

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017 – 8:00 A.M.

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

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- 8:00 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Pastor Mark Seppo, Vassar Victory Center (Assembly of God)
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young
Roll Call – Clerk Fetting
Adoption of Agenda
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (See Correspondence #1)
Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only
Consent Agenda Resolution (See Correspondence #2)
New Business
 -Register of Deeds Software Contract
 -Caro Regional Center Update (See Correspondence #3)
 -Elections Update
 -Next Steps Regarding Recycling Relocation
 -Delinquent Tax Policy (See Correspondence #4)
 -Tax Tribunal Wind Energy Dispute
Old Business
Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

BARDWELL

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Caro DDA/TIFA
MAC Finance
MAC 7th District
Local Unit of Government Activity Report
TRIAD
Behavioral Health Systems Board
MAC Workers Comp Board

KIRKPATRICK

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Strategic EDC Planning Committee

Jail Planning Committee
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Region VI Economic Development Planning
Tuscola 2020

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 April 13, 2017 Full Board & Statutory Finance Minutes
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #3 Huron County Resolution Regarding Caro Regional Center
- #4 Overview of the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund
- #5 April 24, 2017 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- #6 MAC Grant Services Program Information

Draft
TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 13, 2017 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 April 2017, to order at 8:06 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Reverend Todd Gould, Cass City Evangelical Free Church

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 – Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 – Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 – Matthew Bierlein

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones, Todd Gould, Tom Gilchrist, Gene Pierce, Vicky Sherry, Steve Erickson, Christine Young, Representative Edward Canfield, Register John Bishop, Tod Fackler, Marianne Daily, Damian Wasik, Mark Ransford, Ryan Piche, Dave Osentoski, Evan Osentoski, Nancy Barriger, Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey, Steve Anderson, Norm Daniels

Adoption of Agenda

17-M-064

Motion by Young, seconded by Kirkpatrick to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

17-M-065

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 30, 2017 meeting as corrected. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -

-Tod Fackler - Tod addressed the Board regarding the Gilford Township industrial property equalization issue.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
17-M-066

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the April 10, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted with Consent Agenda Reference L removed. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2016 Drain Commissioner Annual Report be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2017 Equalization Report as presented by the County Equalization Director be approved and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the April 6, 2017 communication from Tim McClorey (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority) that renewal of various county property, liability and other insurances for the 2017/2018 year be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Millennia Invoice in the amount of \$8,187.50 be authorized for payment from the budget established for the new telephone system. Also, budget amendments for this unanticipated expense are authorized. Assistance from Centurylink for payment of this invoice be continued.

- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the December 2016 Personnel Policies Handbook be amended to incorporate a provision to clarify when a weather emergency is declared that Maintenance employees receive time and one-half for hours worked in addition to their regularly scheduled hours at the employee's regular rate of pay.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the December 2016 Personnel Policies Handbook be amended to incorporate an Acknowledgement and Receipt form for union and non-union employees. The Handbook will first be sent to union representatives for review. Then the handbook and form will be sent to employees for acknowledgement of receipt, review, and that any questions have been answered by returning a signed copy.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that as an employment incentive, the Sheriff is authorized to reimburse from the Road Patrol Millage fund on a temporary basis for police academy training costs of new road patrol deputies hired on or after 4/13/17 (except for Timothy Zube who qualifies for the incentive because of prior understanding with the Sheriff). Said reimbursement payments will be made based on number of years of service: after one year 1/3 paid, after two years another 1/3 paid and after three years the final 1/3 paid. The Sheriff has the right to terminate this agreement at any time. The Road Patrol Deputies have signed a document agreeing to these provisions.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Sheriff, as a method of attracting experienced road patrol deputies the Sheriff is allowed to offer an appropriate higher starting pay on the wage scale for new hires, but not to exceed step three in the road patrol contract. The Road Patrol Deputies have agreed to this provision.

- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the budgeted HVAC unit in the Sergeant's Office in the Jail be awarded to Thumb Heating and Cooling who was the low bidder for an amount of \$4,595.00.
- Agenda Reference:** J
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the budgeted Washing Machine for the Jail be awarded to Great Lakes Commercial Sales who was the sole bidder for an amount of \$5,730.00.
- Agenda Reference:** K
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the budgeted Phase III Courthouse Sprinkler System be awarded to Marlow who was the sole bidder for an amount of \$3,240.00.
- Agenda Reference:** L - *Item Removed from the Consent Agenda Motion*
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/10/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the budgeted carpet cleaning work be awarded to C&H Government who was the sole bidder for an amount of \$_____

New Business -

- Representative Canfield – Caro Regional Center Update -
- Representative Canfield presented to the Board regarding the Caro Center being renovated or relocated. He is actively working to keep the Caro Regional Center in Caro. Senator Green and Representative Canfield will be presenting to the Governor various considerations to retain the Center in Caro.

- Nancy Barriger - The State of Michigan encourages individuals and businesses to renovate old buildings and restore them as part of their business plan. She believes that the State should practice what they preach and do the same for the Caro Center. The State encourages reinvestment and growth. She also sees an opportunity that the State could utilize the land and develop it to make it a growing development.

-Mark Ransford - Wondered where the pressure to move the Caro Center was coming from. Representative Canfield said the Caro Center has been neglected for too long and repairs need to happen. Nick Lyon, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director, has not indicated his intention of renovating or relocating.

-Gene Pierce - Expressed concern of losing families from the community and the loss of students to the local school districts. In Tuscola County, 20 years ago, there were over 16,000 students now there are less than 9,000 students. Another loss like this could be detrimental.

-Economic Development Corporation Update -

-Steve Erickson and Vicky Sherry presented regarding the Economic Impact of the Caro Center. An Economic Impact Study was completed and the devastation caused by the loss of the Caro Center would be astronomical. Vicky Sherry will update the Economic Impact Study based on the statistical information from Representative Canfield.

-Caro Regional Center Resolution -

-Mike Hoagland presented to the Board the Call to Action that has been placed on the website, www.tuscolacounty.org/carocenter.

17-M-067

Motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Young that the resolution supporting the construction of a new State Psychiatric Facility in Tuscola County to replace the current Caro Center facility be approved and forwarded to all appropriate state officials. Roll Call Vote - Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Kirkpatrick - yes; Bierlein - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Authorization to Refill Vacancy in Sheriff Department -

Mike Hoagland explained the request on behalf of Sheriff Skrent.

17-M-068

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and the Sheriff be authorized to fill the road patrol officer vacancy created by the resignation of Deputy Brow. Motion Carried.

-Bid Award for Fairgrove Outdoor Warning System -

Steve Anderson explained the request to the Board.

17-M-069

Motion by Bierlein, seconded by Vaughan that that per the recommendation of the Tuscola County Emergency Manager, that the Outdoor Warning Siren for the Village of Fairgrove which is a Fiscal Year 2015 Homeland Security Grant Project be awarded to West Shore Services, which is the lowest bidder and met all bidding requirements set forth in the Request for Proposal. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Region VII Area on Aging Allocation Plan for Senior Services for FY 2018.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

KIRKPATRICK

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Tuscola County has requirements that need to be met regarding the number of participants in the program.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Commissioner

Kirkpatrick has spoken to Irene Waller regarding the Caro Center although she doesn't have any additional information.

MI Renewable Energy Coalition

MEMS All Hazards - Team is working with the Enbridge Representative to schedule a training exercise.

MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair

Cass River Greenways Pathway - Clean-up day has been scheduled for cleaning near the Cass City area.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Local Units have concern of the Caro Center and the devastation that would be realized if it were to be relocated.

NACO- Energy, Environment & Land Use - Waters of the US discussed during a recent conference call.

Jail Planning Committee

Land Acquisition

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Meeting upcoming on May 4th with more details to come.

Tuscola In-Sync

Region VI Tourism Discussions

BIERLEIN

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Human Development Commission (HDC)

Recycling Advisory Committee - Closing on the recycling property project has been finalized.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Great Start Collaborative Council

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Board of Directors - Meeting upcoming to shape the future of MAC.

Human Services Collaborative Council - Suze Walker is retiring.

MAC Judiciary Committee

Tuscola County College Access Network

MAC Agricultural Committee

VAUGHAN

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Expressed his appreciation of the Indianfields Township Board's cooperation in the Recycling property purchase.

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission - Commissioner Vaughan's goal is to make Vanderbilt Park self-funded. He would like the Parks and Recreation

Commission to focus on moving forward with the park.

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

YOUNG

Dispatch Authority Board

County Road Commission Liaison - The Road Commission has dedicated money to put toward retirement legacy costs.

