

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021 – 08:00 A.M.

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Caro, MI 48723

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

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Join by Hangouts Meet: meet.google.com/mih-jntr-jya

8:00 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell
Prayer – Commissioner DuRussel
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Grimshaw
Roll Call – Clerk Fetting
Adoption of Agenda
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (***See Correspondence #1-3***)
Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only
Consent Agenda Resolution (***See Correspondence #4***)

New Business

- Professional Building Plan Review and Inspection Services Proposal Opening of Bids
- General Fund Finance Reports
 - General Fund Actual and Projected Revenue/Expenditures (***See Correspondence #5***)
 - General Fund Revenue Not Keeping Pace With Inflation (***See Correspondence #6***)
 - General Fund Expenditures Below Inflation (***See Correspondence #7***)
 - General Fund Revenue Sharing Trends (***See Correspondence #8***)
- Capital Expenditures 10-Year Plan (***See Correspondence #9***)

10:00 a.m. Break

Old Business

- Justice Audio and Video Solutions Proposal for Courts - (***See Correspondence #10***)

- Paperless Payroll Policy (**See Correspondence #11**)
- MGT Cost Allocation Plan – Voted Millage Cost (**See Correspondence #12**)
- Murphy Lake Project – County Cost (**See Correspondence #13**)
- Health Officer Position Selection Committee Recommendation (**See Correspondence #14**)

Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

DuRUSSEL

Board of Health
 Community Corrections Advisory Board
 Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
 Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
 MAC Judiciary Committee
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 Local Units of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board
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 Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
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YOUNG

Board of Public Works
 County Road Commission Liaison
 Dispatch Authority Board
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GRIMSHAW

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government
Jail Planning Committee
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

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. June 24, 2021 Full Board and Statutory Finance Minutes
2. June 24, 2021 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
3. July 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
4. Consent Agenda Resolution
5. General Fund Actual and Projected Revenue/Expenditures
6. General Fund Revenue Not Keeping Pace With Inflation
7. General Fund Expenditures Below Inflation
8. General Fund Revenue Sharing Trends
9. Capital Expenditures 10-Year Plan
10. Justice Audio and Video Solutions Proposal for Courts
11. Paperless Payroll Policy
12. MGT Cost Allocation Plan – Voted Millage Cost
13. Murphy Lake Project – County Cost
14. Health Officer Position Selection Committee Recommendation
15. Human Development Report on Expected Funds from Region VII Area Agency and Fiscal Year 2022 Summary of Senior Services
16. Michigan Municipal Risk Management (MMRMA) Net Asset Distribution Notification Letter
17. Tuscola County Human Services Collaborative Letter in Support of a New Jail

18. State Tax Commission (STC) Approved Petition of Angie Daniels as the Tuscola County Designated Assessor
19. University of Michigan's Spring 2021 Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)
20. Commissioners Invitation to the Tuscola Mental Health Court Graduation Ceremony August 6th, 2021
21. Correspondence From Cordelia Tomasino
22. Tuscola County Road Commission Minutes from June 10, 2021
23. Tuscola County Road Commission Minutes from June 24, 2021
24. Oceana County Resolution Opposing COVID-19 Vaccine Passports
25. Roscommon County Resolution #2021-06-01 – Opposing Michigan Secretary of State “By Appointment Only”
26. Wexford County Resolution 21-22 – Opposing Michigan Secretary of State “By Appointment Only”

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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 24, 2021 Minutes

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at Midway Hall, Tuscola County Fairgrounds, 700 S. Almer Street in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 24th day of June 2021, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Young

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

- Commissioners Present In-Person:
 - District 1 – Thomas Young
 - District 2 - Thomas Bardwell
 - District 3 - Kim Vaughan
 - District 4 - Douglas DuRussel
 - District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent: None

- Others Present in-Person:
 - Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey, Jennifer Leitzel, Billy Putnam, Ed Maschke, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Kyle O'Meara, Laura Bassett, Alecia Little, A.J. Hale, Mike Miller

- Also Present Virtual:
 - Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Malisa Pyles, Paul Featherston, Kellie Lindsey, Steve Burns, Kim Brinkman, Glenn Lindsey, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Sandra Nielsen, Debbie Babich, Mike Miller, Heidi Chicilli, Eric Morris, Mark Haney, Jana Brown, Robert Baxter, Shannon Gwizdala, Barry Lapp, Mike Slade, Luann Parks, Debbie Mika, Steve Anderson

At 8:10 a.m., there were a total of 23 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda -
2021-M-134

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
2021-M-135

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 10, 2021 Regular meeting and the June 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only –

-Malisa Pyles, Watertown Township, expressed concern over damage that Off-Road Vehicles are causing in Watertown Township.

-Ed Maschke, Millington Township, addressed the Board regarding the Murphy Lake Assessment.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
2021-M-136

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that the Consent Agenda Resolution from the June 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/21/21

Description of Matter: Move to approve the request from Behavioral Health Systems to remove Ms. Linda Ackerman from the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Board of Directors.

New Business -

-Potential Contract for Inspection Services on the Medical Building – Kellie Lindsey, Steve Burns, Glenn Lindsey and Paul Featherston represent SAFEbuilt which is a Building Inspection Company that would be willing to take on the Putman Project located at W. Caro Road, Caro Michigan. Board discussed the matter of transitioning from South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections (SCMCCI) to SAFEbuilt if the Board decided to move in that direction.

2021-M-137

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by DuRussel, that Tuscola County remove its current building inspector from continuing any further work on or oversight of the project commonly known as 1800 W. Caro Road. Further moved, that the proposal for emergency project support for the 1800 W. Caro Road development submitted by SAFEbuilt is accepted by the County, subject to negotiation of a final contract that is in compliance with State requirements and that meets the

approval of County Legal Counsel. Further moved, that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute such an agreement with SAFEbuilt. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) Fee Schedule – Clayette Zechmeister explained the request received to approve the fee schedule proposed by the Board of Health.

2021-M-138

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by DuRussel that per the request from the Board of Health Motion #M21-073 that the Tuscola County Health Department Fee Schedule under the Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) include the new Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies Initiative Pilot Project. The following fees will be incorporated:

- a. Pilot MIHP Additional Visit - \$95.00
- b. Pilot MIHP Care Coordination - \$80.00
- c. Pilot MIHP Complex Visit - \$140.00
- d. Pilot MIHP D/C Visit - \$110.00

Motion Tabled per 2021-M-139

2021-M-139

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Bardwell to table Motion 2021-M-138 to obtain further information for clarification from the Tuscola County Health Department. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan – no; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Clayette Zechmeister sent an email to the Health Department to try to clarify the questions posed by the Board.

-Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Ordinance Public Hearing –

Recessed at 9:00 a.m. for Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Ordinance Public Hearing

Reconvened at 9:14 a.m.

Roll Call: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, DuRussel, Grimshaw

-Off Road Vehicle Ordinance (ORV) Adoption - Amending Tuscola County Ordinance Number 9 -

2021-M-140

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw to approve the amendment to the Tuscola County Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Ordinance Number 9 to include under Section 1: e) "ORV" means a motor driven off road recreation vehicle capable of cross country travel without benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. ORV or vehicle includes, but is not limited to, a multitrack or multi-wheel drive vehicle, an ATV, a motorcycle or related 2-wheel, 3-wheel, or 4-wheel vehicle, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, or other means of transportation

deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind. ORV or vehicle does not include a registered or unregistered snowmobile, golf cart, a farm vehicle being used for farming, a vehicle used for military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement purposes, a vehicle owned and operated by a utility company or an oil or gas company when performing maintenance on its facilities or on property over which it has an easement, a construction or logging vehicle used in performance of its common function, or a registered aircraft. Also, all appropriate signatures be authorized. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Murphy Lake Assessment Resolutions – Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey presented to the Board an overview of the public hearing that was held regarding the Murphy Lake Assessment. He reviewed the responses and concerns that were presented. Board discussed the Boat Launch at the Lake. Kyle O'Meara presented to the Board regarding the proposed Resolution. Laura Bassett presented to the Board regarding the Bonds.

2021-M-141

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw to approve Resolution #2021-10 titled Murphy Lake Level Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2021 regarding the Murphy Lake Project. Resolution 2021-10 includes the designation of the Special Assessment District, the cost of the Murphy Lake Project in the amount of \$845,000.00, the Special Assessment District in the amount of \$845,000.00 and the issuance of the Bonds by the Special Assessment District pursuant to Part 307. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Board discussed the timeline that would be required if the Board wanted to purchase the Bonds. The pre-payment date for residents is July 19, 2021.

Recessed at 9:52 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

Roll Call: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, DuRussel, Grimshaw

At 10:06 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

2021-M-142

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to recall Motion 2021-M-138 from the table. Roll Call Vote: Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Clayette Zechmeister provided information that was received from the Health Department.

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- d. Pilot MIHP D/C Visit - \$110.00

Roll Call Vote: Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-CompOne Site Jail Assessment Audit - A. J. Hale from CompOne reviewed the audit that was completed in April 2021 on the Tuscola County Jail which was included in the agenda packet.

-Sheriff Glen Skrent addressed the Board regarding the project of building a new jail for Tuscola County. Sheriff Skrent recommended to invite Byce Associates to present to the Board. The Board would like to have Byce Associates present to the Board at a Committee of the Whole meeting. The Board would like Sheriff Skrent to attend a Board meeting on a monthly basis to provide an update.

2021-M-143

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to receive and place on file the Jail Site Assessment Safety & Risk Management report from CompOne Administrators conducted April 20, 2021 at 420 Court Street, Caro. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-Promotion Pay - Clayette Zechmeister explained the matter was presented and explained at the June 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2021-M-144

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to approve the back pay for Detective/Sergeant James Hook in the amount of \$6,162.40 pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) contract due to promotion pay not being properly implemented from 2013 through 2018. No budget adjustments are necessary in the Road Patrol Fund. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Police Officers Association (POAM) Letter of Understanding - Clayette Zechmeister explained that matter was presented and explained at the June 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Board discussed the matter further.

2021-M-145

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Bardwell to approve the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) Bargaining Unit 1, Non-Supervisory Act 312 Eligible Unit letter of understanding sponsoring new hires to attend the police academy. Also, all appropriate signatures be authorized. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – no; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – no; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Land Bank Allocation – Matter was presented at the June 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Board discussed matter further.

2021-M-146

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to approve a one-time appropriation of \$150,000.00 to the Land Bank for seed money from the Combined Revolving Tax Fund (Fund 626). Roll Call Vote: Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – no; Grimshaw – no; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Recission of COVID-19 Rules (matter added) – Board discussed that MIOSHA and State of Michigan rules were suspended on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

2021-M-147

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by DuRussel that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners rescind all COVID-19 rules that were previously established as of June 24, 2021. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – no; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

- Tuscola County Road Commission Minutes
- Village of Millington Notice
- Kalamazoo County Resolution
- Lenawee County Resolution
- Human Development Commission (HDC) Report

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

GRIMSHAW - No Update
Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government
Jail Planning Committee
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

DURUSSEL – No Update

Board of Health
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Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
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BARDWELL – No Update

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MAC Finance Committee
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YOUNG – No Update

Board of Public Works
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Dispatch Authority Board
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VAUGHAN – No Update

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NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use
Parks and Recreation Commission
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Other Business as Necessary - None

At 11:44 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment – None

2021-M-148

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

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Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
June 24, 2021

Commissioner Bardwell called the Statutory Finance meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the Midway Hall, Tuscola County Fairgrounds, 700 Almer Street in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 24th day of June, to order at 11:46 o'clock a.m. local time.

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioner Present In-Person:

District 1 - Thomas Young
District 2 - Thomas Bardwell
District 3 - Kim Vaughan
District 4 - Douglas DuRussel
District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent: None

Others Present In-Person:

Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Heidi Chicilli, Mike Slade, Steve Anderson, Kim Brinkman, Mark Haney, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Debbie Babich, Barry Lapp

At 11:46 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

-Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

2021-SF-M-049

Motion by Young, seconded by DuRussel to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 10, 2021 Statutory Finance. Motion Carried.

New Business:

-Review and Adoption of Finance Report and Checks –

2021-SF-M-050

Motion by Young, seconded by DuRussel to approve the finance checks as submitted on the June 22, 2021 report. Motion Carried.

-Review and Adoption of Daily Report and Checks –

2021-SF-M-051

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Young to approve the daily checks as submitted on the June 22, 2021 report. Motion Carried.

-Commissioner Grimshaw questioned the hourly rate of Michigan Indigent Defense Council (MIDC). Clayette Zechmeister will provide an update at a future meeting.

-Review and Adoption of Per Diems Report and Checks –
2021-SF-M-052

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to approve the per diem checks as submitted on the June 2021 report. Motion Carried.

Old Business – None

Public Comment –

-Judge Amy Grace Gierhart addressed the Board regarding the reopening of the courthouse. The projected date is July 12, 2021.

202-SF-M-053

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

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TUSCOLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing
June 24, 2021

Tuscola County Proposed Ordinance As Amended
Authorizing & Regulating Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Operation

Commissioner Thomas Bardwell called the public hearing for the Tuscola County Proposed ORV Ordinance Amendment, held at Midway Hall, Tuscola County Fairgrounds, 700 S. Almer Street in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 24th day of June 2021, to order at 9:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Present: Commissioner Thomas Young, Commissioner Thomas Bardwell, Commissioner Kim Vaughan, Commissioner Douglas DuRussel, Commissioner Dan Grimshaw, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey, Jennifer Leitzel, Ed Maschke, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Kyle O'Meara, Laura Bassett, Alecia Little

Present Virtually: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Malisa Pyles, Kim Brinkman, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Sandra Nielsen, Debbie Babich, Mike Miller, Heidi Chicilli, Mark Haney, Jana Brown, Robert Baxter, Shannon Gwizdala, Barry Lapp, Bob DeCoe

At 9:00 a.m., there were a total of 23 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Public Comment:

Bob DeCoe, Fremont Township, read a letter that he sent to the Board that detailed changes he would like to see made to the ORV Ordinance.

Malisa Pyles, Watertown Township, expressed concern over ORV riders that are not following the rules and being disrespectful to property owners.

Kristen Wright sent a letter to the Board regarding the ORV Ordinance.

Board discussed the change made in reference to golf carts within the Tuscola County ORV Ordinance.

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the Public Hearing on the Tuscola County Proposed ORV Ordinance Amendment at 9:14 a.m. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, July 12, 2021 – 8:00 A.M.**

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole 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 12th day of July 2021, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Roll Call - Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person:

- District 1 - Thomas Young
- District 2 - Thomas Bardwell
- District 3 - Kim Vaughan (excused at 1:01 p.m.)
- District 4 - Douglas DuRussel
- District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:08 a.m.)

Others Present in-Person:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Judge Nancy L. Thane, Tip MacGuire, Ann Hepfer, Linda Strasz, Dr. William Morrone, Steve Anderson, Dan Skiver, Kelly Quiroga, Senator Kevin Daley, Shelly Lutz, Register John Bishop

Commissioner Absent:

None

Also Present Virtual:

Stacey Wilcox, Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Heidi Chicilli, Don Klier, Sandra Nielsen, Randy Pfau, Kim Brinkman, Karen Southgate, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Mark Haney, Mike Miller, Bob Baxter, Matt Brown, Debbie Babich, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Steve Anderson, Jana Brown, Tara Hofmeister, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Shannon Gwizdala, Maggie Root

At 8:08 a.m., there were 22 participants attending the meeting virtually.

New Business – Continued below

1. Justice Audio and Video Solutions (JAVS) Proposals – The following proposals were included in the agenda packet.
 - a. Proposal JUST-2285 Referee Hearing Room
 - b. Proposal JUST-2286 Probate Court SM
 - c. Proposal JUST-2287 Magistrate Hearing Room
 - d. Proposal JUST-2289 54th Circuit Court
 - e. Proposal JUST-2290 71B District Court

-Judge Amy Grace Gierhart presented the solution of creating a hybrid courtroom. This system would allow for all five courtrooms to have a video and audio recording of all proceedings. Board discussed the possibility of using ARPA Funds. Board discussed the matter at length. Matter to be placed on Thursday's Board Agenda.

County Updates –

-Board of Health Recommendation to Filling Health Officer Position - Ann Hepfer explained interviews have been completed with two individuals. Tip MacGuire has been offered the position by the interview team. Ann is requesting approval from the Board of Commissioners. Board would like to have the final report provided as well as the recommendation from the State prior to approval.

-Legislative Updates – Senator Kevin Daley provided an update of current legislation – Insulin, SOS office hours and late fees, and taxation on wind energy. The Board discussed Revenue Sharing, remote participation for Board meetings by Commissioners, Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative (MREC), Election Audit, Door to Door Vaccination, electric bills and solar energy.

New Business – Continued from above

2. Child Care Fund Projected Costs 2021-2022 – Karen Southgate, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Acting Director for Tuscola County, presented to the Board regarding the Child Care Fund Budget and the requested amount for the upcoming year. Linda Strasz, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, presented regarding the court programs and the funding requested for the upcoming year. She also addressed the upcoming program of Raise the Age. Board discussed the amount of funds requested for the upcoming year. Matters to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. Independent Contractor Agreement with List Psychological Services, PLC - Karen Southgate, MDHHS Acting Director for Tuscola County, presented regarding the agreement. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. Medical Examiner Office Update and Reducing Overdose Deaths - Dr. William Morrone presented regarding the Opioid Crisis. He also reviewed the last two months of calls that he has received since taking over the Medical Examiner position.
5. Blue Cross Blue Shield Renewal and Short-Term Disability Potential Change – Dan Skiver, Vice President Brown & Brown of Central Michigan, Inc, explained that this proposed renewal is a 16-month renewal in order to get the renewal date of January 1st each year and reviewed the proposed agreement. Dan also presented reading the Short-Term Disability agreement. Matters to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Recessed at 11:16 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:26 a.m.

At 11:26 a.m., there were 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

6. Farmland Preservation Program – Clayette Zechmeister stated that Lonnie Kester reported that just over 726 acres have been put into the PA116 Program in Tuscola County. Commissioner Grimshaw explained what the Purchase Development Right (PDR) Program is and how it is different than the PA116 Program. Clerk Fetting will research to see if documentation could be found on if a Board was ever appointed. Commissioner Grimshaw will follow up to see if he can gather information on what would be required of the County.
7. Tuscola County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Ordinance – Included in the Board packet for information.
8. Tuscola County Planning Commission PA 116 Request for Program – Board discussed the Planning Commission during the Farmland Preservation Program.
9. Region VII Area Agency on Aging Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2022 – Clayette Zechmeister presented the request. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
10. Register of Deeds Budget Amendment – Clayette Zechmeister explained the discrepancy in having a shortfall in the wages line item in the Register of Deeds budget as the part-time employee was calculated incorrectly. Clayette explained the amount for the budget amendment. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
11. Council on Aging Appointment – Clerk Fetting presented the two applications received for the open position. Donna Dipzinski is to be appointed to the partial term. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
12. Parks and Recreation Committee Appointment – Clerk Fetting presented the application received for the open position. Megan Rule to be appointed to the partial term. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Old Business

1. Murphy Lake Project – Clayette Zechmeister addressed the Board regarding how the Board would like to pay for the Project. She reviewed the funds that would be available if the Board chooses to do pre-pay for the project and the projected savings by doing that. Board discussed at length the options available. Matter to be placed on Thursday's Board Agenda.

Finance/Technology

Committee Leader Commissioner Young
Commissioner DuRussel

Primary Finance/Technology

1. MGT Cost Allocation Plan – Clayette Zechmeister presented to the Board regarding the plan and the proposed percentage costs to the various funds. Board discussed a 5% cap for the upcoming budget year. Matter to be placed on Thursday's Board Agenda.

2. Mid-Year Financial Reports
 - a. General Fund
 - b. Special Revenue Funds
 - c. All Funds Fund Balances

Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the reports that were included in the Board Agenda packet. The Board discussed the amount still owing on the Purdy Building. The Board discussed the Animal Control Budget.

Commissioner Vaughan excused at 1:01 p.m.

On Going and Other Finance and Technology

Finance

1. Proposed L-4029 Tuscola County 2021 Special Voted Tax Rates – Matter to be added to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion.
2. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Ad-Hoc Committee – Clayette Zechmeister provided an update from the recent meeting.
3. Preparation of Multi-Year Financial Planning – No update.
4. Pension Obligation Bond Refunding – Clayette Zechmeister provided an update and has paperwork that needs to be signed.

Technology – Eean Lee provided an update on projects that his team is working on. LinkedIn was hacked and his team is monitoring for any subsequent issues.

1. GIS Update
2. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page

Building and Grounds

Committee Leader Commissioner Grimshaw
Commissioner DuRussel

Primary Building and Grounds

1. None

On Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. State Police Water and Annexation
2. IT Department Space Needs
3. Vanderbilt Park Survey – Matter can be removed from the agenda.

Personnel

Committee Leader Commissioner Grimshaw
Commissioner Vaughan

Primary Personnel

1. Paperless Payroll Policy – Commissioner Grimshaw presented the proposed policy. Matter to be placed on Thursday's Agenda.

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Workman's Compensation
2. Michigan Employees Retirement System (MERS) - Annual Conference on October 7-8, 2021.
3. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) 7th District Meeting Updates – The MAC Annual Conference is on September 26-28, 2021 on Mackinaw Island.
4. Safety Committees – Watch for Grant Opportunities

Other Business as Necessary

1. Request for Proposals Professional Building Plan Review Services and Inspection Services – Bid Openings will be on Thursday, July 15, 2021.

-Clayette Zechmeister and Commissioner Bardwell provided an update to the contract on SAFEBuilt for the Putman Construction Project. Matter to be placed on Thursday's Board Agenda if the contract is ready.

On-Going Other Business as Necessary

1. Animal Control Ordinance

At 1:52 p.m., there were 14 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Public Comment Period

- Commissioner Bardwell provided correspondence regarding opening of air space.
- Clerk Fetting provided an update on the Farmland Preservation Program and the Committee establishment that was outlined in the Ordinance. It appears that a Committee was never appointed. The matter had been on Committee of the Whole Agenda in 2009 but dropped off in 2010.
- Clerk Fetting reported that her staff member, Rita Papp, has accepted the position as the Caro City Clerk.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, on the 15th day of July 2021 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 7/12/21

Description of Matter: Move that the 2021/2022 Child Care Fund Budget including both the Family Court at \$747,638.00 and Department of Health and Human Services at \$310,000.00 be approved and submitted to the state. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21

Description of Matter: Move to approve the contract with List Psychological Services to provide services to children or families who have active Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Tuscola County Child Protective Services (CPS) Category I or II cases, MDHHS Tuscola County Foster Care Cases (CFC) with children under the age of 18 and Tuscola County Family Court Delinquency Cases effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments be authorized.

- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21
- Description of Matter:** Move that the county health insurance coverage be continued with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the period of September 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 at a cost of \$17,250.00 per active contract. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the 12 month coverage of the Life and Disability Insurance plan with The Standard at the annual projected cost of \$58,578.00. This is a reduction from the previous year of \$12,510.00 or 17.60% Also, all necessary signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21
- Description of Matter:** Move that the per the request of the Region VII Area Agency on Aging, the Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2022 be approved and notification of this approval be forwarded to the Region VII Agency on Aging.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the budget amendment for the Register of Deeds office in the amount of \$14,175.00 for a part-time Account Clerk II position at 56 hours per pay or approximately 1,508 hours annually. This will increase the hours from the original budgeted position by 338 hours per year. Budget offset through the contingency line item 101-890-965-000.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to appoint Donna Dipzinski to the Region VII Council on Aging to fill a partial term that will expire December 31, 2021.

Agenda Reference: H

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21

Description of Matter: Move to appoint Megan Rule to the Parks and Recreation Committee to fill a partial term that will expire December 31, 2023.

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:

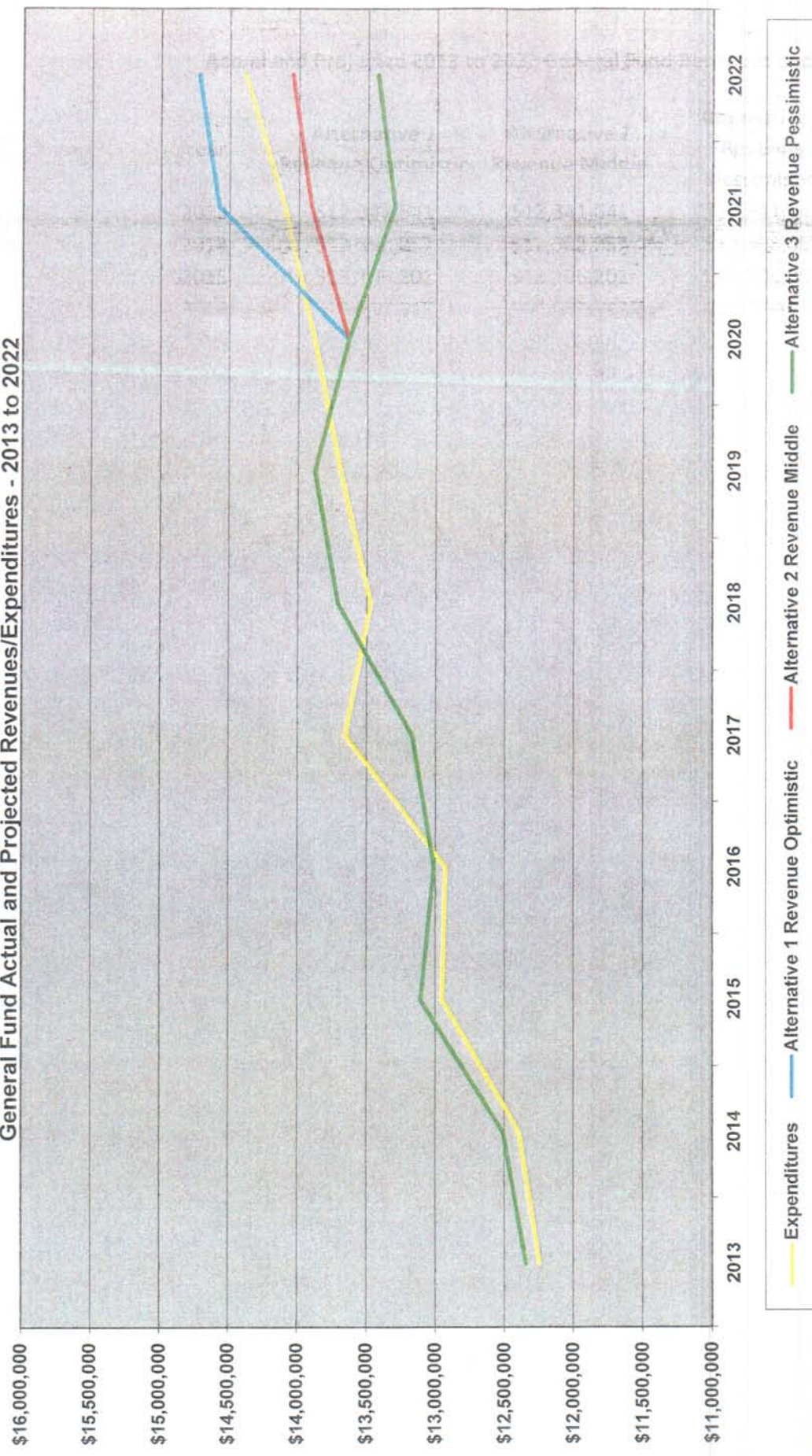
ABSTENTIONS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

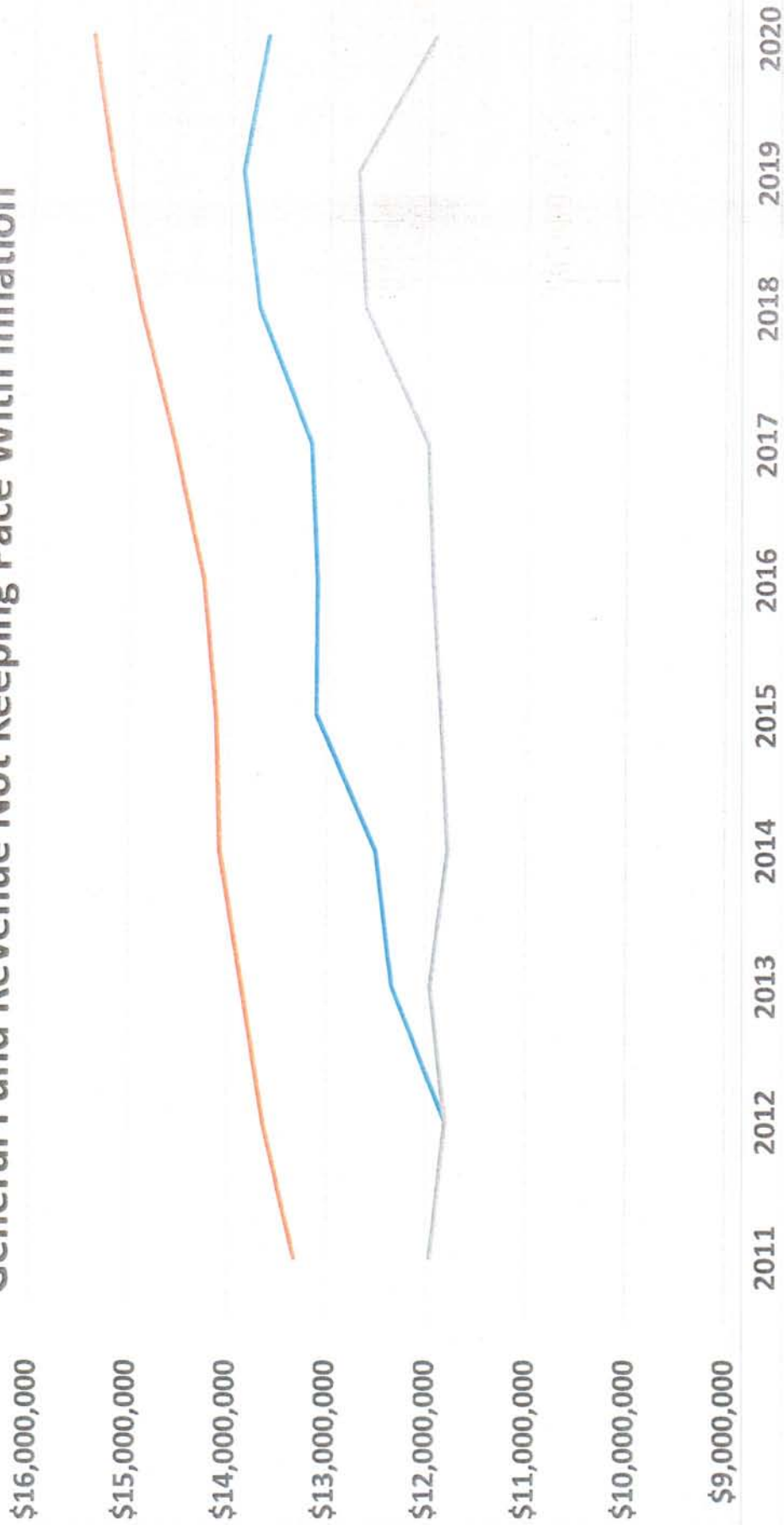
TUSCOLA COUNTY
 General Fund Actual and Projected Revenues/Expenditures - 2013 to 2022



Actual and Projected 2013 to 2022 General Fund Revenues and Expenditures

Year	Alternative 1 Revenue Optimistic	Alternative 2 Revenue Middle	Alternative 3 Revenue Pessimistic	Expenditures
2013	\$12,341,641	\$12,341,641	\$12,341,641	\$12,242,390
2014	\$12,508,057	\$12,508,057	\$12,508,057	\$12,391,411
2015	\$13,106,201	\$13,106,201	\$13,106,201	\$12,951,460
2016	\$13,007,817	\$13,007,817	\$13,007,817	\$12,925,977
2017	\$13,169,435	\$13,169,435	\$13,169,435	\$13,655,063
2018	\$13,706,730	\$13,706,730	\$13,706,730	\$13,471,648
2019	\$13,875,125	\$13,875,125	\$13,875,125	\$13,688,777
2020	\$13,633,648	\$13,633,648	\$13,633,648	\$13,880,506
2021	\$14,576,322	\$13,906,320	\$13,300,927	\$14,102,594
2022	\$14,722,085	\$14,045,383	\$13,428,507	\$14,384,645

