provided for the majority of comments.

<i>Audits of State and Local Governments</i>	-	<i>Audits of State and Local Governments</i> , American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, March 1, 2012
GAAFR	-	<i>Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting</i> , GFOA 2012
GASB - I	-	GASB Interpretation
GASB - S	-	GASB Statement
GASB - TB	-	GASB Technical Bulletin
Q&A	-	<i>2012-2013 Comprehensive Implementation Guide</i> , GASB
NCGA - I	-	National Council on Governmental Accounting Interpretation
NCGA - S	-	National Council on Governmental Accounting Statement

All references listed above, except those for "GAAFR," "Q&A," and *Audits of State and Local Governments*, are followed by the number of the pronouncement, if applicable, and the specific paragraph(s), footnote(s), or appendix (appendices) within the publication that is being referenced. The references to "GAAFR" are to pages in that publication. For "Q&A," the references are to the applicable chapters and questions in that publication. For *Audits of State and Local Governments*, the references are to the chapter and specific paragraph.

# Certificate of Achievement For Excellence in Financial Reporting

## Summary of Grading

Name of Unit: Tuscola County  
Fiscal Year of Report FY2012

Report # 3,544.00

The Certificate of Achievement Program Special Review Committee (SRC) has completed its review of your comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). Listed below are the grading categories used and a summary of the SRC's evaluation of your CAFR. The detailed comments and suggestions for reporting improvements on the attached listing are grouped under similar grading categories. Any category which received a grade of "Needs Significant Improvement" indicates an area of particular concern to the SRC and the related comments and suggestions for improvement in this category should be given special attention. An indication is provided on the list by the specific comments(s) or category(ies) that were the cause of receiving this grade. For each item, the notation also states whether it is 1) the basis or part of the basis for the CAFR not receiving the Certificate of Achievement, 2) a serious deficiency which will almost certainly preclude the awarding of the Certificate of Achievement if it is not corrected in your next CAFR, or 3) a deficiency, that if not corrected in future CAFRs, could result in the Certificate of Achievement not being awarded.

### Grading Category

### Grade

Cover, table of contents, and formatting	Proficient
Introductory section	Proficient
Report of the independent auditor	Proficient
Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A)	Proficient
Basic financial statements (preliminary considerations)	Proficient
Government-wide financial statements	Proficient
Fund financial statements (general considerations)	Proficient
Governmental fund financial statements	Proficient
Proprietary fund financial statements	Proficient
Fiduciary fund financial statements	Proficient
Summary of significant accounting policies (SSAP)	Proficient
Note disclosure (other than the SSAP and pension-related disclosures)	Proficient
Pension-related note disclosures	Proficient
Required supplementary information (RSI)	Proficient
Combining and individual fund information and other supplementary information	Proficient
Statistical section	Proficient
Other considerations	Proficient



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**Tuscola County  
Michigan**

For its Comprehensive Annual  
Financial Report  
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**December 31, 2012**

Executive Director/CEO

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
Committee of the Whole Minutes  
Monday, February 10, 2014 - 7:33 A.M.  
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI**

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen (via phone till 9:10 a.m. then at 9:17 a.m. via Skype), District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch (excused at 10:25 a.m.), District 4 - Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 - Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Prosecutor Mark Reese, Kim Green, Bob Bushaw, Vicky Sherry, Register John Bishop, Sheriff Lee Teschendorf, Senator Mike Green, Mike Miller, Undersheriff Glen Skrent, Eean Lee

**Finance**

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Trisch and Kirkpatrick

**Primary Finance**

1. **2014/15 Governor Proposed Budget in February 2014** - Please review new communication from MAC.
2. **State Revenue Sharing** - Senator Mike Green spoke regarding state revenue sharing. Senator Green also spoke regarding the Equalization Director and having the position work towards a Level 4 Certification. Senator Green is also looking at offering trails for horseback riding in Tuscola County.
3. **2014 MAC Priorities** - Matter reviewed.
4. **Mosquito Abatement Millage Renewable Language for May Ballot** - Ballot language has been forwarded to the attorney for approval of the wording. Matter to be discussed further. Filing deadline to the County Clerk is May 13, 2014.
5. **Mosquito Abatement Technician Compensation** - Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
6. **P.A. 161 of 2013 Changes in Property Taxes for Veterans** - Matter Discussed. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
7. **HB 5253 Regarding Sharing Equalization Directors** - Mike Hoagland will discuss further with Equalization Director Walt Schlichting. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
8. **Restoration of Tuscola County Behavioral Health State GF Appropriation** - Matter Discussed. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
9. **Medical Examiner – Hiring of MESI** - Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda. Program and budget to be reviewed prior to next budget cycle.