Board of Public Works

Senior Services Advisory Council

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Meeting upcoming.

Local Unit of Government Activity Report

MAC Economic Development & Taxation Committee

Strategic EDC Planning Committee - Update provided.

Jail Planning Committee

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Region VI Economic Development Planning - Commissioner Young would like to invite Bryan Chapman, City of Vassar Manager, to an upcoming meeting to highlight the positive efforts that have been put forth in Vassar.

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Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

Caro DDA/TIFA - Dr. Spillane resigned and the vacancy will need to be filled.

Faced upgrade program has 5 or 6 businesses interested.

MAC Finance

MAC 7th District

Local Unit of Government Activity Report - Update Provided

TRIAD

Behavioral Health Systems Board

MAC Workers Comp Board - Meeting upcoming is on May 11th. Commissioner Bardwell asked Commissioner Bierlein to chair the Board meeting.

Other Business as Necessary -

-Mike Hoagland updated the Board that approximately 326 letters were sent from the Caro Chamber of Commerce letter drive held at the Caro Area District Library.

Extended Public Comment -

-Clerk Fetting invited the Board to Tuscola Stars Breakfast on April 20, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.

-Norm Daniels expressed his concern regarding the equalization of Gilford Township industrial property. Norm is requesting the Board send a letter on behalf of Tod. Matter discussed at length. Board agreed to seek legal counsel prior to preparing and sending a letter. Tisha has asked for her story to be removed from www.thumbnet.net.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
April 13, 2017
H.H. Purdy Building
125 W. Lincoln St, Caro MI

Meeting called to order at 9:55 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Young, Bardwell, Vaughn, Kirkpatrick, Bierlein

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Jodi Fetting, Tisha Jones

Claims and Per Diems were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 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 27th day of April, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. local time.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

It was moved by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____ that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted:

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/24/17
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Sheriff 2016 Annual Report be received and placed on file.

- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/24/17

Description of Matter: Move to concur with the Tuscola County Board of Health recommendation to form a Heroin Tack Force to prepare recommendations and implement procedures to combat the increasing usage of this dangerous drug.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/24/17

Description of Matter: Move that the agreement for the Mobile Examination Center use of the Parking Lot near the County Health Department be approved contingent upon legal review and implementation of any recommended changes.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/24/17

Description of Matter: Move that per the request of the Drain Commissioner that authorization is given to replace a non-functioning copy machine in the Drain Office with a refurbished copy machine from Galaxy Office Machines for an amount of \$2,395. Also, the Equipment Fund be amended for said copy machine purchase.

Agenda Reference: E

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/24/17

Description of Matter: Move that the budgeted carpet cleaning machine bid be awarded to KSS Enterprises who was the low bidder for an amount of \$1,649.

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.

Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

No. 17- 54C

RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

WE, the LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder's recommended 2018 State Budget includes approximately \$115 million to replace the Caro Regional Center (facility) with a new State Psychiatric Facility (facility); and

WHEREAS, there is uncertainty as to whether or not the replacement facility will be located at the existing location in Tuscola County; and

WHEREAS, the facility is a vital economic engine of the entire region, employing approximately 360 people making it the second largest employer in Tuscola County; and

WHEREAS, relocation of the facility would have dramatic, devastating negative repercussions to businesses, schools, and families living in communities throughout this region of the state; and

WHEREAS, the previous closure of State Prisons in this area already had a severely damaging impact to the local and regional economy; and

WHEREAS, this primarily rural region of the state is working to rebuild the economy from the great recession, and cannot sustain the loss of a facility employing this number of residents on top of other problems that exist in most areas of the region such as: declining/aging population, school enrollment declines, declines in number employed, and increasing number of people receiving public assistance; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its critical regional economic importance we believe the current facility location is the best for the state investment for several important reasons: it is accepted in the community, city infrastructure, available state land for construction, access to state highways, and near medical providers; now

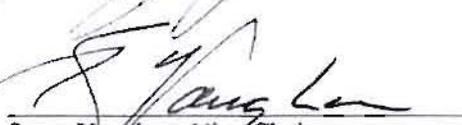
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioner does hereby urge Governor Rick Snyder, Department of Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyon, and members of the State legislature to direct funding for the replacement of the Caro Regional Center to Tuscola County because it is the best location and to prevent the loss of 360 jobs which are critical to the economy and families of this region of the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Rick Snyder, Department of Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyon, and members of the State legislature that represent this region of the state.

Respectfully submitted,

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE


John A. Nugent, Chairman


Steve Vaughan, Vice Chairman


David G. Peruski, Member

Dated: April 25, 2017

VOICE / ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT
SAMI KHOURY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	JOHN L. BODIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAVID G. PERUSKI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RON WRUBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TODD TALASKI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	JOHN A. NUGENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEVE VAUGHAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

RESOLUTION: ADOPTED DEFEATED TABLED

From: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:40 PM
To: Steve Erickson; Sherry Vicky; Ryan Piche; Pierce Gene; 'Bardwell Thom'; 'Bierlein Matthew'; 'Kim Vaughan'; 'Kirkpatrick Craig'; 'Tom Young'; snielsen@tuscolacounty.org; SouthgateK@michigan.gov; 'Anderson Steve'; 'Angie Daniels'; 'Bishop John'; 'Bob Mantey'; 'Brian Nueville'; 'Charles Walker'; 'Curtis Stowe'; 'Eean Lee'; 'Erskine Sandy'; 'Fraczek Donna'; 'Glaspie Judge'; 'Glen Skrent'; 'Gretchen Tenbusch (Gretchen Tenbusch)'; 'Hal Hudson (Hal Hudson)'; 'Tone Vyse'; jfetting@tuscolacounty.org; 'Jim Matson'; 'Joseph Bixler'; 'Judge Amy Gierhart'; 'Kim Green'; 'Lee Teschendorf'; 'Long Sheila'; 'Maggie Root'; 'Margot Roedel (Margot Roedel)'; 'Mark Reene'; 'Mark Reene'; 'Mike Miller (Mike Miller)'; 'Mike Tuckey'; 'Nancy Thane Judge (Nancy Thane)'; 'Patricia Gray'; 'Pavlik Adam'; 'Quick Michelle'; 'Ronald Amend'; 'Tuscola County EDC Excutive Director'; 'Waller Irene'
Subject: Newspaper Article Regarding Caro Regional Center

Attached below is an article that appeared today in the Huron County Tribune written by Mary Drier.

Officials continue to lobby for state hospital in Caro

BY MARY DRIER For the Tribune

TUSCOLA COUNTY — Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed 2018 budget outlines \$115 million to replace the 100-year-old Caro Center, at 2000 Chambers Road, with a new 200-bed psychiatric hospital.

But where it will be built is unknown.

If the proposed new psychiatric hospital is not built in Tuscola County, it would have a huge economic impact on the area.

"According to a recent economic impact study, if a new facility is not built here, devastating job losses would occur with the elimination of 349 direct jobs and 398 indirect jobs for a total of 747 jobs lost," said Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland.

Of the center's 349 employees, about 70 percent live in the county, and most live less than 30 miles from work.

"And, the current location is central to best serve patients and families," Hoagland said. "The decision to locate the facility here over 100 years ago still makes sense because most patients come from the population centers just to the south. Moving this facility to the west or north would significantly increase travel times and be a burden for the vast majority of patients and families. It would also be inefficient by increasing law enforcement patient travel times."

Statistics show the majority of patients come from Genesee and Oakland counties, and about 80 percent of patients are from counties within a one-hour drive or less.

Only 13 patients are from northern Michigan counties.

"An impact study, without the facility being located here, the unemployment rate would increase from the current 7.9 percent to an estimated 14.7 percent, which would create the highest unemployment rate of any county in the state," said Hoagland.

A variety of data was collected to make a case to state officials for building the new hospital like the Caro Center in the county.

According to the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, in 2016 the center had more than \$8.9 million in direct operational expenditures, an indirect economic impact of more than \$26.5 million, and the annual payroll of the center's employees is about \$13 million.

From those factors and others, it is estimated the overall economic benefit of the Caro Center locally is \$54 million.

That information and more was outlined for State Rep. Edward Canfield, R-Sebewaing, when he attended a recent commissioners meeting in Tuscola County.

Canfield, who is chairman of the state House Health and Human Services Committee, had information from the state that claimed the Caro Center is not centrally located to health facilities; travel time for family is extensive; and the center is used up and of no further use.

"I contend that all of these assumptions (I was provided) are actually misguided," stated Canfield, who has lived and provided medical care in the area for several years.

In fact, the Caro Community Hospital is within four miles of the facility and is licensed and accredited by the state of Michigan, Canfield noted.

Other significant medical providers readily available include: Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City, a Veteran Affairs Hospital in Saginaw as well as dialysis, oncology, MRI and closed head injuries care center.

Plus, the state owns about 650 acres around the current center that can be used to build a new hospital. And, the city of Caro provides sewer to the center and could also provide water.

"I think the state has an incredible opportunity to lead by example by keeping and reinvesting in the Caro Center," said Nancy Barriger, a long-time county resident. "The center is poised to be the greatest 'comeback kid' story, since it's already accomplished a century of public service. The state has spent an enormous amount of money, trying to strengthen its business community."

Barriger also called the state to task.

"Some people question the effectiveness of the \$295 million spent on the Pure Michigan campaign that was created to boost Michigan's tourism industry," she said. "Economic reports say the campaign was successful with each \$1 spent about \$8 in direct spending was generated. How does the possibility of the state abandoning the center fit it? There are many projects paid with the public's tax dollars that involve asbestos removal, demolishing old buildings and restoring the properties left behind, and rehabbing old buildings into new uses."

"What kind of message will the state be sending if it walks away from the Caro Center, and builds new facilities elsewhere?" she asked.

Area residents are encourage to write their state representatives about keeping the new state hospital in Tuscola County.

Michael R. Hoagland
Tuscola County Controller/Administrator
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OVERVIEW OF THE DELINQUENT TAX REVOLVING FUND – 4/24/17

The following information was prepared to provide a broad overview of the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF) of Tuscola County and the significant financial benefits it provides to both the county and local units of government (LUG). The mechanics and benefits of this important fund are further explained below.

Brief History

The county is not required by law to have a DTRF. However, most counties in Michigan have a DTRF. Tuscola County set the goal many years ago of establishing a self-funded DTRF. This required years to achieve because a sufficient balance had to be built so that funds no longer had to be borrowed to pay LUG the annual share of delinquent tax payments. Currently, to be self-funded the County Treasurer needs over \$3 million to pay LUG the annual portion of tax payments that are delinquent.

Prior to becoming self-funded, the county had to annually borrow funds to pay LUG delinquent taxes. Borrowed funds have to be repaid with interest costs which reduces county earnings. Also, borrowed funds increase administrative requirements particularly in the County Treasurer's Office. The self-funding goal was achieved approximately 20 years ago.

Delinquent Taxes Defined and Tax Settlement

Property taxes not paid according to a timeline are delinquent. Unpaid delinquent property taxes is a serious matter. Individuals can lose their property if these taxes are not paid after a certain period of time. In Tuscola County the average annual percentage of taxes that become delinquent is 14% to 16%. The County Treasurer has the key role in the management of the delinquent tax process.

Properties are annually assessed and a summer and winter tax roll is prepared. This information forms the basis for preparation of property tax bills which are mailed to property owners. Individual property owners then make their tax payments to either the City/Township Treasurer or the County Treasurer. If the tax bills are not paid by a specified point in time under the law, the property owner taxes are considered delinquent.

At the end of the period allowed to pay taxes without becoming delinquent, an important day of reckoning occurs. The County Treasurer begins a tax settlement process with each township and city treasurer. These officials are required to produce an accounting of the taxes that have been collected. This process is essential to determine tax amounts to be disbursed to the taxing units.

Stages of Tax Delinquency

Once properties become delinquent they are then paid to the County Treasurer. A detailed process begins with important stages, and deadlines and financial implications if deadlines are not met. From the standpoint of the taxpayer, the sooner delinquent taxes are paid the lower their cost. Usually the longer it takes to pay the delinquent tax, the more revenue that is generated.

Stage 1 occurs in the first year. The delinquency cost is a 4% administration fee plus each month that the taxes are delinquent a 1% interest fee is charged. If unpaid, by the end of the year the interest would be 12%. This stage of the delinquent tax process lasts for one-year. These delinquent tax payments are received into the county delinquent tax revolving fund.

Stage 2 occurs beginning with the second year. In the second year of non-payment the forfeiture stage occurs when added monthly costs are incurred. In this stage, delinquencies enter into the forfeiture process. During this stage \$175 is added for title work and \$60 for recording of the forfeiture notice. These cost are paid to the forfeiture fund. Also during this stage interest goes to 1.5% per month back to the first month of delinquency. If payment is made during this period it is receipted into the DTRF.

Stage 3 occurs beginning with the third year. If delinquent taxes are still not paid, foreclosure on the property begins. During this stage the property is owned by the county and can be sold. The minimum bid is the cost of unpaid delinquent taxes.

In stage 3 if the property is sold and if there is a surplus after the sale, the surplus is receipted into the county forfeiture fund. If the foreclosed property is not sold, the County Treasurer is responsible for its maintenance. So the Treasurer has to keep an adequate balance in the forfeiture fund to pay for these maintenance cost obligations. Also, certain staff wages and benefits involved in this process are charged to the forfeiture fund which relieves the general fund of these costs. Services provided by a company called Title Check are also paid from this fund.

The DTRF Provides Tremendous Financial Benefits to both the County and LUG

Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes along with bank interest paid on principle generates on average \$650,000 to \$700,000 per year in the DTRF which are transferred to the General Fund to help pay the costs of services provided by the county. The annual county budget is dependent on receiving these funds. If this fund did not exist, the county would have to ask for millage or find another method to raise \$700,000 just to maintain current service levels.

The County DTRF pays the share of taxes that were delinquent to all LUG in the county even though all taxpayers did not pay these taxes. The county is able to accomplish this by leaving a sufficient cash balance in the DTRF to pay all LUG the full amount of taxes due annually. This currently requires over \$3 million in cash on hand to meet this important objective. In order to provide delinquent payments to LUG there are times of the year when the DTRF falls into a negative cash position.

Without the full tax payment from the county, upfront local jurisdictions would have cash flow problems and the administrative time and cost of having to borrow these funds or be forced to find some other more costly method of operating. The DTRF is truly an important service the county provides to these LUG. By the county paying the shortfall of tax payments from the DTRF, LUG can plan and deliver services that otherwise may not be possible. Every year they can count on the full amount of taxes being paid upfront.

To Sustain the Benefits of the DTRF Policy is Critical

In order to keep this important financial process in place, careful well-reasoned policy was established. The policy states that a minimum year-end fund balance of \$5.6 million will be maintained in order to

assure adequate funds are available to pay LUG the full amount of annual delinquent taxes. This fund balance is also maintained to achieve interest earnings for county service costs and to protect county bond rating. The policy also states that more cannot be spent from the fund than the fund earns annually.

Closing Comments

The self-funded DTRF program is tremendously beneficial to both the County and LUG.

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The County DTRF pays the share of taxes that were delinquent to all LUG in the county. This currently requires over \$3 million in cash on hand to meet this important objective. Without the upfront full tax payment from the county, LUG would have cash flow problems. Also, the administrative time and cost to borrow these funds would be required or they would be forced to find some other more costly method of operating. Because of the DTRF, LUG can financially plan and deliver services because they can count on the full tax payment upfront which otherwise may not be possible.

In order to maintain and protect the DTRF system and the benefits it provides, careful well-reasoned policy was established. Without effective management, this system will fail and produce significant financial problems. By maintaining a minimum fund balance of \$5.6 million, enough bank interest is generated so the annual \$650,000 to \$700,000 transferred to the general fund can be maintained.

The current policy is clear that expenditures from the fund are limited to the amount the fund earns each year. If principle is spent from this fund it would reduce the amount of interest available for transfer to the general fund for required services. Also, if principle is spent it could jeopardize the minimum \$3 million needed to front the delinquent tax payments to LUG.

Finally, bond rating agencies closely watch the management of this fund and if principle was spent it would most likely result in a lowering of the county bond rating which causes a higher cost to borrowing funds.

Tuscola County Controller/Administrator
Michael R. Hoagland

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Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, April 24, 2017 – 8:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Craig Kirkpatrick, District 5 - Matthew Bierlein

Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Chief Deputy Clerk Cindy McKinney-Volz, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Caryn Painter, Under Sheriff Bob Baxter, Patty Witkovsky, and Register John Bishop

Finance
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Bierlein

Primary Finance

1. **Caro Regional Center Update as of 4/24/17** - Mike Hoagland provided an update. A meeting with Representative Canfield and Governor Snyder is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017. A majority of the patients at the Caro Center are from Oakland and Genesee Counties which makes Tuscola County an ideal location. Sheriff Skrent said the Tuscola County Sheriff Department does not use the Caro Center due to the cost. Traverse City is being considered as a possible location but is not even in the district.
2. **Sheriff Overview of Public Safety Concerns** - Sheriff Glen Skrent provided an update. Denmark, Watertown, and Fairgrove no longer have local police departments. The schools no longer have a DARE officer. There has been a need on several occasions for a tracking dog. Civil standbys are no longer possible due to the lack of available officers. The Sheriff Department is the only police entity in the county that operates 24 hours a day. Due to the above reason and many others, Mike Hoagland and Sheriff Skrent will start exploring the possibility of increasing the millage and determining which election to place the millage increase on. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. **Health Department** - Commissioner Kirkpatrick was approached by Ann Hepner and Dr. Horsch to develop a Task Force/Coalition to address the heroin issue in Tuscola County. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. **Agreement for the Mobile Examination Center use of County Parking Lot** - A third party company on behalf of the Center for Disease Control will be arriving in town on June 23, 2017. They are expected to be here until the second week of September. Manny, the CDC contact, will be in town at the end of this week. There will be four 53' semi-trailers along with 2000 square feet of office space to accommodate the testing. It is estimated that this company will be asking for 400-450 volunteers for testing. Matter to be placed on Consent Agenda.

5. **Drain Commissioner – Copy Machine** - Patty Witkovsky explained the need for a new copier for the Drain Commissioners Office. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Finance

1. Human Development Commission CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Loan
2. Jail Planning Committee - There is still plumbing work going on in the basement of the jail.
3. Millage Renewal Planning - Brian Neuville is researching the additional cost of adding more seniors for delivery of meals.
4. Monitor Wind Turbine Development and Assessing/Taxation Dispute - NextEra made a settlement offer that the attorneys has suggested not be accepted.
5. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs - The mild winter should help the Road Commission with some of the legacy costs.
6. Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund - The County pays the local townships and cities the amount of taxes that are supposed to be collected, not just the amount that was paid toward the taxes due.
7. CenturyLink Millennia Invoice - Mike Hoagland is still waiting for an invoice.

Recess at 9:07 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:12 a.m.

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioner Bardwell

Primary Personnel - None

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Reporting Relationship (Nepotism Policy) - Commissioner Kirkpatrick said the attorney is working on a recommendation.
2. Initiate Turnover and Wage Survey to Minimize Vulnerability to Loss of Critical Positions
3. Update Personnel Policies with Federal Changes such as ACA, Exempt/non-Exempt
4. Develop Parameters for 2017 Labor Negotiations - Mike Hoagland thought there may be pressure for multi-year contracts.
5. Review Re-Establishment of Judicial Committee Meetings
6. Review Formation of Quarterly Meetings with Senior Leaders and Road Commissioners
7. Develop a Method to Communicate County Concerns to State Senator and Representative

Building and Grounds
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Vaughan

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **Carpet Cleaner Bid** - Mike Miller received two bids for the carpet cleaning. The bid from CH Government, based out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin was \$2,121.65. The bid from KSS Enterprises, based in Kalamazoo, Michigan was \$1,649.00. The carpet cleaning job will be awarded to KSS Enterprises. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. **Parking Lot Sealing Bids** - Mike Miller received bids from Chippewa Asphalt, Done Rite Construction, Asphalt and Concrete Services, Aztec, and Smith Line Striping to seal four parking lots. The lots are at DHHS, Sheriff Department, Annex, and Adult Probation. Mike is requesting clarification with some of the quotes then will present his recommendation at the Board Meeting on April 27, 2017.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. Vanderbilt Park - There is a Parks and Rec meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2017. Mike Miller has left a message with Vicky Sherry to confirm everything is set with the grant.
2. Update 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan
3. Continue Work with Jail Planning Regarding Potential Jail Renovation and Additional Jail Bed Space for Holding Cells and Potential Revenue Generation - At some point in the future there may be "one time money", such as wind escrowed money to help with jail projects.
4. Implement 2017 Budgeted Capital Improvement Projects
5. Fire Safety Planning
6. Security/Safety Committee – Methods to Enhance Security – Next Steps

Other Business as Necessary -

Public Comment Period -

Caryn Painter, Court Administrator, informed the Board about the Law Day Open House on May 1, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Eean Lee demonstrated the new City of Caro web page which is complete now. Commissioner Young inquired about a County Facebook Page. Several departments are operating their own Facebook Pages which is ideal for now.