General Fund Revenue Not Keeping Pace With Inflation



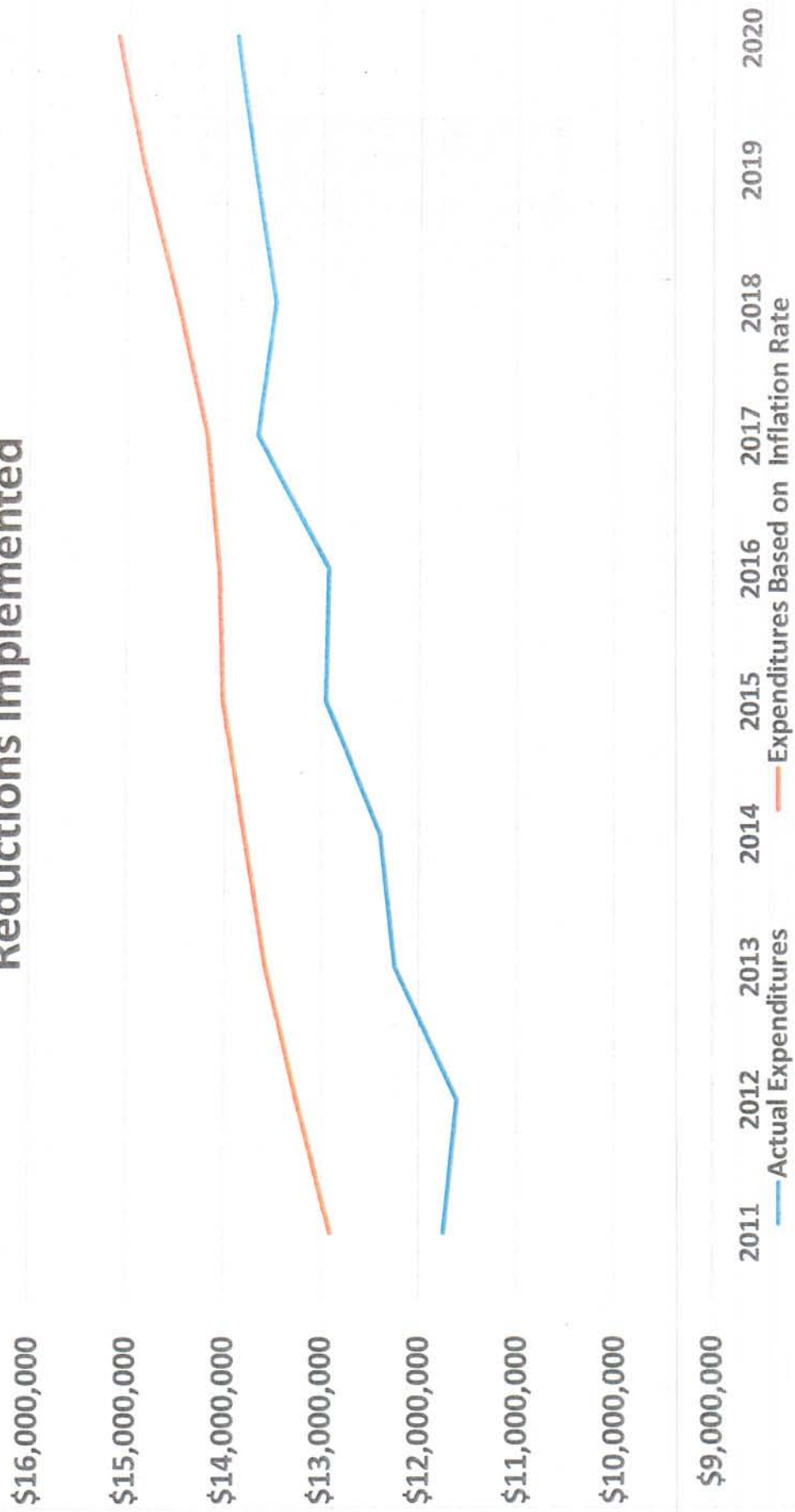
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General Fund Revenue Not Keeping Pace With Inflation

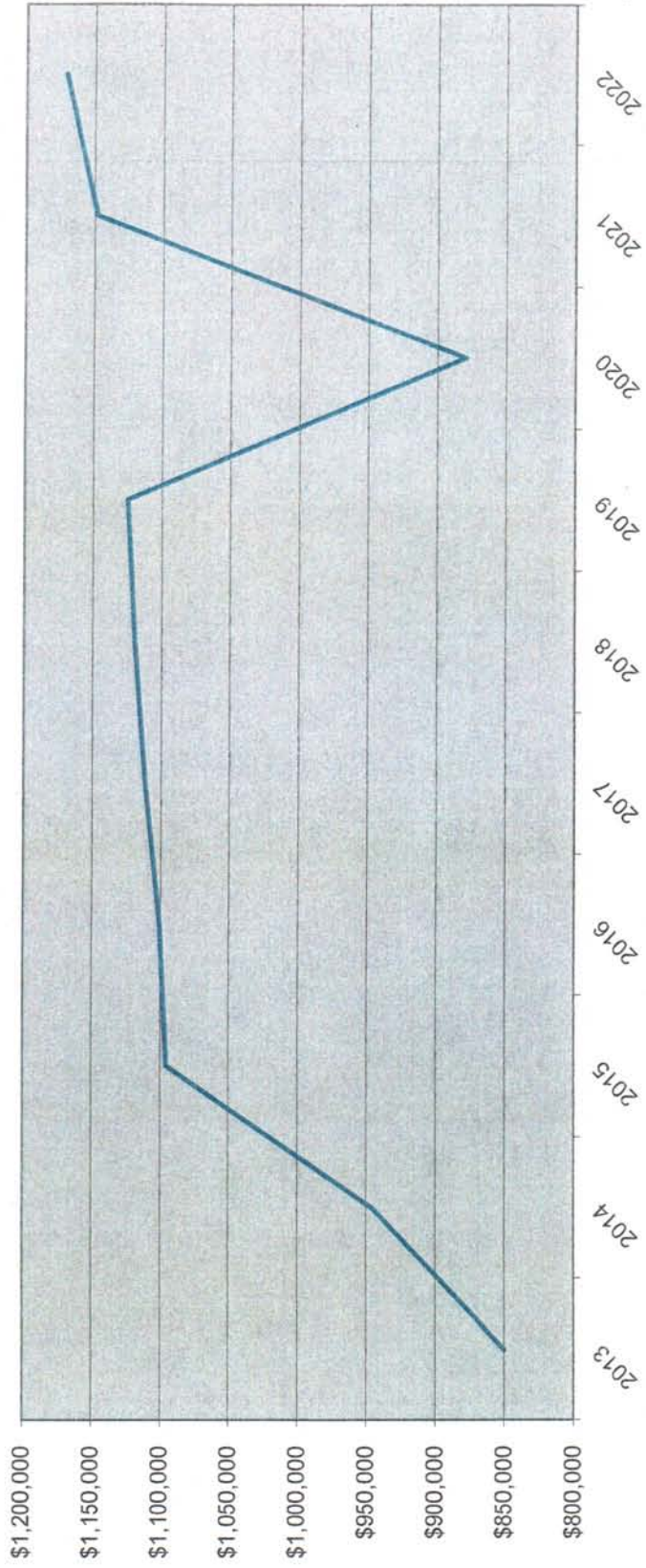
Year	Michigan State Tax Commission Annual Inflation Factor	Actual General Fund Revenue	Inflation Adjusted Revenue	Actual Revenue Excluding Wind Turbine Revenue	Actual Revenue Over (Under) Inflation Adjusted Revenue	Actual Revenue Excluding Wind Turbines Over (Under) Inflation Adjusted Revenue
2011	1.027	\$11,955,718	\$13,317,015	\$11,955,718	(\$1,361,297)	(\$1,361,297)
2012	1.024	\$11,804,141	\$13,636,623	\$11,804,141	(\$1,832,482)	(\$1,832,482)
2013	1.016	\$12,341,641	\$13,854,809	\$11,958,480	(\$1,513,168)	(\$1,896,329)
2014	1.016	\$12,508,057	\$14,076,486	\$11,786,937	(\$1,568,429)	(\$2,289,549)
2015	1.003	\$13,106,201	\$14,118,716	\$11,859,151	(\$1,012,515)	(\$2,259,565)
2016	1.009	\$13,102,306	\$14,245,784	\$11,935,910	(\$1,143,478)	(\$2,309,874)
2017	1.021	\$13,169,435	\$14,544,946	\$11,992,111	(\$1,375,511)	(\$2,552,835)
2018	1.024	\$13,706,730	\$14,894,024	\$12,630,318	(\$1,187,294)	(\$2,263,706)
2019	1.019	\$13,875,126	\$15,177,011	\$12,711,193	(\$1,301,885)	(\$2,465,818)
2020	1.014	\$13,633,648	\$15,389,489	\$11,940,164	(\$1,755,841)	(\$3,449,325)
Total		\$129,203,003	\$143,254,904	\$120,574,123	(\$14,051,901)	(\$22,680,781)

General Fund Expenditures Below Inflation - Expenditure Reductions Implemented



General Fund Expenditures Below Inflation - Expenditure Reductions Implemented				
Year	Michigan State Tax Commission Inflation Factor	Actual Expenditures	Expenditures Based on Inflation Rate	Actual Revenue Less Than Inflation Adjusted Revenue
2011	1.017	\$11,750,648	\$12,904,317	(\$1,153,669)
2012	1.027	\$11,614,047	\$13,252,734	(\$1,638,687)
2013	1.024	\$12,242,390	\$13,570,799	(\$1,328,409)
2014	1.016	\$12,391,411	\$13,787,932	(\$1,396,521)
2015	1.016	\$12,951,457	\$14,008,539	(\$1,057,082)
2016	1.003	\$12,925,966	\$14,050,564	(\$1,124,598)
2017	1.009	\$13,655,063	\$14,177,020	(\$521,957)
2018	1.021	\$13,471,648	\$14,474,737	(\$1,003,089)
2019	1.024	\$13,688,778	\$14,822,131	(\$1,133,353)
2020	1.019	\$13,880,506	\$15,103,751	(\$1,223,245)
Total		\$128,571,914	\$140,152,523	(\$11,580,609)

State Revenue Sharing Trends



Total Revenues

STATE REVENUE SHARING					
Year	Total		Dollar Change	Percent Change	
	Revenues				
2013	\$ 849,775		\$11,110	1.3%	
2014	\$ 945,806		\$96,031	11.3%	
2015	\$ 1,095,464		\$149,658	15.8%	
2016	\$ 1,100,611		\$5,147	0.5%	
2017	\$ 1,111,427		\$10,816	1.0%	
2018	\$ 1,119,183		\$7,756	0.7%	
2019	\$ 1,124,416		\$5,234	0.5%	
2020	\$ 878,875		(\$245,541)	-21.8%	
2021	\$ 1,147,447		\$268,572	30.6%	
2022	\$ 1,170,297		\$ 22,850	2.0%	
Source: County audits and financial reports					
State Revenue Sharing was reactivated in 2008					

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total
1. Annex											
Roof Replacement						\$50,000					\$0
Parking Lots Resurfacing	\$6,500			\$10,000							\$50,000
Parking Lots Sealing											\$6,500
Tuckpointing						\$40,000					\$10,000
Window Replacement							\$5,500				\$40,000
Painting		\$5,000									\$10,500
Remodeling											\$0
HVAC											\$15,000
Sidewalks											\$0
Plumbing											\$0
Electrical Upgrading											\$0
Floor Covering							\$15,000				\$15,000
Total Annex	\$21,500	\$5,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$90,000	\$20,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$147,000
2. Courthouse											
Roof Replacement						\$80,000					\$80,000
Parking Lots Resurfacing											\$0
Parking Lots Sealing											\$0
Tuckpointing			\$42,000			\$150,000		\$45,000			\$87,000
Window Replacement	\$5,000										\$155,000
Painting		\$20,000									\$20,000
Remodeling											\$0
HVAC		\$600,000							\$50,000		\$650,000
Sidewalks	\$50,000										\$50,000
Plumbing										\$150,000	\$150,000
Electrical Upgrading											\$0
Floor Covering	\$55,000	\$30,000	\$42,000	\$0	\$0	\$230,000	\$0	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$30,000
Total Courthouse	\$55,000	\$650,000	\$42,000	\$0	\$0	\$230,000	\$0	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$1,222,000
3. Jail											
Roof Replacement						\$100,000					\$100,000
Parking Lot Resurfacing											\$0
Parking Lots Sealing				\$6,000					\$6,000		\$12,000
Tuckpointing			\$25,000					\$25,000			\$50,000
Window Replacement	\$275,000										\$275,000
Painting											\$0
Remodeling		\$50,000									\$50,000
HVAC		\$8,000			\$25,000		\$50,000				\$83,000
Sidewalks	\$50,000										\$50,000
Plumbing											\$0
Electrical Upgrading											\$0
Floor Covering	\$325,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$630,000
Total Jail	\$325,000	\$68,000	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$630,000
4. Cooperative Extension											
Roof Replacement										\$12,000	\$12,000
Parking Lot Resurfacing											\$0
Parking Lots Sealing			\$4,000					\$4,000			\$8,000
Tuckpointing		\$15,000					\$6,000				\$21,000
Window Replacement							\$15,000				\$15,000
Painting			\$5,500					\$5,500			\$11,000
Remodeling											\$0
HVAC						\$5,000					\$5,000
Sidewalks											\$0
Plumbing											\$0
Electrical Upgrading											\$0
Floor Covering			\$8,000								\$8,000

Electrical Upgrading	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,200	\$8,500	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,700
Floor Covering	\$0										
Total Maintenance Building	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,200	\$8,500	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,700
14. Purdy Building											
Roof Replacement				\$20,000							\$20,000
Parking Lot Resurfacing											\$0
Parking Lots Sealing											\$0
Tuckpointing	\$10,000			\$5,000							\$15,000
Window Replacement							\$10,000				\$20,000
Painting		\$10,000									\$0
Remodeling											\$0
HVAC						\$15,000					\$15,000
Sidewalks											\$0
Plumbing											\$0
Electrical Upgrading											\$0
Floor Covering		\$10,000									\$0
Total Purdy Building	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,000
15. Luder rd Pole Building											
Roof Replacement											\$0
Parking Lot Resurfacing											\$0
Parking Lots Sealing											\$0
Tuckpointing											\$0
Window Replacement											\$0
Painting											\$0
Remodeling											\$0
HVAC											\$0
Sidewalks											\$0
Plumbing											\$0
Electrical Upgrading											\$0
Floor Covering											\$0
Total Luder Rd Pole Building	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
16. Vanderbilt Park											
Roof Replacement											\$5,000
Parking Lot Improvements				\$5,000							\$0
Playground equipment											\$0
Tables											\$0
Property Purchase											\$0
Painting											\$0
Remodeling											\$0
HVAC											\$0
Trails											\$0
Plumbing											\$0
Electrical Upgrading											\$0
Floor Covering											\$0
Total Vanderbilt Park	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Total Maintenance	\$86,500	\$1,036,500	\$214,500	\$44,500	\$142,000	\$694,200	\$124,500	\$113,000	\$99,500	\$252,000	\$3,307,200

Note: These numbers represent the replacement of items due to normal wear and tear. Any future Jail replacement, or State Lease possible future requirements are n

PROJECT SUMMARY

Total Installation Price:	\$294,618.92
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Grand Total:	\$294,618.92
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Payment Terms

Payment Schedule	Amount	Due Date
Initial Payment Prior to Scheduling	\$73,654.73	
Final Payment Upon Completion	\$220,964.19	

Client accepts this Quote inclusive of its Scope of Work, Pricing and Payment Terms. Contractor agrees to furnish the equipment and materials listed and perform the work in an expedient, workmanlike and professional manner.

Client: Eean Lee

Date

Don Klier

7/8/2021

Contractor: Justice AV Solutions, Inc

Date

MI Tuscola County Total

6 Middle Atlantic VTF1 \$114.00
Vent Panel, 1 RU, Perforated, 25% Open Area

Equipment: \$11,952.86

Labor: \$7,500.00

Equipment Rack & Wire Management Total \$19,452.86

Equipment Subtotal: \$227,918.92

Labor Subtotal: \$66,700.00

Project Subtotal: \$294,618.92

MI Tuscola County Total

* Price Includes Accessories

PAPERLESS PAYROLL POLICY

Adopted: _____

Effective July 23, 2021

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to move the county to a more effective paperless payroll system. This policy applies to all parties who receive a payroll check from the Payroll Department of the Controller's Office. The Human Resource Director shall be responsible for implementation of this policy.

2. POLICY

Any employee not currently using Direct Deposit will be given up to eight (8) weeks from the date of the adoption of this policy, to contact the Human Resources Department and provide their direct deposit information. If information is not provided within that time period, the employee will receive a re-loadable Debit Payroll Card for all future pays. Employees who have provided an e-mail address to the Human Resources Department will receive their paystubs via email. Employees may request an email address be added to their account or update email addresses as necessary.

All employees hired after the adoption date, will be required to either provide direct deposit information, or they will be provided with a Debit Payroll card.

2021 Percent of Indirect Cost on Special Millages Tax Revenue

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DESCRIPTION	12-31-20		2021 TOTAL		2021		2021 General Fund Revenue if Capped at 5%
	Available Fund Balance	Wind Reserves	MILLAGE	INDIRECT COST	% OF TAX REVENUE		
Revenues							
VOTED ROAD PATROL	1,089,941.00	243,990.00	2,642,572.00	91,105.00	3.45%	91,105.00	3.45%
VOTED PRIMARY ROAD	44,328.18	185,552.00	1,918,746.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0
VOTED RECYCLING	33,184.45	28,821.00	298,034.00	66,968.00	22.47%	14,901.70	5%
VOTED MOSQUITO	375,164.47	121,358.00	1,254,953.00	93,478.00	7.45%	62,747.65	5%
VOTED MSU	(19,199.66)	19,215.00	198,689.00	1,140.00	0.57%	1,140.00	0.57%
VOTED VETERANS	34,323.27	32,665.00	337,773.00	9,283.00	2.75%	9,283.00	2.75%
VOTED BRIDGE	1,448,827.93	92,363.00	995,100.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0
VOTED SENIOR CITIZENS	94,374.59	58,259.00	635,807.00	8,697.00	1.37%	8,697.00	1.37%
VOTED MEDICAL CARE FACILITY	941,489.66	48,036.00	494,124.00	1,973.00	0.40%	1,973.00	0.40%
	4,042,433.89	830,259.00	8,775,798.00	272,644.00	3.11%	189,847.35	
						(82,796.65)	

2020 to 2021 Indirect Cost Comparisons

Incoming General Fund Revenue from Indirect Costs

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2020 Actual Indirect Costs	2021 Budget Indirect Costs	2020-2021 Changes	2021 Fund Budget	10% De Minimus (1)	Difference from CAP Plan to 10% De Minimus
Revenues							
Dept 000 - CONTROL							
101-000-699.207	INDIRECT COSTS - ROAD PATROL	68,368.00	91,105.00	22,737.00	2,731,668.00	273,166.80	182,061.80
101-000-699.230	INDIRECT COSTS-RECYCLING	42,573.00	66,968.00	24,395.00	385,785.00	38,578.50	(28,389.50)
101-000-699.240	INDIRECT COST - MOSQUITO	84,295.00	93,478.00	9,183.00	1,254,558.00	125,455.80	31,977.80
101-000-699.279	INDIRECT COST VOTED MSU	1,408.00	1,140.00	(268.00)	180,032.00	18,003.20	16,863.20
101-000-699.295	INDIRECT COST VOTED VET	8,482.00	9,283.00	801.00	376,498.00	37,649.80	28,366.80
101-000-699.297	INDIRECT COST - SENIOR CITIZENS FND	7,197.00	8,697.00	1,500.00	582,479.00	58,247.90	49,550.90
101-000-699.298	INDIRECT COST - MEDICAL CARE FAC	1,452.00	1,973.00	521.00	251,483.00	25,148.30	23,175.30
TOTAL REVENUES		213,775.00	272,644.00	58,869.00	5,762,503.00	576,250.30	303,606.30

(1) De Minimus Calculations are at 100% of Expenses. Actual rules will exclude certain expenses.
Those rules are not identified at this time.

Voted Millage Indirect Cost Charges by Department for 2021 Budget

	Road Patrol		Recycling		Mosquito		MSU		Veterans		Veterans Space		Senior Citizens		Medical Care Facility	
Indirect Cost Departments																
Building Depreciation	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,855	\$	-	\$	1,009	\$	-	\$	-
Equipment Depreciation	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
101-104 Postage	\$	212	\$	10	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
101-202 Professionals Svcs	\$	1,334	\$	988	\$	812	\$	82	\$	149	\$	-	\$	212	\$	82
101-211 Legal Services	\$	19,547	\$	3,953	\$	9,124	\$	1,140	\$	2,162	\$	-	\$	4,014	\$	5,813
101-215 Clerk	\$	875	\$	349	\$	609	\$	11	\$	45	\$	-	\$	49	\$	15
101-223 Controller	\$	60,080	\$	19,737	\$	41,193	\$	1,025	\$	2,093	\$	-	\$	2,241	\$	860
101-253 Treasurer	\$	9,276	\$	8,896	\$	5,986	\$	937	\$	1,380	\$	-	\$	1,881	\$	1,016
101-259 Computer Ops	\$	25,308	\$	4,328	\$	18,281	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
101-265 Building & Grnds	\$	6,032	\$	26,225	\$	10,338	\$	19,182	\$	-	\$	2,283	\$	-	\$	-
101-266 Human Svcs Bldg Maint	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
101-303 Security	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
101-865 Insurance	\$	135	\$	943	\$	1,951	\$	666	\$	162	\$	-	\$	300	\$	434
101-863 Sick & Vaca Fringes	\$	(6,386)	\$	1,539	\$	5,185	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Adjust for Direct	\$	116,413	\$	66,968	\$	93,479	\$	26,898	\$	5,991	\$	3,292	\$	8,697	\$	8,220
	\$	(25,308)	\$		\$		\$	(25,758)	\$		\$		\$		\$	(6,247)
FINAL CHARGED	\$	91,105	\$	66,968	\$	93,479	\$	1,140	\$	5,991	\$	3,292	\$	8,697	\$	1,973

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B: Tuscola

Remaining Installments Payment Schedule

Parcel: 075
Project: MURPHY LK MURPHY LAKE

Year	Begin Bal.	Principal	Interest	Total	Outstanding	YE Done
2021	\$253,500.00	\$16,900.00	\$6,881.22	\$23,781.22	\$236,600.00	No
2022	\$236,600.00	\$16,900.00	\$10,903.27	\$27,803.27	\$219,700.00	No
2023	\$219,700.00	\$16,900.00	\$10,124.46	\$27,024.46	\$202,800.00	No
2024	\$202,800.00	\$16,900.00	\$9,371.26	\$26,271.26	\$185,900.00	No
2025	\$185,900.00	\$16,900.00	\$8,566.85	\$25,466.85	\$169,000.00	No
2026	\$169,000.00	\$16,900.00	\$7,788.05	\$24,688.05	\$152,100.00	No
2027	\$152,100.00	\$16,900.00	\$7,009.24	\$23,909.24	\$135,200.00	No
2028	\$135,200.00	\$16,900.00	\$6,247.51	\$23,147.51	\$118,300.00	No
2029	\$118,300.00	\$16,900.00	\$5,451.63	\$22,351.63	\$101,400.00	No
2030	\$101,400.00	\$16,900.00	\$4,672.83	\$21,572.83	\$84,500.00	No
2031	\$84,500.00	\$16,900.00	\$3,894.02	\$20,794.02	\$67,600.00	No
2032	\$67,600.00	\$16,900.00	\$3,123.75	\$20,023.75	\$50,700.00	No
2033	\$50,700.00	\$16,900.00	\$2,336.41	\$19,236.41	\$33,800.00	No
2034	\$33,800.00	\$16,900.00	\$1,557.61	\$18,457.61	\$16,900.00	No
2035	\$16,900.00	\$16,900.00	\$778.80	\$17,678.80	\$0.00	No

Total: \$253,500.00 \$88,706.91 \$342,206.91

Savings

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TUSCOLA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Mustafa Mark Hamed, MD, MBA, MPH, Medical Director

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Ann Hepfer, RN, BS, Health Officer

July 07, 2021

The Health Officer Selection Committee is recommending Eugene MacGuire (Tip) to fill the Health Officer position. Tip is a Registered Sanitarian and currently the Environmental Health Director for both Tuscola and Huron County Health Departments. He has been serving as the Environmental Health Director from 2009 – current. Prior to this he was the Tuscola County Environmental Health Director from 2006-2009. He has over 27 years of Environmental/Public Health experience. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Health from Ferris State University.

Tip has served as chair of the MALEHA Ground Water Committee and was a member of the MALEHA Board of Directors and is also serving as a Technical Consultant for environmental regulatory compliance policies. He works well with other state and local agencies such as MDARD, EGLE, DHHS, local schools, and local businesses. This past year he coordinated with Dr. Shannon Briggs of EGLE and the Huron Regional Water Authority to open the first QPCR Water Lab in Huron County. In the early 2000's he coordinated efforts in Tuscola County for conducting West Nile surveillance/testing of corvids and worked with Mosquito Abatement on mitigation efforts on a community wide scale. He understands the importance of cross jurisdictional efforts as he serves as member of the MI Thumb Public Health Alliance. He has coordinated the implementation of the Health Space Environmental software for all four counties. He was instrumental in getting all four counties water and septic records electronically scanned for availability in the field and with GIS mapping. He has been involved in the development of strategic planning for the two agencies, and for the MI Thumb Public Health Alliance. He understands the importance of the Community Health Improvement Plan and worked with the MI Thumb Public Alliance on planning for the implementation of the Community Health Assessment.

Most recently in the past year and a half he worked with Public Health efforts to curve the spread of COVID19. He worked with the Health Officer side by side in addressing the Governors and MDHHS Executive Orders. He understands the role of public health and the responsibility that we have under the Public Health Code. He has had to issue cease and desist orders and has taken literally hundreds of

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phone calls from restaurants and businesses on implementing the COVID19 Executive Orders, and implementation of the MIOSHA regulations. He handled all these situations with compassion and worked side by side the nursing staff and Health Officer in providing and finding resources for thousands of residents over the past year and a half.

Tip has completed all the FEMA ICS certifications that are required for this position along with the Public Information All-Hazards Incidents training. He played a vital role in incident command in the area of logistics and Safety Officer when setting up mass COVID19 vaccination clinics and COVID19 testing sites.


Tip works very well with the Administrative staff in both Huron and Tuscola County Health Departments. He believes in community service and served as a High School Varsity Softball Coach from 2016-2020, as an assistant Varsity Softball Coach from 2013-2015 and a local School Board Member from 2008-2012.

The BOH selection committee is recommending to both the Huron County Board of Commissioners and the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to approve via motion, the hiring of Tip MacGuire as the next Associated Health Officer/for Huron and Tuscola Counties with a start date of 10/01/2021 and to approve Ann Hepfer to forward Tip MacGuire' name to seek approval from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for final approval. The Association to share the Health Officer will be done via Intergovernmental Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ann Hepfer
Health Officer



Eileen Hiser
Chair-Tuscola County Board of Health

7-7-21

Date



Kim Vaughan
Tuscola County Board of Commissioner

7-9-21

Date

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June 16, 2021

Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
125 West Lincoln Street
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Commissioner Bardwell:

The Human Development Commission (HDC) is submitting a non-competitive application to the Region VII Area Agency on Aging to continue providing high-quality services for older adults in Tuscola County. As instructed, a *Senior Services and Budget Summary* for the period beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022 is enclosed for your review.

HDC is expected to receive \$322,640 from Region VII Area Agency on Aging to support much-needed eldercare services in Tuscola County. In addition, HDC is also expected to receive a three-county (Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola) allocation of \$20,000 specific to Minority Outreach/ Advocacy services. A breakdown of allocations for service categories follows.

Case Coordination & Support	\$31,790	Caregiver Training	\$12,093
Transportation	\$7,872	Congregate Nutrition	\$20,858
Chore	\$7,418	Home Delivered Meals	\$171,439
Personal Care	\$25,988	Homemaking	\$36,917
Respite Care	\$8,265	Minority Outreach/ Advocacy	\$20,000
		(three-county allocation)	

Thank you for your continued support as HDC strengthens its capacity to deliver high-quality services for older adults, especially the frail elderly and homebound, in Tuscola County. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed *Senior Services and Budget Summary*, please contact me at 989.673.4121 or lorio@hdc-caro.org.

Sincerely,

Lori K. Offenbecher
Executive Director

Enclosure

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Fiscal Year 2022 Summary of Senior Services

The Human Development Commission (HDC) is submitting a non-competitive application to the Region VII Area Agency on Aging to continue providing the following services for adults age 60 and over (unless otherwise indicated) who reside in Huron, Sanilac, or Tuscola County. In addition to each county's Board of Commissioners, the Region VII Area Agency on Aging is a principal funding investor of the *Senior Services* highlighted below.

1. Case Coordination and Support

Case Coordination and Support provides a single point of entry/single point of contact to address health, social, and emotional needs of seniors and their caregivers. The outcome of this case management activity is to help seniors live as independently as possible by identifying and coordinating access to appropriate community resources.

HDC's Senior Services Specialist performs an in-depth assessment to determine each senior's specific needs such as home delivered meals, weatherization services, or utility assistance. Assessments are completed within ten days of the initial request, and reassessments occur at six-month intervals. A Client Service Plan is developed with the senior and their caregiver, when appropriate. The plan identifies needs, potential services/resources, applicable timetables, and persons/groups responsible for service delivery. The plan is carefully monitored (and modified) to safeguard the health and general well-being of each valued customer.

2. Transportation

The Transportation service uses volunteer drivers to assist seniors who cannot drive or who are hesitant to travel great distances on their own. Transportation targets the disabled senior or frail elderly with limited, if any, familial support network. Examples of destinations include:

- Physician, dentist, podiatrist, or optometrist
- Hospital for tests, lab work, physical therapy, or other treatment
- Visiting a hospitalized spouse or other family member
- Department of Veterans Affairs or other service agency
- Local business (e.g., pharmacy, grocery store, etc.)
- One of HDC's senior dining centers

3. Chore

The Chore service assists seniors with non-routine household tasks that increase home safety and foster independent living. Examples of eligible chore tasks include:

- Washing walls and ceilings
- Washing windows
- Installing screens/storm windows
- Scrubbing/waxing floors
- Cleaning basements or attics
- Cleaning garages

HDC will employ a part-time handyman to perform the cumbersome household tasks. The handyman will contact eligible seniors to schedule convenient dates/times for the Chore service. Upon completion of the assigned work task(s), the senior signs a work order indicating that the service was completed satisfactorily.

4. Personal Care

Personal Care fosters independence and self-reliance among seniors with functional or cognitive limitations by providing assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL). HDC uses independent contractors to perform personal care needs, which include such ADLs as ambulating, bathing, dressing, eating, grooming, and toileting.

5. Respite Care

Respite Care provides a temporary relief for caregivers whose care recipients (often an aging parent or spouse with cognitive limitations) require continual supervision. HDC uses independent contractors to provide the in-home care assistance, which may include:

- Attendant Care (senior is not bed-bound):
 - Basic Care (senior may or may not be bed-bound):
 - Assistance with ADLs, routine exercise schedule, and supervision of medications

6. Homemaking

The Homemaking services fosters independence and self-reliance among seniors with functional or cognitive limitations by providing assistance to maintain a safe living environment. HDC uses independent contractors to perform routine household tasks, which may include light housekeeping, shopping, laundry, ironing, and meal preparation. Independent contractors may also provide social and emotional support for seniors while performing the needed Homemaking service.

7. Caregiver Training

Caregiver Training provides services for adults who are caring for the frail elderly, the disabled, and the chronically ill in Huron, Sanilac, or Tuscola County. Eligible caregivers include persons who are: (a) age 60 and over and caring for someone who is age 60 and over, (b) age 60 and over and caring for someone who is under age 60, or (c) under age 60 and caring for someone who is age 60 and over.

HDC will offer individual and support counseling for caregivers that focuses on managing the emotional and physical stresses of caregiving. Individual counseling is provided at HDC offices, the caregiver's home, or other agreed upon locations. Support group counseling is provided at accessible locations like local hospitals and area churches in each county.

8. Congregate Nutrition

Congregate Nutrition provides well-balanced meals for seniors at dining center located throughout Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola County. Congregate Nutrition promotes better health through improved nutrition, social interaction, and planned activities. HDC strictly adheres to local, state, and federal regulations governing the provision of meals for seniors. Areas of regulatory requirements include:

- Menus and meal content
- Food preparation and storage
- Meal temperatures
- Portion control
- Inventory control and ordering
- Meal delivery
- Form completion and submission
- Site attendance

9. Home Delivered Meals

Home Delivered Meals (HDM) assists seniors who are homebound or otherwise unable to prepare their own meals in Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola County. The need for HDMs may be temporary due to recent hospitalization, or the need may be permanent because of a lasting disability or prolonged illness.

Volunteer drivers receive travel reimbursement when delivering HDMs. Hot meals are delivered three days each week on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Frozen meals may also be delivered on these days for consumption during the remaining days of the week. Emergency meals are stored in the home, especially during the winter months, as inclement weather may prohibit delivery.

10. Minority Outreach/Advocacy

Minority Outreach/Advocacy ensures persons age 60 and over have knowledge of and access to needed services. The purpose of outreach/advocacy is two-fold. First, older adults gain access to services that improve functional independence and self-reliance. Second, older adults who lack economic, social, and familial networks have someone to advocate on their behalf and represent their interests in a complex, often confusing, system of human services. Minority Outreach/Advocacy involves the identification of and subsequent contact with isolated older adults and/or older adults in greatest social or economic need with an emphasis on low-income minority seniors.

Tuscola County Aging Budget 21/22 Worksheet of Funding

	Original Allocation	Total Allocation	Rate	AAA Rate 90%	Units	Total AAA Cost	Cost per Client	Actual # of Clients
Congregate	20,858.00	20,858.00	2.78	2.50	8,337	23,176	117.46	197
HDM	171,439.00	171,439.00	2.78	2.50	68,521	190,488	606.05	314
CCS	31,790.00	31,790.00	14.78	13.30	2,390	35,322	91.39	386
Transportation	7,872.00	7,872.00	5.60	5.04	1,562	8,747	86.98	101
Chore	7,418.00	7,418.00	14.44	13.00	571	8,242	150.50	55
ADS	-	-	13.03	11.73	-	-	2,579.40	0
CGT	12,093.00	12,093.00	39.24	35.32	342	13,437	432.63	31
Personal Care	25,988.00	25,988.00	15.00	13.50	1,925	28,876	888.43	33
Respite	8,265.00	8,265.00	14.42	12.98	637	9,183	696.00	13
Homemaking	36,917.00	36,917.00	14.42	12.98	2,845	41,019	476.78	86
TOTAL REG VII	322,640.00	322,640.00						1,216.234

USDA CURRENT 65,674.00 Food Programs only
 COUNTY ALLOCATION 478,658.00 Flexibility between programs
 MEDICAID WAIVER 27,523.00 Program specific
 DONATIONS 72,432.00 Based on services
 OTHER MISC INCOME 987.00 Based on Services

TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE 967,914.00



MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL
RISK MANAGEMENT
A U T H O R I T Y

June 25, 2021

Clayette Zechmeister
County of Tuscola
125 W. Lincoln Street
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Clayette Zechmeister:

Thank you for your recent renewal with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA). On behalf of the MMRMA Board of Directors, I am very pleased to provide County of Tuscola with \$118,087. This represents your share of the distribution of excess net assets from MMRMA to current eligible renewing Members declared by the Board in January 2021. In accordance with your instructions, the full amount of \$118,087 will be sent via electronic funds transfer to the bank account indicated on your ACH Authorization Form.

The Board determined whether to declare a distribution of excess net assets based on a recommendation from the Investment Committee and the most recent analysis by our actuary of net asset adequacy of MMRMA at June 30, 2020. This year, the Board declared a net asset distribution of \$23,097,364 to eligible Members. Many factors contribute to the ability of the Board to declare a distribution, including better than expected loss trends, good risk management practices, responsiveness to risk control recommendations, and a successful well-diversified long-term investment strategy. A new actuarial analysis is performed each year to determine if there are excess net assets eligible for distribution; because each year's analysis is unique, there is no guarantee of future distributions.

However, the essential and most important factor allowing MMRMA to distribute excess net assets is the long-term commitment of its Members. A majority of MMRMA Members have over 20 years of continuous membership, and several have more than 30 continuous years with our organization. The method used to calculate the distribution of excess net assets recognizes and rewards those municipalities with sustained longevity. In addition to your years of continuous membership, the calculation method considers your claim loss history in excess of your self-insured retention (SIR) layer and your contributions to the General Fund over the past five years. Without your ongoing participation and commitment to best practices, such distributions would not be possible. The ultimate recognition of the success of our organization goes to you – the MMRMA Members. The Board and I sincerely thank you for your loyal support of MMRMA.

Warmest regards,

Michael L. Rhyner
Executive Director

CC: Tim McClorey

**Tuscola County
Human Services Collaborative**

Human Service Collaborative Council (HSCC)
1401 Cleaver Road
Caro, MI 48723
(989)912-9806

June, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

The Human Service Collaborative Council of Tuscola County is writing this letter in support of building a new Jail in Caro, Michigan. The HSCC Board meets quarterly and is comprised of local human and health agencies including Department of Health and Human Services, Tuscola Intermediate School District, Human Development Commission, McLaren, Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems, List Psychological, Chance for Change, Sheriff's Department, Great Start Tuscola, Child Advocacy Center, Thumb Area Psychological Service, Tuscola Prevention and Recovery Coalition, Blue Water for Independent Living, Prosecutor's Office, Suicide Prevention Team, Judge Nancy Thane, Tuscola Trauma Team, Northeast Michigan 211, Hills and Dales General Hospital, and Nemsca Head Start, Thumb Community Health Partnership and Tuscola Opioid Response Consortium.

The HSCC Board viewed and discussed the Jail Improvement video at the April 13th 2021 quarterly board meeting. Many of the members expressed surprise at the state of the current jail. The brown water and mold certainly is a health concern for inmates and staff. There clearly is not adequate space for staff to work in the current building. Setting up make-shift offices in the hallways is not acceptable, not only a safety issue, but an issue of respect. How can we expect to retain staff that are put in the hall to work?

The HSCC Board would like to extend full support of the plan to build a new incarceration center in Caro. One that would provide safety for inmates and staff, one that would provide enough space for all employees and inmates. One that would provide space for supervised family visits and therapy services. As a community we can work together to improve the lives of those engaged in the system with support and services, with the goal of reducing recidivism.

Thank you for your time today,
Sincerely,

Rachael Koepf

The Human Service Collaborative Council Board of Tuscola County
Community Collaborator



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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GRETCHEN WHITMER
5102 (Rev. 01-19) GOVERNOR

RACHAEL EUBANKS
STATE TREASURER

June 22, 2021

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
125 W. Lincoln Street
Caro, MI 48723

Dear Tuscola County Board of Commissioners,

At their meeting on May 24, 2021, the State Tax Commission ("STC") approved the petition of Angie Daniels as the Tuscola County Designated Assessor. The length and terms of this appointment have been detailed in the interlocal agreement supplied by Tuscola County. If, following an audit of assessing practices, a determination of noncompliance is made concerning a local unit assessment roll, the STC may require the Designated Assessor to serve as the unit's Assessor of Record.

Pursuant to MCL 211.10g(4)(e), the STC may revoke the approved designation of the current Designated Assessor if it is determined that the individual is not capable of ensuring that contracting assessing districts achieve and maintain substantial compliance with the requirements found in statute.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please email AssessingReformQuestions@michigan.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation throughout this process.

Sincerely,

David A. Buick, Executive Director
State Tax Commission

Cc: Tuscola County Clerk
Tuscola County Equalization



Tuscola County

Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

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[EXTERNAL] Local officials' views on Michigan's direction and state leaders' performance, from the Spring 2021 Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)

Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

Wed, Jul 7, 2021 at 8:36 AM

To: Thomas Bardwell <tbardwell@tuscolacounty.org>, Tom Young <tyoung@tuscolacounty.org>, Kim Vaughan <kvaughan@tuscolacounty.org>, Doug DuRussel <ddurussel@tuscolacounty.org>, Dan Grimshaw <dgrimshaw@tuscolacounty.org>

Cc: Jodi Fetting <jfetting@tuscolacounty.org>

Good Morning Commissioners,
Below is the U of M recent survey of Local Officials views that I participated in on the Governor and the Legislatures performance.

Very interesting and I will include it in Correspondence for next week's meeting.
Have a great day!

✓ **Faxed to Commissioner Grimshaw

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Debra Horner** <dhorner@umich.edu>

Date: Tue, Jul 6, 2021 at 8:17 AM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Local officials' views on Michigan's direction and state leaders' performance, from the Spring 2021 Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)

To: <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

Dear County Administrator Zechmeister,

Below is a link to a new report from the University of Michigan's Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) which presents Michigan local government leaders' views on the direction in which the state is headed, and their evaluations of the job performance of Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature.

In the Spring 2021 Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS), CLOSUP surveyed local government leaders like you from 1,364 Michigan jurisdictions (counties, cities, townships, and villages).

Local leaders' assessments of whether Michigan is headed in the "right direction" have declined sharply compared with last year. Two-thirds (67%) of Michigan's local officials say that the state has gotten off on the "wrong track" in 2021, compared with 46% who said the same at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in spring 2020. As in prior years, these assessments, as well as the evaluations of the Governor and Legislature, correspond closely to local leaders' partisan identification.

The report's key findings are summarized below, and the full report is available online at: myumi.ch/7ZyGK

You can read or download the report from the website, or if you contact us here at CLOSUP (closup-mpps@umich.edu or 734-647-4091), we would be happy to email you a PDF version.

Key Findings:

Statewide, two-thirds (67%, a record high) of Michigan's local officials

said in April and May 2021 that the state has gotten off on the wrong track, while less than a quarter (23%, a record low) say the state is generally going in the right direction. Consistent with prior surveys, there are wide gaps in these assessments across partisan identification. Among self-identified Republican local leaders, just 10% say the state is going in the right direction (down from 26% in 2020). Among officials who identify as Independents, 24% now say that Michigan is going in the right direction (down from 39% last year). Meanwhile, local officials who self-identify as Democrats are the most likely to express optimism about the direction of the state (63%), although this is also down from the 72% last year.

Despite pessimism of the direction of both the State of Michigan and the U.S. as a whole, most local leaders of all partisan groups give their local communities high marks. Statewide, 92% of both Republicans and Democrats say their own jurisdictions are headed in the right direction, as do 80% of Independents.

Local leaders' evaluations of Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature have declined in the past year. Less than a third (30%) currently rate Governor Whitmer's performance as either "excellent" or "good," down from 39% last year. Ratings of good or excellent for the Governor are found among 79% of Democratic local leaders, compared with 41% of Independents and just 10% of Republicans.

Meanwhile, 40% say the Michigan Legislature is doing a "poor" job, and only 14% say its performance is either excellent or good, the lowest such ratings for the Legislature since MPPS tracking began in 2011.

More detailed information is available in the report itself.

CLOSUP is happy to answer any questions you may have and to help you interpret the data. We would also be able to produce customized data tables for different groupings of local governments, such as responses for all jurisdictions within a particular county. Our goal is to help inform the policymaking process in Michigan at all levels.

The MPPS is conducted by CLOSUP in partnership with the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Municipal League, and Michigan Townships Association. The survey program is unique in the country as the only ongoing survey targeted at every unit of general purpose local government across an entire state.

