

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA**

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 – 8:00 A.M.

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

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Caro, MI 48723

Phone: 989-672-3700
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- 8:00 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Pastor Jon Terry, New Hope Alive Church, Reese
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan
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
 -Robert DeCoe Tuscola County Democratic Party Chair
 • New State Psychiatric Hospital
 • Economic Development Commission By-Laws
 -Comments Regarding County Prosecutor and Caro Police
 -Caro Psychiatric Hospital (See Correspondence #3)
 -Veterans Grant (See Correspondence #4)
 -Register of Deeds Staffing Request
 -Various Building and Grounds Bids
 -County Land Bank (See Correspondence #5)
Old Business
Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

GRIMSHAW

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government

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NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use
Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison
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Other Business as Necessary

Extended Public Comment

Adjournment

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CORRESPONDENCE

- #1 March 28, 2019 Full Board and Statutory Finance Minutes
- #2 Consent Agenda Resolution
- #3 Information Regarding Caro Psychiatric Hospital
- #4 Veterans Grant Agreement
- #5 Land Bank Correspondence from John Axe
- #6 April 8, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Draft
TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 28, 2019 Minutes
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner 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 28th day of March 2019, to order at 8:02 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 – Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Register John Bishop, Nancy Laskowski, Sandy Nielsen, Dara McGarry, Mark Kosik, Ed Maschke, Jody Vrable, Stacy Hissong, Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey, Bob Rottman, Steve Ley

Adoption of Agenda -
19-M-061

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to adopt the agenda as amended.
Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
19-M-062

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 14, 2019 Regular Board as corrected and Statutory Finance meetings and the March 19, 2019 Special Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -

-Ed Maschke President of the Murphy Lake Association would like the opportunity to speak during the resolution matter. Board agreed to speak to that time during new business.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
19-M-063

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the March 25, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/25/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2018 Drain Commissioner Annual Report be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/25/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2018 Central Dispatch Annual Report be received and placed on file.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/25/19
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the purchase of crushed limestone and crushed gravel from Burroughs North Materials through the awarded bid at the Tuscola County Road Commission in the cost of \$5,055 to repair the road at Vanderbilt Park. Also, approve any budget amendments as necessary.

New Business -

-Property and Liability Insurance Renewal with MMRMA - Clayette Zechmeister reviewed items that were able to be purchased from grant funds. Also reviewed was the Net Asset Distribution History.

19-M-064

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to approve per the March 22, 2019 communication from Tim McClorey with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA), that renewal of various county property, liability and other insurances for the 2019/2020 year be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Murphy Lake Water Level Resolution - Drain Commissioner Mantey presented information regarding Murphy Lake. Stacy Hissong presented regarding changes regarding the lake levels, spring date and assessment boundaries for Murphy

Lake and the request for the resolution. Drain Commissioner Mantey reviewed the various repairs that have been completed over the years.

-Ed Maschke presented on behalf of the Murphy Lake Association with concerns the Association has regarding the project.

-Steve Ley owns property on both sides of Goodings Creek. The Association is not in favor of additional parking. He is concerned regarding the dam structure and the safety when installing the boards.

-Commissioner Grimshaw discussed placement of roads in the subdivisions.

19-M-065

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to call the question and to end the debate of the Murphy Lake Resolution. Hand Vote - 5 yes. Motion Carried.

19-M-066

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to approve the Murphy Lake Water Level Resolution as presented by the Tuscola County Drain Commissioner and all signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - no; Jensen - no; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-County Planning Commission Vacancy Possibly Extending Application Deadline
- Clerk Fetting presented a new application received for the Planning Commission. Board discussed representation and timelines on the appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Commissioner Grimshaw nominated Heidi Stark for the Planning Commission - Vaughan - no; Jensen - no; Grimshaw - no; Young - no; Bardwell - no. Candidate not nominated.

Commissioner Vaughan nominated Nancy Laskowski for the Planning Commission - Jensen - no; Grimshaw - no; Young - no; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Candidate not nominated.

19-M-067

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to repost for the vacancy on the Planning Commission with the deadline to file an application of April 29, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

-Clerk Fetting stated for clarity that the applications shall be turned into the County Clerk's Office. Clerk Fetting will contact current applicants to offer the opportunity to reapply.

-American Messaging Contract Agreement Extension for the Central Dispatch Paging System - Sandy Nielsen explained the contract agreement extension with no additional costs incurred.