Mike Hoagland said there is a map available on MLive that shows total millages by county.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Cindy McKinney-Volz
Chief Deputy Clerk

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From: MAC Grant Services Program <zawadzki@micounties.org>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 4:11 PM
To: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Subject: MAC Grant Alert



Funding Alert

MAC Grant Services Program

April 24, 2017

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FUNDING

Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program

Program Funding: \$900,000

Grant Funding: \$50,000 - \$200,000

Deadline: May 24, 2017

Match: one-to-one match minimum

Website: <https://goo.gl/HVMvcb>

Description: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council seeks innovative (new, cutting-edge, or builds upon existing studies) grant proposals for program development, study, and collaboration that will address strategies in the National Ten Year Urban Forestry Action Plan (2016-2026). Funds are to support national urban forestry studies or projects on nonfederal public land that have a national,

regional or multi-state coverage and/or application. Priority issues are planting, inventory, and analysis for forest and environmental health.

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Collaborative Action Grants, Round 2

Program Funding: \$100,000

Grant Funding: \$5,000

Deadline: June 9, 2017

Eligibility: Only 501(c)(3) nonprofits are eligible. This grant information may be helpful, however, to counties that wish to partner with relevant nonprofits on projects in their community.

Website: <https://goo.gl/xrnV8o> and <https://goo.gl/2eZ6yN>

Description: Enterprise is seeking applications from community-based organizations for \$5,000 to host a collaborative action in their community. Collaborative actions are small-scale, co-creative activities focused on implementation. These actions may include:

- Creative placemaking
- Asset mapping
- Temporary art installations
- Community events

Collaborative Actions are low cost and short in duration but often fit into a larger community effort. Through a design process that features honest conversations with people about the issues in their community, collaborative actions have the power to promote change while fostering a sense of place. Because each community faces unique challenges and has different needs, proposals should articulate how the organization will be mindful of capturing the spirit of the partner community to determine the format, reach, and scope of the collaborative action. Projects will be selected based on how well they:

- Advance long-term community goals or meet community needs
- Deploy creative and collaborative strategies
- Engage local voices and build community agency
- Demonstrate feasibility within the budget and timeline

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TRAINING AND RESOURCES

Brownfield Redevelopment in Your Community

Date and location:

- May 3, 2017: Charlevoix County (East Jordan)
- May 4, 2017: Leelanau County (Suttons Bay)

These sessions feature talks about the EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfield (TAB)

Program. TAB is a free assistance program for any-sized community and focuses on public involvement, community development and brownfield redevelopment. See the full agenda for an additional information on each session, topics, and speakers.

Please RSVP by April 24th to Julie Lowe at lowej2@michigan.gov with the session you plan to attend.

The Suttons Bay location includes AM and PM sessions and lunch for the price of \$10 per person. If you are interested in purchasing lunch, contact Trudy Galla at tgalla@co.leelanau.mi.us before Tuesday, May 2nd. Payment for lunch made at time of arrival.

These sessions are approved for four (4) hours assessor continuing education credits for the 2017 renewal cycle (November 1, 2016 - October 31, 2017).

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Cornerstone: What is Strategic Code Enforcement?

Date: April 27, 2017

Cost: \$45

Website: <https://goo.gl/aWcdM8>

In this webinar, practitioners will be invited to look beyond the traditional and toward the potentially transformative role of code enforcement. They will explore a systemic, proactive approach that, when put into action, can make code enforcement more effective and, ultimately, much more efficient.

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Doing More with Less: State Revenue Limitations and Mandates on County Finances

Link: <https://goo.gl/7RjFWr>

Description: Grant writers are all too familiar with the often frustrating struggle to find data that demonstrates the need for grant funding. This report from the National Association of Counties (NACo) examines county funding sources, state revenue limits, federal and state mandates on counties, new fiscal challenges and county financial solutions. County-specific profiles provide useful data for grant applications by demonstrating the financial capacity challenges faced by counties.

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Our Grant Services Program responds to the challenges our members face on an ongoing basis for additional resources and operating revenues. This program enlists the assistance of experts willing to provide a variety of services to assist counties with defining grant issues, developing funding strategies, identifying sources of grants or loan funding, and completing grant applications.