10. **Hiring Freeze Application to Part-Time** - Motion regarding irregular part-time employees to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
11. **EDC Funding Request** - EDC is requesting \$15,000 for continuation of the program. Matter to be discussed further between the Finance Committee and Mike Hoagland.
12. **Recycling Committee Vacancy** - Jim McMinn has resigned from the Recycling Board. County Clerk to post vacancy for a 2 week period. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
13. **Human Development Commission Member Re-appointments** - Matter Discussed. Jerry Peterson and Matthew Bierlein to be appointed. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
14. **Denmark Township** - Mike Hoagland to follow-up with John Axe regarding new lawsuit filed.

Recessed at 9:20 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:34 a.m.

Commissioner Trisch excused at 10:25 a.m.

#### On-Going Finance

1. Prisoner Medical Costs
2. Next Steps to Five Year Financial Plan Development – Forwarded to County Officials.
3. Renewable Energy - New Minimum Requirement - Matter Reviewed.
4. Oil Shale Mining Assessing/Taxation – MAC Involvement - Matter Reviewed.
5. Any Changes or Additions to 2013 Accomplishments
6. Changes or Additions to 2014 Issues and Work Program
7. Personnel Property Tax Replacement with Use Tax – Public Vote - Matter Reviewed.
8. State Police Lease - More information to be provided at a later date.
9. Potential Re-Use of former Camp Tuscola
10. Periodic Updates on Major Budget Factors
11. Register of Deeds Recording of Wind Project Land Transactions
12. NG911 Multi-County Purchase - Matter Reviewed.
13. New Method of Cost Sharing for MREC Legal Invoices – Reese Library - Matter Reviewed.
14. Jail Law Suit - Matter remains pending.
15. Managing Jail Bed Space - Matter Reviewed.
16. County Web Page and Further Enhancements - Project is continuing to be improved.
17. Digital Parcel Mapping/GIS - Planning Commission is still assisting the County.
18. Indigent Dental Program - Matter Reviewed.
19. Unfunded State Mandates
20. Abused, Neglect and Delinquent Child Care Costs

## Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Trisch

### Primary Personnel

1. **Sheriff Jail Administrator** - Matter to be placed on the Thursday's Board Agenda.
2. **Mosquito Technician Hiring** - Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. **Update Human Resources Coordinator** - Interviews have been completed. There is a top choice candidate.
4. **Prosecutor Position Vacancy – Hiring Freeze** - Item to be placed on the Thursday's Board Agenda.
5. **Meeting on February 20, 2014 Sanilac County Regional Planning** - Please attend if your schedule allows.
6. **Procedures to Replace Retiring Dispatch Director** - Matter Discussed.
7. **DARI Integrity Resources** - Matter Discussed.
8. **Behavioral Health Changes** - Matter Discussed.
9. **New Zimco Technology Services Contract** - Draft service agreement provided for review.

### On-Going Personnel

1. Reclassification Procedures – New HR to Review.
2. Health Insurance Affordable Care Act - Matter to continue to be monitored.
3. Draft Court and Non-Union Personnel Policies – Labor Attorney Conducting Review – New HR to Review.
4. Hiring of Part-time Replacements for former Full-Time Maintenance Person - Matter Reviewed.
5. Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Vacancies - Vacancy needs to be filled.
6. MAC 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting Date and Agenda - Matter Reviewed.
7. Claim Filed by Former County Employee - Matter Reviewed.

## Building and Grounds

Committee Leader-Commissioners Allen and Bierlein

### Primary Building and Grounds

1. **None this Meeting**

### On-Going Building and Grounds

1. Cass River Greenway - Matter Reviewed.
2. Dead Ash Trees Roadway Problems
3. Update to the County Solid Waste Management Plan – EDC - Matter Discussed.
4. State Police Post Lease - Matter Reviewed.
5. Agricultural Irrigation/Residential Wells



6. 20 Year Maintenance Plan Update

**Other Business as Necessary**

1. County Planning Commission – Development of Historical Information – Township Maps - Matter Discussed. Ione Vyse will work with Eean Lee to have the information placed on the County's website.
2. Farm Bureau Lunch - To be held on March 17, 2014.

**Public Comment Period - None**

**Closed Session – None**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk