# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014 - 7:30 A.M.

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

125 W. Lincoln Street Caro, M1 48723 Phone: 989-672-3700 Fax: 989-672-4011

7:30 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell

Prayer – Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Adoption of Agenda

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)

**Brief Public Comment Period** 

Consent Agenda Resolution (None)

**New Business** 

- -Request to use Courthouse Lawn (See Correspondence #2)
- -Agreement with Amalgam LLC (See Correspondence #3)
- -Concur with appointment to Vacant Dispatcher Position (See Correspondence #4)
- -Restoring full SCMCCI Lease payment (See Correspondence #5)
- -Application for Department of Human Services Board (See Correspondence #6)
- -2015 Budget Recap (See Correspondence #7)
- -Affordable Care Act Commissioners
- -Health Insurance Incentive Payment

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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	November 13, 2014 Full Board Minutes
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#12	Michigan Municipal Risk management Authority Letter (Check for Envision Justice Solutions)

# Draft TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS November 13, 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 13th day of November, 2014 to order at 7:35 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Trisch

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Allen

Roll Call - Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Roger Allen, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Christine Trisch, District 4 - Craig Kirkpatrick (via Google Hangouts), District 5 - Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting (excused at 9:20 a.m.), Cindy McKinney-Volz, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones, Clayette Zechmeister, Treasurer Pat Donovan-Gray, Onna Clinesmith, Donald Clinesmith, Gary Johnson, Charles Kurtansky, Lorraine Kurtansky, Sandy Nielsen, Ron Amend, Steve Erickson, Vicky Sherry, Bill Bushaw, Dr. Richard Horsch, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Register John Bishop, Wayne Koper, Joe Bixler

Adoption of Agenda -

14-M-190

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch to adopt the agenda. Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

M-14-191

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 30, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

#### Brief Public Comment Period -

- -Onna Clinesmith addressed the Board regarding their consideration of re-instating Health Insurance for the Board members.
- -Donald Clinesmith addressed the Board regarding their consideration of re-instating Health Insurance for the Board members.

Consent Agenda Resolution -

M-14-192

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Agenda Reference:

Α

**Entity Proposing:** 

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/10/14

**Description of Matter:** 

Move that per the October 31, 2014 letter of request from the Veteran's Affairs Director, that the 2014 budget be amended and a supplemental general fund appropriation of \$5,000 be transferred to the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund to meet the critical food, shelter and other needs of veterans for the balance of 2014.

Agenda Reference:

В

**Entity Proposing:** 

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/10/14

**Description of Matter:** 

Move that per the request of the Tuscola County Human Services Board, that property located along Cleaver Road, Caro as described in the buy/sell agreement, be approved for purchase for an amount of \$110,000.00 for the future expansion needs of the Medical Care Facility. The purchase is contingent upon completion of a satisfactory baseline environmental assessment (BEA). Also, all necessary documents are authorized for signature after the satisfactory BEA is completed.

Agenda Reference:

С

**Entity Proposing:** 

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/10/14

**Description of Matter:** 

Move to approve the 2014/2015 service agreement between the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board and Tuscola County in order to provide state grant funding for community correction programs, in accordance with PA 511, and to give authorization for the Board Chairperson to sign all necessary documents.

Agenda Reference:

D

**Entity Proposing:** 

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/10/14

Description of Matter:

Move that the 2014 Tuscola County Apportionment Report for all taxing jurisdictions be approved and all necessary signatures are authorized.

Agenda Reference:

Ε

**Entity Proposing:** 

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/10/14

Description of Matter:

Move to have Wolverine Power Systems install a new engine for the jail generator for an amount \$10,458.54 and appropriate 2014 budget amendments

are authorized.

Agenda Reference:

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/10/14

F

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the County Road Commission that \$457,092.07 be

transferred from the Voted Primary Road Millage Fund to Road Commission Fund as specified in Primary Road Voucher #03-14 dated November 7, 2014.

Agenda Reference: G

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/10/14

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the County Road Commission that \$20,557.00 be

transferred from the Voted Bridge Millage Fund to Road Commission Fund as

specified in Primary Road Voucher #03-14 dated November 7, 2014.

New Business

-Veterans Request to Fund Services with a Dedicated Millage -

14-M-193

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that per the request of Tuscola County Veterans that the following question be put on the ballot for a February 2015 election requesting 0.17 mills to fund veteran services with a Roll Call Vote required:

#### TUSCOLA COUNTY VETERANS MILLAGE PROPOSAL

For the purpose of providing dedicated services to veterans of United States military and their dependents within the County of Tuscola ("County"), shall the County increase the limitation in the total amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes upon real and personal property in the County, as provided in the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended, which would result in a new levy of 0.17 mills (\$0.17 per \$1,000) of taxable valuation, for a period of six (6) years, in the years 2015 to 2020, both inclusive? This levy is estimated to raise \$274,000 in the first year.

Matter was briefly discussed as to the necessary time frame to place on the ballot in February 2015. Clerk Fetting shared concerns from a handful of Local Clerks. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Allen - yes; Commissioner Bardwell - yes; Commissioner Trisch - yes; Commissioner Kirkpatrick - yes; Commissioner Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

-EDC Request to Fund Services with a Dedicated Millage -

14-M-194

Motion by Allen, seconded by Trisch that per the request of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation that the following question be put on the ballot for a February 2015 election requesting 0.20 mills to fund economic development services with a Roll Call Vote required:

# TUSCOLA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

For the purpose of providing economic development services within the County of Tuscola ("County"), shall the County increase the limitation in the total amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes upon real and personal property in the County, as provided in the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended, which would result in a new levy of 0.20 mills (\$0.20 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period six (6) years, in the years 2015 to 2020 inclusive? This levy is estimated to raise \$322,000 in the first year.