19-M-068

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to approve per the request of the Dispatch Director that the Dispatch Paging contract with American Messaging be extended through 3-31-2020 and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Payroll and Direct Deposit Policy - Board discussed the current policy and the wording that is outdated. Board to refer the matter to the Human Resource Director for review and make a recommendation.

19-M-069

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to rescind the Payroll Direct Deposit Policy adopted July 13, 2004. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-Caro Center - Board discussed the option of contracting with a lobbying firm and the timing as to when to secure a contract if it is decided to go that direction. Quotes have been received from Clark Hill and Capital Services. Commissioner Bardwell has reached out to Representative Green and Senator Daley and is awaiting return contact. Public testimony will be heard on April 8, 2019 regarding the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) appropriations budget. There is a DHHS appropriation meeting regarding the 2019/2020 budget on April 10, 2019.

19-M-070

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with Capital Services for a 3-month retainer to represent Tuscola County in regards to the Caro Center in an amount up to \$12,600 with that being payable in monthly installments of \$4,200.00. Roll Call Vote - Grimshaw - no; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Commissioner Bardwell - Received a thank you for supporting Senior Citizen Alliance from Kelly Richmond.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTSJENSEN

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Governor's proposed budget would cut 10% of state funding to the Medical Care Facility. This would affect Medical Care Facilities state-wide.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

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Board of Health

County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Meeting regarding Land Bank and proposals were reviewed at the meeting.

MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use

Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

Local Units of Government Activity Report

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Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison - Proposal has been received to repair road at Vanderbilt Park.

Dispatch Authority Board

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

Jail Planning Committee

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Region VI Economic Development Planning

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Saganing Eagle Casino will be the fiduciary for the grant funds.

Senior Services Advisory Council - Update provided.

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Local Units of Government Activity Report - Ms. Dig has been contacted in order to place the Amish signs. Awaiting approval.

BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board

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MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board - Update from the meeting on Monday provided.

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Recycling Advisory

Local Units of Government - Progress has been made in getting the signs up the Amish in the Millington area.

Other Business as Necessary -

-Commissioner Bardwell received a concern from Terry Blackmer in Mayville regarding the fail rate of their paging system. Alternate solutions that are available were discussed.

-Vanderbilt Park - Clayette provided an update regarding the increase in revenue from last year to the current year. The Engineers are currently working with the Health Department also.

Extended Public Comment -

-Nancy Laskowski - Nancy informed the Board that the Juniata Township Planning Commission has revoked the Pegasus Special Land Use Permit. Notice has been provided to the Airport Zoning Administrator and Tuscola County Building Codes. An additional 8 turbines have been removed from the application process with the FAA which four were in Juniata Township and four were in Fairgrove Township.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
March 28, 2019
H.H. Purdy Building
125 W. Lincoln St, Caro MI

Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, Jensen, Grimshaw

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Nancy Laskowski

Claims and Per Diems were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

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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 11th day of April, 2019 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 4/8/19

Description of Matter: Move that the 2019 County Equalization Report be received and placed on file and the Chairperson be authorized to sign said document.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/8/19

Description of Matter: Move that per the recommendation of the Chief Information Officer that in order to further strengthen computer system security, authorization is given to purchase Umbrella Cloud Security for an annual amount of \$9,306. Also, appropriate amendments be made to the computer operating budget.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/8/19

Description of Matter: Move that the out-of-state travel request by the Dispatch Director be approved with the understanding that as an Association of Public Communication Official (APCO) board member, travel and conference costs are paid by APCO.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/8/19

Description of Matter: Move that per the letter of request that the Courthouse Lawn be authorized for use on September 8, 2019 by the Suicide Prevention Coalition.

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

OPINION

Opinion: Don't play with state's mental health facilities

Mary Whiteford Published 11:00 p.m. ET March 27, 2019

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer recently announced she has halted the construction of an expanded psychiatric hospital at the Caro Center in Tuscola County. The project was approved by the previous administration and would have added much-needed hospital beds to the state's mental health care system.

I am heartbroken by this decision.



Caro Center is one of the Michigan's five remaining facilities to treat mentally ill adults. Located in Tuscola County's Indianfields Township, the facility serves people from the Upper Peninsula and most of the northern lower peninsula. (Photo: GRETA GUEST, Associated Press)

The proposed hospital would replace current buildings and offer a safe, clean and updated hospital for 200 people. The current facility can only hold 79 people due to its aging infrastructure.

Across the state, hundreds of people are waiting to get the mental health care they desperately need. As elected officials, we should be finding ways to improve the system, not halting already approved projects and wasting tax dollars.

The Caro Psychiatric Hospital's construction was already underway. If the governor stands by her decision to defund the project, \$3 million taxpayer dollars will be immediately wasted on Caro's existing construction progress. Not to mention the countless tax dollars that will be wasted on the planning and development of a new facility elsewhere.

We simply can't afford to throw away precious dollars we've already invested in our mental health care system.

Our psychiatric care system already faces tough challenges. Many hospitals around the state, including Allegan General Hospital in my home district, closed their psychiatric units due to low state reimbursement for Medicaid patients.

Small hospitals cannot financially withstand the massive losses incurred to support this important work. Finding ways to improve Medicaid reimbursement to hospitals is critical.

Another issue is determining where beds are needed most. A bill I sponsored last legislative term was signed into law and establishes a statewide psychiatric bed registry to help us determine the best places to invest the resources needed to help our citizens.

Caro is one of those places.

It is important for us to recognize that the residents of our state are crying for help and there is no simple solution. The Caro Psychiatric Hospital is one piece of this solution.

I was honored to be selected as a member of the House C.A.R.E.S. Mental Health Task Force last term. During the task force's statewide tour, I heard from experts and stakeholders about Michigan's desperate need for more state psychiatric beds. We listened to those cries for help and we did something about it. Now the governor is suggesting we undo all of that work, leaving us right back where we started.

As a registered nurse, I came to Lansing because I care about people and I am passionate about helping them. I was pleased by the opportunities that this new, clean, and safe facility presented to Michigan's citizens. We simply cannot wait any longer for a facility like this to be built. The Caro Center is the ideal location to start delivering the mental health solutions our state needs.

The governor's campaign was fueled by promises of building bridges and working to find bipartisan solutions. I implore her to reconsider her decision and do what's best for the people of Michigan.

Rep. Mary Whiteford, R-Casco Township, represents Michigan's 80th House district.

Read or Share this story: <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/2019/03/28/opinion-dont-play-states-mental-health-facilities/3280177002/>

Tom Watkins: Caro psychiatric hospital may be good politics, but it's bad policy

By Tom Watkins · March 31, 2019



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Feb. 4, 2019 | Nick Manes

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is reconsidering the expansion of a state-run adult psychiatric hospital in Caro in Michigan's Thumb.

This is a wise decision.

The decision to build these psychiatric beds in a Republican area by a Republican former governor, Rick Snyder, and a Republican-led Legislature was a good one — if the end game was jobs and economic development for a struggling community.

However, the policy goal should be providing care as close as possible to the communities in which those with mental illness and their families reside.

To be clear, there is a need for high-quality public psychiatric beds for people with serious mental illnesses across the state. Those hospital beds should be accessible to those in need of care and those who support them. Caro does not fit this criteria.

The 2018 ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Caro Psychiatric Hospital: Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget Director David DeVries; Cynthia Kelly of MDHHS; Gov. Rick Snyder; Caro Center Director Rose Laskowski; and MDHHS Director Nick Lyon | MDHHS photo

I believe that building a new psychiatric hospital as a rural jobs and economic development project is a disservice to people with serious mental illness and their families.

Statewide need

There is a desperate need for adult psychiatric beds across the state. It is a crisis in the metro Detroit area and Northern Michigan.

Finding a hospital bed for a person with a serious mental illness is like your name is Mary or Joseph and it just happens to be December 24th.

Rick Snyder and Brian Calley at their year-end press conference, Dec. 11, 2018 | Ken Coleman

When the discussion was being held to expand state hospital beds for persons with serious mental illnesses, I served as the president and CEO of Michigan's largest public community mental health organization, the Detroit-Wayne Mental Health Agency. I objected to the decision to expand beds in Caro. I argued the new beds were desperately needed in the metro area.

I am concerned about helping rural communities keep pace economically, especially considering how they tend to fall behind in the 21st century knowledge economy. But it is simply bad public policy to use some of our most vulnerable citizens and their families as economic development and job pawns to do so.

Clearly, this decision was not made with the best interest of the behavioral health needs of Michigan in mind. It was about power, control and politics.

Professionals in the mental health field, consumers and advocates have applauded Whitmer for pausing development. But given the state's history of betraying this vulnerable community there is also apprehension, as well as an expectation that their voices will be listened to in the future.

Kevin Fischer, president and CEO of NAMI-MI, the state affiliate of the National Alliance for Mental Illness, said, "There is a crisis in the ability to find psychiatric beds across Michigan, and it makes little sense, other than for purely political considerations, to concentrate all the new psychiatric beds in one isolated area of the state where it also has proven to be a difficult place to attract and retain behavioral health professionals.