Matter discussed as to how the estimated revenue would be used to benefit Tuscola County. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Allen - yes; Commissioner Bardwell - yes; Commissioner Trisch - yes; Commissioner Kirkpatrick - yes; Commissioner Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

-Appointments to County Boards and Commissions -

#### 14-M-195

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that effective on January 1, 2015 the following people are appointed the Board and Commission stated for the stated term length: Paul Cherniawski to the 911 Dispatch Authority for a 2-year term, Ray Rendon to the 911 Dispatch Authority for a 2-year term, Keith Kosik to the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term, Doug Hall to the Department of Human Services Board for a 3-year term (Chart included in the packet was prepared prior to meeting on October 30, 2014 and still stated Robert Hirn. Doug Hall was appointed to replaced Robert Hirn. with motion 14-M-182 clarifying this), Steve Erickson to the Department of Public Works Board for a 3-year term, Eileen Hiser to the Health Department Board for a 4-year term, Dr. Richard Horsch to the Health Department Board for a 4-year term, David Barrios to the Parks and Recreation Board for a 3-year term, Steve Erickson to the Parks and Recreation Board for a 3-year term, Cindy Kapa for a 3-year term, Zygmunt Dworzecki to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term, Raymond Cortez to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term, Sharon Mika to the Recycling Committee for a 3-year term, Terry Jones to the Recycling Committee for a 3-year term, Dr. Richard Horsch to the Veteran's Committee for a 2-year term, Michael Downing to the Veteran's Committee for a 3-year term. Motion Carried.

#### -Request to Use Courthouse Lawn -

#### 14-M-196

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein that per the November 6, 2014 letter of request that the Caro Women's Interfaith Committee for Christmas be authorized to use the Courthouse lawn from November 29, 2014 to January 10, 2015. Motion Carried.

-Tentative 2015 Meeting Schedule -

Tentative Board of Commissioners meeting schedule proposed and discussed. Commissioners will review and make any suggestions at the next Board meeting. Matter to be placed on the next Board agenda.

-County Treasurer Request - Treasurer Pat Donovan-Gray is requesting an increase in the Treasurer's salary due to additional duties that have been assigned to the Treasurer's office by state regulations.

#### 14-M-197

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to increase the baseline salary of the Treasurer in the amount \$1,215.00 for the 2015 budget year. Motion Carried.

-Regional Prosperity Initiative - Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. Mike Hoagland reviewed the Prosperity Plan included in the Board packet.

-Risk Management Authority Election -

#### 14-M-198

Motion by Trisch, seconded by Allen that Mike Hoagland complete the ballot for the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for the candidates listed on the ballot for the Member-at-Large Seats with 4 seats available with 4 candidates running and for the Designed Township Seat with 1 seat available with 1 candidate running. Motion Carried.

#### Old Business

- Joe Bixler, District 10 Coordinator MSU Extension, explained to the Board the 2015 General Fund Budget Request. Matter discussed.

#### 14-M-199

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to recess the regular Board meeting at 9:03 a.m. to begin the 2015 County Budget Public Hearing. Motion Carried.

-2015 Draft County Budget Public Hearing discussion began at 9:15 a.m.

Clerk Fetting excused at 9:20 a.m.

Mike Hoagland provided an overview of the 2015 Tuscola County budget to the Board. Joe Bixler addressed the Board regarding a budget amendment needed for an increase of \$2,978.00. Mike Hoagland said the necessary adjustments could be made out of the contingency fund and no motion would be needed.

#### 14-M-200

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Allen to approve the 2015 General Appropriations Act adopting the 2015 County Budget of (\$49,056,096).

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

#### 14-M-201

Motion by Bardwell, seconded by Bierlein to resume the regular Board meeting. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Allen - yes; Commissioner Bardwell - yes; Commissioner Trisch - yes; Commissioner Kirkpatrick - yes; Commissioner Bierlein - yes. Motion Carried.

#### 14-M-202

Motion by Allen, seconded by Bierlein to approve the request of Joe Bixler, MSU Extension Coordinator for the addition of 0.5 FTE Coordinator position for \$29,175.00. Matter discussed. Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Allen.

#### 14-M-203

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen to approve the request of Joe Bixler, MSU Extension Coordinator for the addition of 0.5 FTE Coordinator position for \$29,175.00 with at least 10 hours each week of the 20 hours that will be spent on at risk youth. Matter discussed. Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

#### 14-M-204

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Allen to approve the request of Joe Bixler, MSU Extension Coordinator for the addition of 0.5 FTE for the 4-H Program Coordinator, which is intended to make a part-time position a full-time position, at a cost of \$29,175.00 with at least 10 hours per week of the additional 20 hours per week that will be spend on at risk youth. Motion Carried.

-Sandra Nielsen, Director of Dispatch addressed the Board regarding the contract for the new phone system. The budget for the new phone system is \$295,000.00 of that \$100,000.00 was allocated to come from the 2014 budget. If the contract is not in place by year end, the \$100,000.00 will need to transfer from the 2014 budget to the 2015 budget. Sandra has spoke with Clayette regarding the transfer but wanted to make the Board aware also.

#### Correspondence/Resolutions

- -Mike Hoagland received an Order of Dismissal regarding the Denmark Township case from the attorney.
- -Mike Hoagland received the monthly report from the Tuscola County Health Department, minutes from the Road Commission meeting, and a resolution from Otsego County.

#### COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### TRISCH

Board of Health - No report.

Planning Commission - No report.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - EDC covered earlier in the meeting.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - No report.

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Animal Control - Will discuss setting up a meeting with Mike Hoagland.

Solid Waste Management - Meeting cancelled.

Thumb Works - Meeting on Friday November 14, 2014.

#### **BIERLEIN**

Thumb Area Consortium/Michigan Works - Meeting on Friday, November 14, 2014. TRIAD - No report.

Human Development Commission (HDC) - No report.

Tuscola 2020 - No report.

Recycling Advisory Committee - No report.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - No report.

Multi County Solid Waste - No report.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Juniata Township Treasurer is retiring at the end of November, he was honored at the last township meeting. The Juniata Township Clerk, Thomas Hile, will be retiring in April after 30 plus years of

service with the township.

Tuscola In Sync - No report.

MAC Board of Directors - No report.

Human Services Collaborative Council - No report.

Region VI Economic Development Planning - No report.

MAC-Economic Development & Taxation - Meeting next week via conference call.

#### **BARDWELL**

NACo - No report.

NACo Rural Action Caucus - No report.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - EDC covered earlier in the meeting.

Caro DDA/TIFA - No report.

MAC Economic Development/Taxation - No report.

MAC 7th District - No report.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Commissioner Bardwell attended the Juniata Township meeting with Commissioner Bierlein.

MAC - Past President - no report

#### **KIRKPATRICK**

Board of Health - No report.

Community Corrections Advisory Board - No report.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - No report.

Land Acquisition - No report.

MI Renewable Energy Coalition - No report.

MEMS All Hazards - No report.

MAC-Environment Energy Land Use - No report.

Oil/Shale Work Group - No report.

Cass River Greenways Pathway - No report.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - No report.

Tuscola In Sync - No report.

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use - No report.

#### **ALLEN**

Dispatch Authority Board - Meeting to be held November 20, 2014.

County Road Commission - Meeting to be held November 20, 2014.

Board of Public Works - Denmark Water Project denied, may try to fund privately.

Senior Services Advisory Council - No report.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee - No report.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - No report.

Parks & Recreation - Met on Monday to determine the number of parks and facilities in Tuscola County. The State of Michigan put together a list of what each community should have based on number of residents. Commissioner Allen believes Tuscola County currently meets or will meet the standards set by the State.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - No report.

Closed Session - None

Other Business as Necessary 14-M-205

Motion by Matthew Bierlein, seconded by Trisch to pay \$76.32 to the employee whose purse was damaged by the conveyor at the Court House Security. Motion Carried.

#### Extended Public Comment -

- -John Bishop commented on the increase in pay for the elected official, the health care coverage for the Board of Commissioners, the 4-H Director's request, and the potential for a request to increase in the pay scale for the Register of Deeds in 2015.
- -Thomas Bardwell At the EDC meeting yesterday, it was estimated that Tuscola County lost between 27-29% of its budget based on a decision of the Director of the Tax Commission. As a result, it has created restraints on what the county can do. It is estimated that it will amount to between \$500,000 and \$600,000 of Tuscola County's budget.
- -Mike Miller advised the Board that the second boiler at the jail has sprung a leak. There were parts remaining from the boiler that was replaced a year ago. Those parts have been used to fix the leak.
- -Wayne Koper inquired if state has given any indication of plans to replace the 27-29% of the counties funding.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Jodi Fetting Tuscola County Clerk Cindy McKinney-Volz Chief Deputy Clerk

### Mike Hoagland

From:

tuscola RTL <tuscolacounty4life@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, November 15, 2014 10:40 AM

To:

mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org

Subject:

Tuscola Co.RTL

#### Board of Commissioners:

Tuscola County Right to Life would like to again have our Annual Memorial Service in front of the court house. This event would take place on Sanctity of Life Sunday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. This meeting usually lasts about 30 minutes. This is a peaceful gathering to remember those of our county lost to abortion in 2013. Please let me know your decision on this matter.

Donella Peasley

President of Tuscola Co. RTL

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# AGREEMENT BETWEEN AMALGAM LLC AND TUSCOLA COUNTY

#### Tuscola County Fetch GIS Fee Access Service

This Agreement is entered into on the date of signature by Tuscola County, located at 125 West Lincoln Street in Caro, Michigan 48723 and Amalgam LLC, located at 123 South Washington Street in Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48858, and (collectively referred to as the "Parties").

The purpose of this Agreement is to specify the responsibilities of the parties related to "Fetch GIS Fee Access Service". Technical details regarding the Fetch GIS Fee Access Service are referenced in the proposal titled "Proposal for GIS Services" submitted to Tuscola County on March 12, 2013.

Amalgam LLC will develop a Fetch GIS Fee Access Service for Tuscola County. The Fetch GIS Fee Access Service will be provided through an annual contract commencing on the date that the service is publicly launched. All fees generated by the service shall be retained by Tuscola County. In consideration of the mutual promises herein and benefits received, it is hereby agreed by Amalgam LLC and Tuscola County as follows:

#### 1. Project Overview:

Amalgam LLC will develop a Fetch GIS Fee Access Service for Tuscola County that includes an interactive map viewer and land information service. Amalgam LLC will host the Tuscola County Fetch GIS Fee Access Service on dedicated servers in a secure environment. The Tuscola County Fetch GIS Service will be a Fee Access service, which enables users to access detailed information, maps and reports upon payment of a fee.

Amalgam LLC will execute all financial transactions through a third party merchant services and authorization vendor. The third party vendor will be used to ensure PCI compliance and other robust industry standard security measures for internet based financial transactions. Amalgam LLC will not store or manage any personal information. All personal information, including credit card information will be managed in a secure PCI compliant environment by the third party merchant services and authorization vendor. PCI compliance is a set of standard security protocols required by the credit card industry for e-commerce solution providers. All fees generated by the service will be retained by Tuscola County. Amalgam LLC will remit fees to Tuscola County on a quarterly basis along with a use report to identify transactions and use rates.

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2. Project Schedule: The Fetch GIS Fee Access Service will be developed and available for public launch eight weeks from the execution of this contract.

#### 3. Responsibilities of Amalgam LLC:

- A. Amalgam LLC will develop and host a Fetch GIS Fee Access Service that includes an interactive map viewer and land information service.
- B. Amalgam LLC will use third party vendors to process, manage and store any information regarding fee based transactions. Storage, management and communications shall be PCI compliant and adhere to other industry standard security protocols as established by third party vendors.
- C. Amalgam LLC will deploy and host the Fetch GIS Fee Access Service in a safe and secure environment.
- D. Amalgam LLC will provide support for map servers and applications including future application updates.
- E. Amalgam LLC will work with Tuscola County to create login credentials that enable free access to the Fetch GIS Fee Access Service by county personnel and other government personnel designated by Tuscola County.
- F. Amalgam LLC will provide a quarterly report and payment based on fees generated per quarter. Quarters will start on January 1.
- G. Amalgam LLC will provide the initial quarterly report and payment two weeks after the end of the first quarter in 2015 (March 15<sup>th</sup> or closest business day).
- H. Amalgam LLC will work with Tuscola County to establish effective pricing for data and parcel reports.
- I. Amalgam LLC will maintain a close working relationship with Tuscola County.

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#### 4. Responsibilities of Tuscola County:

- A. Tuscola County will work with Amalgam LLC to undertake the objectives of this project.
- B. Tuscola County will provide information required to complete project tasks in a timely manner at no cost to Amalgam LLC.
- C. Tuscola County will work with Amalgam LLC to develop user accounts for free access by internal departments, townships and other municipal entities.
- D. Tuscola County will assist in monitoring locally the use of free accounts issued to internal users and other municipalities within Tuscola County.
- E. Tuscola County will assist in ensuring effective pricing for data and parcel reports.
- F. Tuscola County will maintain a close working relationship with Amalgam LLC.

#### 5. Payment:

- Tuscola County agrees to pay Amalgam LLC \$6,000 annually commencing upon the public launch date of the Fetch GIS Fee Access Service.
- Amalgam LLC will invoice Tuscola County annually on the date of the initial invoice.
- Tuscola County will issue payment based on the invoice. Checks will be issued within thirty days of receipt of invoice. Checks will be made payable to Amalgam LLC and will be mailed to Amalgam LLC, 123 S. Washington St, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858.
- Amalgam LLC will make a check payable to Tuscola County, Michigan on a quarterly basis beginning March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- Payments from Amalgam LLC will be accompanied by a report indicating the breakdown of transactions and site use that occurred during the reporting quarter.

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- 6. Change of Project Fee Due To Revisions: Any revisions to the agreed upon Project by Tuscola County, after the execution of this Contract could result in an increase in the Project Fee. In the event Tuscola County wishes to revise the original Project, Tuscola County shall submit the revised proposal to Amalgam LLC in writing. Amalgam LLC shall then have five (5) business days to provide Tuscola County with an updated Project Fee, if applicable. If the updated fee is acceptable to Tuscola County, then Tuscola County shall sign the updated proposal, which shall become an amendment to this Contract. In the event Tuscola County does not accept the updated Project Fee, then Amalgam LLC shall continue to perform under this original, un-amended, Contract.
- 7. Representations of Amalgam LLC: Amalgam LLC represents that it shall make every effort to ensure that the final Project is technically accurate, based on the information provided to Amalgam LLC by Tuscola County.
- 8. Representations of Tuscola County: Tuscola County represents that it shall be responsible for providing all necessary data, materials or information which Amalgam LLC will need to complete the Project with technical accuracy. Tuscola County acknowledges that Amalgam LLC is not responsible for, nor shall it be held liable for any data, materials, or information, which Tuscola County has supplied to it, which are not accurate or are false, which Amalgam LLC has relied upon for completion of the Project.
- 9. Indemnification of Amalgam LLC by Tuscola County: Tuscola County shall indemnify and hold harmless Amalgam LLC against any and all claims, actions, suits, damages, judgments, charges, costs, or expenses, including legal fees, based upon materials or information supplied by Tuscola County to Amalgam LLC to be used in the Project, including, but not limited to, if such materials or information were the intellectual property of a third party and Tuscola County did not possess the right to them; said materials were the privileged information of a third party and Tuscola County did not have the legal right to possess said information; or such information was slanderous or misleading.
- **10.Termination of Agreement:** This Agreement may be terminated with thirty (30) days written notice by either party. If terminated, Tuscola County agrees to immediately pay Amalgam LLC for completed work already provided under this agreement.

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- **11.Other Agreements:** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior discussions, agreements, and understanding, whether verbal or in writing, and are hereby merged into this Agreement.
- **12.Amendment or Modification of this Contract:** This Contract may be amended or modified only by a written instrument of the Parties.
- **13.Assignment:** This Contract may not be assigned by either Party without the prior written consent of the other Party.
- 14. Force Majeure: Amalgam LLC shall not be deemed to be in default or otherwise responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from acts of God, acts of war or civil disturbance, epidemics, accidents, governmental action or inaction, fires, earthquakes, unavailability of labor, strikes or other labor difficulties, materials, power or communication, acts of terrorism, or other causes beyond Amalgam LLC reasonable control.
- 15. Independent Contractor: The relationship between Amalgam LLC and Tuscola County shall at all times and to the full extent recognized by law be that of an independent contractor. Tuscola County understands and acknowledges that neither it nor any of its employees or agents shall be deemed to be employees of Amalgam LLC. Amalgam LLC understands and acknowledges that neither it nor any of its employees or agents shall be deemed to be employees of Tuscola County.
- **16.Choice of Law:** This Contract has been drafted under the laws of the State of Michigan, and such state law shall control with regard to any dispute hereunder.
- 17. Contact: The contact person for Amalgam LLC is David Nichol, Co-Owner, Amalgam LLC, Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48858, telephone (989) 944.5188. The contact person for Tuscola County is Walt Schlichting, Tuscola County GIS Point of Contact, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723, telephone (989) 672-3830.

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**18. Binding:** The signatories affirm that they have authority to bind their respective parties to this Agreement.

AMALGAM LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company	TUSCOLA COUNTY, MI	
By: David Nichol	By:Thomas Bardwell	
Title: Director of Project Management	Title: Commissioner	
Date: <u>11/11/2014</u>	Date:	



### **Tuscola County Central Dispatch**

November 18, 2014

From:

Sandra Nielsen, Director

Subject:

Manning

To:

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I am seeking approval to hire Janell Harmon, effective starting date of December 8, 2014 to fill one of the vacant dispatch positions that you have authorized to fill in prior board motions. Central Dispatch currently has three unfilled dispatch positions, which as you know, has been the case for several months. Central Dispatch has the required funds in the budget for this position and the other vacant positions. The dispatch operating fund comes from a 911 telephone surcharge and does not affect the general fund. Filling these positions will greatly reduce the overtime we are currently spending to maintain our minimum manning and therefore will reduce our budget.

Thank you,

Sandra Nielsen, Director

Tuscola County Central Dispatch

### Mike Hoagland

From:

Curtis Stowe < ces95@fastmail.fm>

Sent:

Friday, November 14, 2014 9:16 PM

To:

Mike Hoagland

Cc:

<ctrisch@tuscolacounty.org>; Bardwell Thom; Bierlein Matthew; Kirkpatrick Craig; Roger

Allen

Subject:

Re: Lease Payment

I have forwarded your request to Chris Hamilton

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 14, 2014, at 4:23 PM, Mike Hoagland <mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org> wrote:

#### Curtis

Would you ask the SCMCCI board if they would restore the rent payment in the lease from the reduced \$20,000 back to the original annual amount of \$50,000 on 1/1/15. As an alternative my board may accept \$35,000 on 1/1/15 and \$50,000 on 1/1/16. I would have to get their approval to do this restoration over a two year period. I am open to splitting the agreement into a lease and rent agreements but I am not sure why this is being requested. Please let me know as soon as possible if this is acceptable as we need to determine how this situation will impact our 2015 and 2016 county budgets.

Thank you.

#### Mike

Michael R. Hoagland Tuscola County Controller/Administrator 989-672-3700 <a href="mailto:mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org">mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org</a>

#### VISIT US ON LINE FOR COUNTY SERVICES @ www.tuscolacounty.org

From: Curtis Stowe [mailto:ces95@fastmail.fm]

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 6:37 PM

To: Mike Hoagland
Cc: Christine Hamilton
Subject: Re: Lease Payment

Dear Mr Hoagland,

At the April Board Meeting of SCMCCI, the board members voted to approve two items concerning our lease agreement with Tuscola County.

First, there was a concenus to raise the payments made to Tuscola County back to the 2006 level , our board again wishes to thank the Commissioners for their consideration. the second item approved was to schedule a meeting with Mr Hoagland and two of our members with the agenda being to split the current inter-local agreement/ lease into two separate documents for clarity and to discuss a payment schedule to satisfy the lease agreement. I will be contacting you with possible dates for the joint meeting and again thank you for your assistance in this process

On Mar 31, 2014, at 8:58 AM, Mike Hoagland < mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org > wrote:

#### Curtis

Thank you for taking this to the Board and please keep me posted on their action......

#### Mike

Michael R. Hoagland Tuscola County/Controller Administrator 125 W. Lincoln Caro, MI. 48723 989-672-3700 mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org

From: Curtis Stowe [mailto:ces95@fastmail.fm]

**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2014 5:36 PM

To: Mike Hoagland

**Cc:** Christine Hamilton; danni bloom **Subject:** Re: Lease Payment

Mr Hoagland,

I shared your email with the SCMCCI Board Wednesday March 26,2014. They are considering the proper manner in which to address our rent obligation. They asked that I communicate to you the appreciation they have for the past reductions and

will be submitting a schedule for your review going forward.

Thanking you for the opportunity to provide code enforcement to Tuscola County.

Curtis E Stowe
Building Official
Tuscola County
SCMCCI
On Mar 20, 2014, at 10:59 AM, Mike Hoagland
<a href="mailto:shape-new-mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org">mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org</a> wrote:

Curtis

During development of the 2014 county budget I asked if you would discuss with the SCMCCI Board increasing the lease payment from the current \$20,000 to the original agreed upon amount of \$50,000.

The county has been a good partner and honored the SCMCCI requests in the past to temporarily lower the payment amount during the exceptionally difficult financial times over the last several years. I know SCMCCI, like the county, had some really tough financial years but I believe now SCMCCI is experiencing an improvement in their financial position. SCMCCI revenues generated in Tuscola County have increase over the last three years as follows: 2011 - \$269,000, 2012 - \$376,000 and 2013 - \$472,000.

I suspect a significant factor producing these increases is wind generator development. In addition to the two projects that have been completed Consumer Energy is conducting a wind generator project in 2014 which should be another year of improved SCMCCI revenue. The Governor may change the amount of energy that has to be produced from renewable sources which likely means even more generators will be constructed in future years.

If the original agreed upon \$50,000 cannot be achieved this year then perhaps a plan could be presented to achieve the \$50,000 over a two to three period.

Thank you reviewing this issue and hope that SCMCCI develops a workable plan.

#### Mike

Michael R. Hoagland Tuscola County/Controller Administrator 125 W. Lincoln Caro, Mi. 48723 989-672-3700 mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION



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

Boards/Commissions for which you would like to be considered: Department of Human Scruces.
Boards/Commissions for which you would like to be considered:
First Name* Kelly Middle initial* M Last Name* Whi Haker  Have you ever used, or have you ever been known by any other name? Myes No
If yes, provide names and explain: Clements, Kauffman
Home Address 205 Almer Dr City Caro ZIP 48723
Township Almer County Tuscola
Employer Name: Caro Community Hospi
Employer Address 401 N. Hooper City Caro Zip 4872}
Position Title VP of Nursing
Work Number* 989   Home Number* 989   Cell Number 989   533-5809   Cell Number 553-5809   C
mall Kelyworch mi. org (email is the preferred method of contact, please provide if available)
re you a United States Citizen? Yes No
DUCATION (Include degree and dates; If answered in full on your attached resume, please indicate):
Michigan State University - RN BSN

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (If answered in full on your attached resume, please Indicate):
Caro Community Hospital -1998-current
Do you hold any professional licenses? If so, please include numbers:
Registered Nurse
What special skills could you bring to this position?
Healthcare experience i history of 15 years.
Previous government appointments: Board member X 15 years
Please provide us with the names of your:
State Senator Mike Green State Representative Terry Brown
County Commissioner Tom Bandwell
The following optional information is elicited in order to ensure that this administration considers the talent and creativity of a diverse pool of candidates. In addition, specific backgrounds or qualifications are legally required for appointment to some boards and commissions. You may, therefore, wish to provide this information in order to ensure that you are considered for relevant boards and commissions.
Age Political Affiliation Military Service
Spouse or Partner's Name
CONSENT AND CERTIFICATION
(please print name), hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I, the undersigned applicant, have personally completed this application. I understand that any misrepresentation, faisification or omission of information on this application or on any document used to secure employment shall be grounds for rejection of this application or immediate discharge if I arm employed, regardless of the time elapsed before discovery.
Signed By

### Mike Hoagland

From: Mike Hoagland <mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org>

Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 3:56 PM

To: ctrisch@tuscolacounty.org; 'Bardwell Thom'; 'Bierlein Matthew'; 'Kirkpatrick Craig';

'Roger Allen'

**Cc:** Clayette Zechmeister (Clayette Zechmeister)

Subject: Recap of 2015 Budget

### Commissioners please read

A brief recap of the 2015 budget and our financial outlook as we move forward follows:

#### Favorable factors:

- 2015 is the peak year for general fund (GF) wind turbine revenue
- State revenue sharing was fully funded for 2015
- GF reserves (2.1 million) are approximately 17% of GF expenditures which is considered adequate by auditors
- GF is currently balanced without the use of reserves
- Approximately \$250,000 is budgeted to meet capital improvement needs which is more than in several of the previous years
- Taxpayer levy was reduced by a 1 mill for a 2015 average taxpayer savings of \$50

#### Unfavorable factors:

- Without more wind turbine construction, the amount of revenue from wind turbines declines annually 30% of original amount in10 years
- Nextera has appealed their tax assessment so the county may not retain escrowed funds
- Excluding wind turbine revenue, the tax base is flat
- Unknown whether full funding of state revenue sharing will continue after 2015
- GF contingency is currently only \$12,000
- Additional 2015 GF expenditures would require the use of reserves, reduction to other expenditures or new revenue sources
- Many of the cuts implemented over the 2008 to 2012 period have been re-established but may not be able to be sustained long term
- At \$250,000 budget capital improvement funds is inadequate to meet short and long term capital needs which should be about \$450,000 annually
- Several major special revenue funds are premised on the use of fund balance which could be problematic when considered on a multi-year basis

### Variables that could negatively impact the budget and future finances:

- · Costs for abused, neglected and delinquent children
- Jail inmate medical costs
- Costs to house prisoners in other counties
- Visiting judge costs
- Health insurance

New state and federal mandates without the funds

### Mike

Michael R. Hoagland Tuscola County Controller/Administrator 989-672-3700 mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org

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TO:

Department Heads and Public

FROM:

County Board of Commissioners, Controller/Administrator, County Clerk

DATE:

RE:

County Board and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule for 2015

The following is a list of dates for the County Board and Committee of the Whole meetings in 2015. Requests to address the Board of Commissioners and Committee of the Whole should be submitted to the Controller/Administrator in advance of the scheduled meeting dates. Also, it should be noted that meetings can be added or cancelled at the discretion of the Committee Leader. All meetings are held in the Tuscola County Purdy Building at 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723 unless otherwise stated.

•	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays Committee of the Whole	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays Full Board	
	7:30 A.M.	7:30 A.M.	
January	12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	15th, 29th	
February	9th, 23rd ??	12th, 26th	
March	9th, 23rd	12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	
\pril	13 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	16th, 30th	
Мау	11 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> ??	14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	
une	8th, 22nd	11 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	
uly	13 <sup>th</sup> ??, 27 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	
August	10 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	
September	14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> , Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	
October	12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>	
November	9 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> ??	
December	14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	17th, 31st	
County Board		Work Groups:	
Chairperson:		Finance:	
Vice-Chairperson:		Personnel:	
Members:		Building & Grounds	

Meetings may be added, cancelled or rescheduled as necessary. If you need accommodations to attend a meeting, please notify the Tuscola County troller/Administrator's Office at (989) 672-3700 two days in advar of the meeting.

### **2015 Conferences**

**MAC Conferences** 

-Legislative March

March 30, 31, April 1

(Lansing)

-Annual

September 20, 21, 22

(Grand Traverse Resort)

**NACo Conferences** 

-Legislative

February 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

(Washington D.C.)

-Annual

July 10, 11, 12, 13

(North Carolina)

#### YEAR 2015 HOLIDAYS

# TUSCOLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ANNEX, H.H. PURDY BUILDING OFFICES, MOSQUITO ABATEMENT, FRIEND OF THE COURT and RECYCLING CENTER

#### WILL BE CLOSED

#### THE FOLLOWING WEEKDAYS TO OBSERVE THE LISTED HOLIDAYS:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015 NEW YEAR'S DAY

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015 PRESIDENT'S DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015 GOOD FRIDAY

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015 MEMORIAL DAY

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015 INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2015 LABOR DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015 VETERAN'S DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2015 THANKSGIVING DAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2015 FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2015 CHRISTMAS EVE DAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2015 CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2015 NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016 NEW YEAR'S DAY

Normal Business Hours are 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. for the Courthouse, Annex & H.H. Purdy Building

#### Mike Hoagland

From:

NACo <naco@naco.org>

Sent:

Monday, November 17, 2014 12:20 PM

To:

mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org

Subject:

Press release: NACo urges feds to withdraw, clarify WOTUS proposal

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	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
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NOVEMBER 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 14, 2014

CONTACT: Brian Namey, bnamey@naco.org, 202.942.4220

### NACo urges feds to withdraw and clarify "Waters of the U.S." proposal

Local groups unite in urging revisions to proposal

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – After voicing serious concerns and pushing for clarity on the federal proposal to redefine "Waters of the United States," the National Association of Counties (NACo) on Nov. 14 called for the proposal's withdrawal until further analysis has been completed. NACo submitted its official <u>comments</u> to the Federal Registry summarizing more than a dozen areas of concern important to the nation's counties.

"NACo supports common-sense environmental protection; but expanded federal oversight and more ambiguity would create delays in critical work, draining local budgets without any environmental benefit," NACo Executive Director Matthew D. Chase said. "We urge the EPA and the Corps to withdraw and modify this proposal. We should work together to create a rule that achieves a common goal: to protect America's water resources for generations to come."

In a <u>19-page letter</u>, NACo emphasized the importance of the local, state and federal partnership in crafting practical rules to ensure clean water without impeding counties' fundamental infrastructure and public safety functions. Counties are responsible for the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, water quality systems and other infrastructure like roadside ditches, stormwater systems, green infrastructure and drinking water facilities.

"Clean water is essential to all of our nation's counties, who are on the front lines of ... preserving local resources and maintaining public safety," Chase wrote. He echoed the need "for a clear, concise and workable definition for 'Waters of the U.S.' to reduce confusion — not to mention costs — within the federal permitting process. ... This proposed rule falls short of that goal."

While acknowledging recent dialogue with the EPA and the Corps, NACo remains deeply concerned about the far-reaching effects and unintended consequences of the proposed rule.

Among many issues, the letter described a flawed consultation process; an incomplete analysis of economic impacts; ongoing delays with the current permitting process; and inconsistent definitions implemented in different regions and by different federal agencies. NACo's comments included a series of recommendations to address these concerns.

In addition to submitting its own comments, NACo, along with six other associations representing local governments and agencies, jointly submitted <u>comments</u> to the Federal Registry. The groups called for key adjustments and an additional review period to be certain that concerns are adequately addressed.

"The health, well-being and safety of our citizens and communities are top priorities for us," the groups wrote. "As partners in protecting America's water resources, it is essential that state and local governments have a clear understanding of the vast impact that a change to the definition of "Waters of the U.S.' will have on all aspects of the Clean Water Act."

The <u>joint letter</u> stressed the need for greater collaboration with local and state governments and stated the proposed rule "would create more confusion, not less, for local governments and ultimately for agency field staff responsible for making jurisdictional determinations," they wrote.

"If an additional comment period is not granted, we respectfully call for the withdrawal of this proposed rule and ask the agencies to resubmit a proposed rule at a later date that addresses our concerns."

The joint comments were submitted by:

- American Public Works Association
- National Association of Counties
- National Association of County Engineers
- National Association of Flood & Stormwater Management Agencies
- National Association of Regional Councils
- · National League of Cities, and
- U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Since the proposal was unveiled in April, NACo has advocated for greater clarity and strongly encouraged counties to submit their comments. The association launched an <u>online resource hub and action center</u> and released a video urging counties to take action.

Hundreds of counties have passed resolutions and submitted comments. In total, more than 12,000 unique public comments have been submitted.

For more information, visit <a href="https://www.naco.org/WOUS">www.naco.org/WOUS</a>.

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# ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

P.O. Box 520 Bellaire, Michigan 49615 Phone (231) 533-6353 Fax (231) 533-6935

Chairman: MICHAEL CRAWFORD

November 14, 2014

At the November 13, 2014 meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, the following Resolution was offered:

#### CLEAN WATER ACT PROPOSED RULE FOR DEFINITION OF WATERS OF THE U.S.

RESOLUTION #27-14 by Karen Bargy, seconded by Ed Boettcher

We, the LEGISILATIVE COMMITTEE; respectfully submit the following resolution for your consideration: supporting the Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act of 2014, H.R. 5078. By necessary public infrastructure projects' budgets and timelines.

The proposed rule that prompted the introduction of H.R. 5078 – Definition of Waters of the U.S. Under the Clean Water Act – was released by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) on April 21. This rule amends the definition of Waters of the U.S. within the Clean Water Act (CWA) and expands the range of waters (and their conveyances) that would fall under federal regulatory authority.

WHEREAS, "The cost of operations and maintenance for public infrastructure, such as existing flood damage-reduction systems, will also be increased and will take more time to accomplish than it should for an existing facility - potentially putting public safety at risk and increasing flood damages."

WHEREAS, federal officials will more control over how farmers, ranchers, manufactures, home builders, and local governments can use their property and subject it to new layers of costly reviews and permitting, and

WHEREAS, the proposed definition also applies to all CWA programs, not just to the Section 404, permit program, and impacts nine different regulatory programs, including Section 402, which establishes the nation's stormwater management program, and Section 401, which governs water quality certifications; and

WHEREAS, "waters of the U.S." definition-tributary, adjacent waters, riparian areas, flood plains, and the exemptions listed-also raise important questions. It is uncertain how they will be used to effectively implement the Section 404 permit program; and

WHEREAS, Expanding the number of ditches that are regulated will increase necessary public infrastructure projects; budgets and timelines; and

WHEREAS, determining whether a project is jurisdictional can be very difficult, and if a project is deemed jurisdictional, it is then subjected to a multitude of regulatory requirements under CWA. Other federal laws are triggered, such as environmental impact statements, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and impacts on the Endangered Species Act (ESA); and