"NAMI-MI appreciates the governor for hitting the pause button on this decision and implores her to listen to the needs of families desperately in need of this service as part of her deliberations." *Kevin Fischer*

He added, "Her silence on behavioral health issues to date is concerning."

Mark Reinstein, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Mental Health Association in Michigan, said the "shortage of critically needed psychiatric beds across Michigan is well documented. The state has failed its responsibility to meet the needs of persons with serious mental illness. It's critical that the state not use this as a way to end Caro without replacing its beds elsewhere."

"Given the history of neglect it is frightening to contemplate that's what the powers-that-be could be thinking behind closed doors."

Need for accountability

While Whitmer and Department of Health and Human Services are focused on the issue of mental health, they may want to hold accountable local hospitals that receive public resources to serve people with serious mental health needs.

Many of those hospitals are skirting their responsibility to serve those with serious and chronic mental health issues in their communities. Michigan's mental health is too important to be used as a political

The state needs to get serious about using all the tools at its disposal: Certificate of Need process, licensing, revoking tax-exempt status from nonprofit hospitals not serving the public need, and invoking other significant financial penalties to force hospitals to meet their public obligations.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in Detroit, March 7, 2019 | Ken Coleman

The needs of those with serious mental illnesses have long been neglected in Michigan, and should be prioritized as policy-makers decide how to best use limited public resources.

The change in direction would be refreshing.

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Tom Watkins

Tom Watkins was deputy chief of staff to Gov. Jim Blanchard, director of Department of Mental Health and State Superintendent of Schools. He has also been president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Florida and is considered an expert on China.

From: Courtney VanCamp <csi@capitol-services.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 9:52 AM
To: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org; zclay@tuscolacounty.org
Cc: Jean Doss
Subject: MIRS/Gongwer 4-8-19

Emails Heat Up New Caro Center Controversy

Revelations of emails sent by Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon and another official in Governor Gretchen Whitmer's administration saying a new mental health facility should not be built in Caro before Ms. Whitmer called for a review of the proposed new facility in the Thumb community engendered some fury over the weekend. But Monday, the representative from the area was more forgiving towards both Mr. Gordon and Ms. Whitmer.

Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) also said in an interview, however, that when all was said and done, he was "very confident" a new hospital would be built in Caro to replace the current, nearly century old building.

Last month Ms. Whitmer called for work on the new center to be paused while a consulting firm reviewed the project and established whether Caro was the right location for a new mental health hospital. The project was only approved by the Legislature last year after a long review and lobbying process, and ground was broken last fall.

The current hospital is the largest single employer in Tuscola County and county officials pledged to mount an effort to ensure the new hospital was built.

But over the weekend, WJRT-TV in Flint revealed emails it had obtained through the Freedom of Information Act that showed questions were raised about the hospital during transition meetings between former Governor Rick Snyder and Ms. Whitmer. The emails also showed Ms. Whitmer's deputy cabinet secretary saying following a meeting that Mr. Gordon "increasingly believes that closing Caro entirely is the correct path forward."

And in another email, Mr. Gordon said, after touring the Caro area, "We don't want to build another facility there."

With the revelations, the department issued a statement saying, "Since January, the director has talked with dozens of Michiganders about mental health and the Caro Center – including state hospital employees, mental health professionals, legislators, and residents in need. Based on this extensive dialogue, the director decided to engage the consulting firm of Myers and Stauffer to assist with fact finding. He has communicated to the consultants, as recently as Thursday, that their only job is to study the history and the facts and to propose the best location for the residents of Michigan, including the Thumb. They were not even informed of the opinion expressed in that email, and they certainly were not asked to act upon that opinion."

And initially informed of the emails, Mr. Green told the television station the department could not be trusted.

"It is not surprising that the decision regarding the Caro Center would have already been made," he said. "What is surprising to me is the amount of dishonesty and conniving that went into making the announcement."

Mr. Green also said, "I stated in a meeting with DHHS and DTMB that it sounded like their mind was already made up and it would not be confused with facts. That they had to connive and come up with this elaborate plan to 'do another study' in order to come to the conclusion they have already made is the epitome of dishonesty and fiscally irresponsible. I hope Governor Whitmer will exhibit leadership and get this department under control. If leadership will lie to the members of the legislature and the residents of the state of Michigan, they will also lie to her. This department cannot be trusted."

But Monday, Mr. Green took a softer overall tone.

He said he was taking Ms. Whitmer at face value that she is requesting more information to make a decision.

And he said since Mr. Gordon is not from Michigan and does not know the state well, that he had to depend on his staff and was not in the best position to know all the issues when he sent his January email.

However, Mr. Green also expressed some concern that Ms. Whitmer may be on a course to erase the previous administration and legislative actions with her moves to restructure the Department of Environmental Quality, pause the Line 5 tunnel plans in the Straits of Mackinac and now the pause on Caro.

The House Appropriations Health and Human Services Subcommittee, of which he is vice-chair, will also hold a hearing this week on the state's hospital system, though not specifically on the Caro facility.

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**GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS
AGENCY
AND Tuscola County**

This Grant Agreement ("Agreement") is made between the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, (DMVA), **Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency** ("State"), and **Tuscola County** ("Grantee").

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide funding in exchange for work to be performed for the project named below. The State is authorized to provide grant assistance pursuant to **House Bill No. 6403, 2018 Public Act No. 214**. This Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions specified herein.

Project Name: Outreach [Project #: 190000001920
Amount of grant: \$63,979.00

Start Date (date executed by DMVA): _____ End Date: 09/30/2019
[unless alternate date specified]

GRANTEE CONTACT:

STATE'S CONTACT:

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Grantee DUNS number - (Required for Federal Funding)

[Program will add a Remittance address if different than the above.]

The individuals signing below certify by their signatures that they are authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of their agencies and that the parties will fulfill the terms of this Agreement, including any attached appendices, as set forth herein.

FOR THE GRANTEE:

Signature

Name/Title

Date

FOR THE STATE:

Signature

Name/Title

Date

mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org

From: Axe, John R <jaxe@clarkhill.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 12:48 PM
To: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Subject: Tuscola County Land Bank

Dear Mike,

As you know our firm is in the process of incorporating the TUSCOLA COUNTY LAND BANK. Most of the work involving approvals locally has been completed.

There are some steps that yet remain to be completed, which will involve the approval of the State Land Bank.

To date our firm has billed and been paid \$4,787,50 for our work. In addition we have not yet billed the County \$1,210,00 for work already done.

If the County wishes to have us finish the Incorporation we will bill the County for the work done. We estimate there will be an additional \$1200.00 for legal time for a total of \$2410.00.

Please let us know how you would like to proceed.

John R. Axe
Senior Counsel

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Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, April 8, 2019 – 8:04 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 - Mark Jensen, District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

Absent: None

Also Present: Chief Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid, Mike Hoagland, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Nancy Laskowski, Angie Daniels, Sandra Nielsen, Shelly Lutz, Register John Bishop, Steve Anderson, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Bill Jackson, Katie Cooper, Bill Battel, Addy Battel, Lichlain McDonald, Alice Iloncai, Jean Doss (via telephone)

Finance/Technology
 Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

Primary Finance/Technology

1. **Update Regarding Caro Psychiatric Hospital, Jean Doss Capital Services** - Jean updated the Commissioners on the plan of action. She gave an overview of what is happening with the Caro Center and listed the areas of concern that need to be addressed. Mike Hoagland and Jean Doss will be meeting Friday, April 12, 2019 in Caro.

Bill Jackson provided the Commissioners with information on the state budget. He offered his assistance with helping to obtain pertinent information in regards to the Caro Center.

2. **County Equalization Report** - Angie Daniels presented the Tuscola County Equalization Report. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. **Security Updates and Software Purchase Request** – Eean Lee updated the Commissioners on security and what is happening with Genesee County. Eean requested a budget amendment to purchase Cisco Umbrella program. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Finance

Finance

1. Resolve Remaining Assessing/Taxation Disputes with Wind Turbine Companies, SB 46 - Mike Hoagland provide an update.
2. Water Rates Paid for County Facilities Along M24 and Deckerville Roads
3. Opioid Lawsuit - Mike Hoagland provide update.
4. State Assessing Changes
5. Preparation of Updated Multi-Year Financial Plan

6. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs
7. 2018 Comprehensive Annual Report Development
8. Convert to New State Chart of Accounts
9. 2020 Budget Development
10. Second Year MIDC Plan and Budget
11. Determine if any Drain Bonds can be Retired Early or Refinanced

Technology

1. Animal Control Camera and Other Security
2. New Server and Network Storage Capacity
3. Jail Live Scan Scanner
4. GIS Update
5. Increasing On-Line Services
6. Updating County Web Page
7. Implementation of New Computer Aided Dispatch System
8. CLEMIS Road Patrol Software – Impacts on Local Police Departments
9. New Kronos Time Attendance and BSA Finance/General Ledger Software

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. **Replacing Retiring Controller/Administrator** - Mike Hoagland provided an update. Human Resources received 26 applications. The hiring committee is working on narrowing the field down to 4 or 5 applicants. They are hoping to start scheduling interviews next week.
2. **Register of Deeds Hiring Freeze** - Register John Bishop informed the Commissioners he had 2 applicants coming to job shadow this week and would like approval to hire one of the 2 applicants. Matter discussed at length. Matter to be placed on the next Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.
3. **Out of State Travel Request** - Request from Dispatch Director Nielsen. Matter to be placed on Consent Agenda
4. **LEAD Tuscola Request** - Mike Hoagland will distribute the LEAD application and pamphlet to Department Heads to see if there are any employees interested in attending LEAD for the 2019/2020 program.
5. **Animal Control Ordinance Update** - Mike Hoagland updated the Commissioners on the need to improve and update the ordinance. Matter was discussed at length. Matter to be placed on the next Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.
6. **4-H Presentation** - Addy Battel addressed the Commissioners regarding her 4-H project "Meeting the Need for Our Village". Meeting the Need for Our Village will be hosting the Cass City Hunger Summit on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Cass City United Methodist Church. Addy extended an invitation to the Board of Commissioners. Addy was awarded the Youth in Action for Agriculture award for 2019. Only four 4-H youth nationwide are given the Youth in Action award (Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, STEM and Agriculture) each year. Commissioner Bardwell would like the Board of Commissioners to create a resolution to honor Addy for her achievement.

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Negotiation of Expiring Union Contracts – Setting Financial and Other Objectives
2. Strengthen and Streamline Year-End Open Enrollment
3. Evaluate Potential Training Programs
4. Start the Development of Pay Grade Schedule and Updated Job Descriptions
5. County Planning Commission Vacancy
6. Scheduling a MAC 7th Meeting to Determine if Organization will Continue - Commissioner Bardwell would like Tuscola County to host a meeting. Mike Hoagland to handle the details.

Recessed at 11:17 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

Building and Grounds

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **County Jail Study Committee – Development of a Concept Plan** - Mike Miller provided an update to the Commissioners. The April 22, 2019 Presentation Meeting will be rescheduled to April 24, 2019.
2. **Vanderbilt Park Update form Parks and Recreation Meeting – Road Gravel** - Mike Miller provided an update. No time frame as to when gravel will be put down.
3. **Various Bids Related to Building and Grounds** - Mike Miller received 5 bids on the parking lot reseal project, 1 bid on the awning project and no bids on the Register of Deeds door replacement and District Court window replacement project. He would like to review the bids and will bring this matter back to the Board of Commissioners at the next Board of Commissioners Meeting.
4. **Requests to use Courthouse Lawn - Request** made by Suicide Prevention Coalition. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
5. **County Land Bank** - Matter discussed. Matter to be placed on the next Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. Cass River Greenways – Robert McKay to bring Information to an upcoming meeting.
2. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Pole Building
3. County Property Ownership Inventory
4. Review of Alternative Solutions Concerning the Caro Dam
5. Sidewalk Improvements and Parking Lot Sealing
6. Purdy Building Awning, Sign and Stucco Repairs
7. Jail Entrance Step and Ceiling Tile
8. State Police Post Water Tank Inspection, Sidewalk and Parking Lot Repairs
9. Potential Sale of Certain County Properties
10. New Septic System at Vanderbilt Park and Vegetation Clearing
11. Health Department Painting, Animal Control Ceiling and Court Windows
12. Recycling Soil Removal and Construction - Mike Mille informed Board, weather permitting cleanup will start Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Other Business as Necessary

1. Methods of Providing Dental Care to Indigent
2. Elected Versus Appointed Road Commissioners
3. Work with DTE and Others to Solve Increasing Energy Demands in the County
4. Update County Policies

Public Comment Period -

-Lichlain McDonald and Alice Iloncai addressed the Commissioners regarding Animal Control not taking in stray animals. They are on a fixed income and can't afford to take in strays all the time, it's expensive to continue to feed them. Mike Hoagland to contact Animal Control on this matter.

-Commissioners are questioning having to provide proof of auto insurance to the County as they are not County employees. Mike Hoagland will look into this matter.

-Commissioner Young attended the Road Commission meeting and provided an update on the Amish Road Signs.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Caryl Langmaid
Chief Deputy Clerk