WHEREAS, the cost of operations and maintenance for public infrastructure, such as existing flood damages reduction systems, will also be increased; and

WHEREAS, studies and public comment periods, all of which can cost both time and money, often as part of the approval process, the permit requires the applicant to "mitigate" the environmental impacts of the proposed project, sometimes at considerable expense; and

WHEREAS, Counties are responsible for building and maintaining 45 percent of public roads in 43 states. These responsibilities can range from intermittent maintenance, such as snow plowing, debris cleanup, short term paving and surface repairs to maintenance of traffic safety and road signage and major long-term construction projects. Many of these road systems are in very rural areas. Of the nation's 3,069 counties, 50 percent (1,542) serve counties with populations below 25,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, any additional cost burdens are challenging to these smaller governments, especially since more rural counties have the most road miles and corresponding ditches. Stormwater management is often not funded as a water utility, but rather through a county or city general fund; and

WHEREAS, if stormwater costs significantly increase due to the proposed rule, not only will it potentially impact our ability to focus available resources on real, priority water quality issues, but it may also require that funds be diverted from other government services such as education, police, fire, etc; and

WHEREAS, Our County cannot assume additional unnecessary or unintended costs.

WHEREAS, this rule would impose a blanket jurisdictional determination over thousands of acres of private property. The effect would be to impose unnecessary property restrictions and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, our County believes that more roadside ditches, flood control channels and stormwater management conveyances and treatment approaches will be federally regulated under this proposal is problematic because, our county is ultimately liable for maintaining the integrity of these ditches, channels, conveyances and treatment approaches, even if federal permits are not issued by the federal agencies in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, much of the anticipated cost of this rule would be financed from municipal resources, and thus divert resources from other essential public services.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the rule, include the following provisions that are priority concerns for local governments:

- Separate municipal storm sewers will continue to be regulated and permitted under Section 402
  of the Clean Water Act, and shall not be considered, either in their entirely or any individual
  feature thereof, Waters of the U.S.; and
- Green infrastructure developed to improve water quality or achieve multiple public benefits shall be encouraged and given priority consideration that does not impose additional financial and regulatory burdens of permitted and shall not be considered Waters of the United States; and
- Water delivery, reuse, and reclamation systems and facilities shall not be considered waters of the U.S.; and
- Ditches and other drainage features that protect and ensure the operation of public infrastructure shall not be considered waters of the U.S.; and
- Wastewater treatment systems and all associated infrastructure shall not be considered waters
  of the U.S.; and
- Any proposal to regulate waters within a floodplain, riparian, or any other general area must include a specific definition, including the specific boundaries, of the floodplain, riparian or other area subject to the rule; and
- The rule must include sufficient clarity and specificity to better inform regulators and permitted and to minimize the potential for litigation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that failure to address any one or all of these concerns shall be considered an unfunded mandate and the Federal government shall provide funding to local governments to address the cost of implementation.

Requiring that EPA and the USACE engage local governments and other stakeholders in drafting a rule that addresses to the satisfaction of local governments and other stakeholders the full economic impact for all sections of the Clean Water Act beyond Section 404 (e.g. Sections 301,311,401,402); incorporates the conclusions of the Science Advisory Board; and Ali concerns of Antrim County and countles with in the state of Michigan.

H.R. 5078 requires the EPA and the Corps to work closely with states and local governments to develop a "waters of the U.S." rule, especially since we are partners with the federal government in implementing and enforcing Clean Water Act programs. Antrim County believes that states and local governments should be given the opportunity to provide meaningful consultation on rules before rules are formally proposed, especially if the rule will have a significant impact on capital costs, operations and mandates on the people we serve as required under Executive Order 13132: Federalism.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, Governor Rick Snyder, Michigan congressmen and women, US Senators, Michigan State Senator, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the National Association of Counties.

Yes – David Heeres, Eugene Dawson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, David Howelman, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Christian Marcus;
No – None;
Absent – Bernard Blackmore.

#### **RESOLUTION #27-14 DECLARED ADOPTED.**

ANTRIM COUNTY CLERK, BELLAIRE, MI
STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ANTRIM, ss
I, Sheryl Guy, Clerk of Antrim, do Certify the
above is a true and exact copy of the original
record remaining in this office. IN TESTIMONY
WHEREOF, I have set my hand and Official
seal at the Village of Bellaire in said county this
14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.



November 5, 2014

Undersheriff Glen Skrent Tuscola County Sheriff's Office 420 Court Street Caro, MI 48723

RE: RAP

Dear Undersheriff Skrent:

I am pleased to enclose our \$528 RAP check for your purchase of in-car cameras.

In-car cameras represent a good risk management tool. In the greatest majority of cases, they provide evidence in the police officer's defense. If the officer is guilty of some infraction, it provides the necessary information to properly address the citizen's complaint. In either situation, the investment fulfills its risk management function.

Please keep us informed of any beneficial usage of the new system. Such information provides excellent feedback to the Membership Committee.

Sincerely

Cara Kowal, ARM, CPCU

Manager of Risk Management Services

CK/sp

cc:

Michael Hoagland, Controller/Administrator

Ibex Insurance Agency

Enclosure



November 5, 2014

1. 1.

Undersheriff Glen Skrent Tuscola County Sheriff's Office 420 Court Street Caro, MI 48723

RE: RAP

Dear Undersheriff Skrent:

In accord with the documentation for your staff's completion of the Highly Enhanced Jail Management presented by Envision Justice Solutions, I am pleased to enclose our payment in the amount of \$295.

I commend Tuscola County and yourself for taking this risk management initiative.

Sincerely,

Cara Kowal, ARM, CPCU

Manager of Risk Management Services

CK/sp

cc:

Michael Hoagland, Controller/Administrator

Ibex Insurance Agency

Enclosure