For more information, contact MPPS staff by email at closup-mpps@umich.edu or by phone at 734-647-4091. More information is also available on the CLOSUP website at: <http://closup.umich.edu>. Follow CLOSUP on Twitter @closup.

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Local leaders' concerns about Michigan's direction spike, while evaluations of state leaders sink over the past year

By Debra Horner and Thomas Ivacko

This report presents the opinions of Michigan's local government leaders regarding the direction in which the state is headed, as well as their evaluations of the job performance of Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature. These findings are based on statewide surveys of local government leaders in the spring 2021 wave of the Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)—conducted between April 5 and June 7, 2021—and tracking comparisons to previous spring waves.

The Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS) is an ongoing census survey of all 1,856 general purpose local governments in Michigan conducted since 2009 by the Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP). Respondents for the Spring 2021 wave of the MPPS include county administrators, board chairs, and clerks; city mayors, managers, and clerks; village presidents, managers, and clerks; and township supervisors, managers, and clerks from 1,364 jurisdictions across the state.



Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy

 Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Key Findings

- Statewide, 67% of Michigan's local government officials say the state has gotten off on the wrong track, the highest level of pessimism reported since tracking began in 2011. Meanwhile, just 23% say the state is generally going in the right direction, a record low number.
 - » As in the past, these views are strongly associated with partisan identification, yet declining assessments of the state's direction are found among all partisan groups. Among self-identified Republican local leaders, just 10% say the state is going in the right direction, down from the 26% last year. Among Independents, 24% believe the state is currently headed in the right direction, down from 39% in 2020. And while 63% of Democrats remain optimistic about the direction of the state, this percentage is also down from last year's high of 72%.
- Evaluations of Governor Gretchen Whitmer's job performance have also fallen sharply in the past year. Nearly half (48%) of Michigan's local officials rate her performance in 2021 as "poor," compared to 31% in 2020. Just a third (30%) currently rate her performance as either "excellent" or "good," down from 39% last year.
 - » Again, these ratings are correlated with partisanship. Ratings of good or excellent for Governor Whitmer are found among 79% of Democratic local leaders, compared with 41% of Independents and just 10% of Republicans.
 - » While evaluations of the Michigan Legislature's performance last year—at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic—were up slightly from prior years, local officials today are significantly more critical. Statewide, a full 40% of local leaders say the Legislature is doing a poor job, compared to 19% who said the same in 2020. Only 14% say its performance is either excellent or good, the lowest such ratings for the Legislature since MPPS tracking began.
 - » Although on prior surveys Republican local leaders have been the most likely to give the Legislature positive ratings, these have dropped substantially. Today just 15% of Republicans say the Legislature is doing an excellent or good job, in line with assessments by Independents (12%) and Democrats (15%).

Background

Since 2011, the MPPS survey has asked Michigan's local government leaders whether they feel the state is generally going in the right direction or if things have gotten off on the wrong track. The survey has also annually tracked their opinions on the job performance of the sitting governor and the Michigan Legislature. The following report presents these views among the chief elected and appointed officials who run local governments in every type of community across Michigan—from the largest and most densely-populated urban areas in the southeast, to the smallest, most rural and sparsely-populated areas of the Upper Peninsula—and reviews the changes over a decade, from when communities were just beginning to recover from the Great Recession and extending through the challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Just as last year's MPPS wave was launched in late March of 2020, the COVID-19 began to sweep across the state of Michigan. This prompted a subsequent statewide state of emergency and stay-at-home orders that had huge impacts on the state's economy and public health.¹ In the pandemic's initial weeks of April 2020, local officials' assessments of the direction the state was headed and the performance of Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the state legislature were actually more positive than the previous year.² However, over the course of May and June 2020, those views shifted as COVID-19 spread across the state, and local leaders reported declines in both "right direction" assessments of the state's direction as well as drops in "excellent" or "good" ratings for state officials.

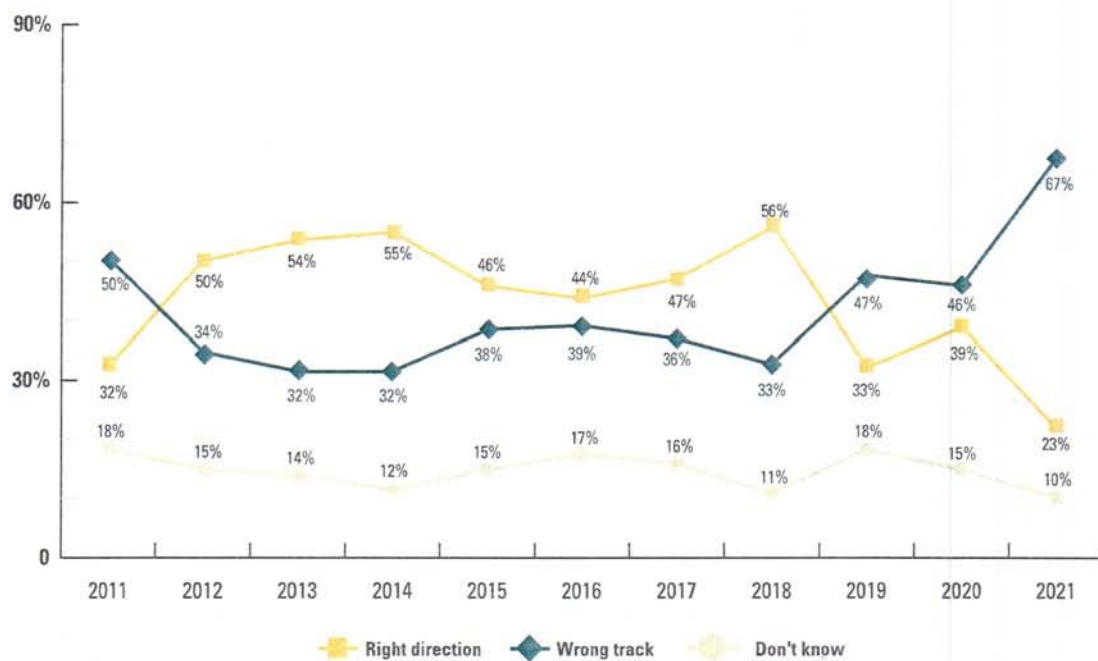
Over the subsequent year, Michigan has experienced more extraordinary events, including widespread protests spurred by the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, a planned kidnapping of the Governor, a second fall surge of COVID-19 cases and additional health orders with restrictions on businesses and schools plus a third surge in the spring of 2021, an election during the pandemic with ensuing controversies, the rollout of vaccines to Michiganders statewide, and more.³ In the wake of these historic events, local leaders statewide are expressing heightened concern about the direction the state is headed and disappointment in the job performance of both the state's Democratic Governor and its Republican-led Legislature.



Two-thirds of Michigan local officials currently say the state is on the wrong track, with confidence declining among all partisans since last year

During the past year, concerns among Michigan's local government leaders about the direction the state is headed have skyrocketed, with 67% now saying Michigan is currently on the “wrong track” (see *Figure 1a*). Meanwhile, just a quarter (23%) believe it is heading in the right direction, the lowest percentage since the MPPS began tracking these views in 2011. At the same time an historic low of just 10% of local leaders say they “don’t know” how to evaluate the direction the state is headed.

Figure 1a
Percentage of local officials who say Michigan is headed in the ‘right direction’ or is off on the ‘wrong track,’ 2011-2021

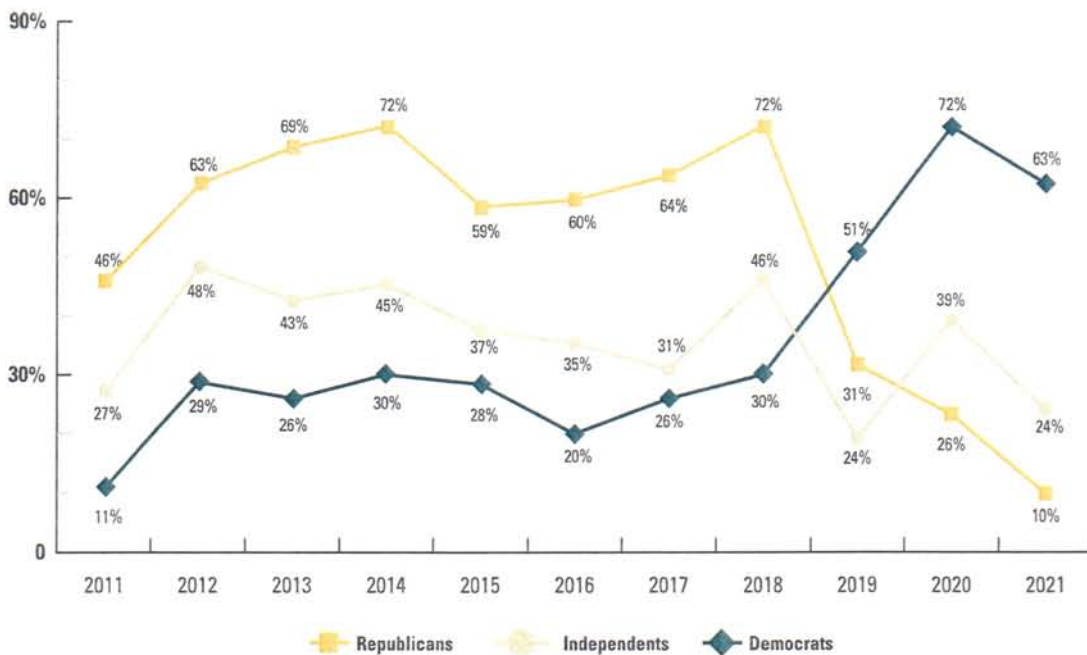


Partisan identification of local officials—in comparison to the party ID of Michigan’s sitting governor—has played a crucial role in assessments of the state’s directions since MPPS tracking began, and responses on the 2021 survey are no exception. Although confidence in the state’s direction has declined among all partisan groups, breaking down the overall percentages by partisanship illustrates the significantly different opinions among Michigan’s local officials.

First, Michigan has 1,240 townships—most of which are small and rural—compared with 533 cities and villages and 83 counties, and local governments in the MPPS census survey are most often represented by Republican local leaders. For example, according to responses on the 2021 MPPS, 58% of Michigan local government leaders self-identify as Republicans, while 17% say they are Independents, and 25% identify as Democrats. (By comparison, according to Gallup polling in 2018, 39% of Michigan citizens self-identify as Republicans, 16% as Independents, and 45% as Democrats.⁴)

Now, looking over time, while Republican Governor Rick Snyder was in office from 2011-2018, Republican local officials consistently expressed more optimism about the state’s direction, compared with Democrats and Independents. However, since the beginning of Democratic Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s administration in 2019, the views of Republicans and Democrats have flipped. Today, just 10% of Republican local officials say the state is going in the right direction, down from 26% in 2020 (see *Figure 1b*). Meanwhile, Independent local officials also report steep declines in optimism, with just 24% saying Michigan is going in the right direction, down from 39% in 2020. By comparison, most (63%) Democratic local officials remain optimistic about the direction of the state, though this percentage is also down from last year’s high of 72%.

Figure 1b
Percentage of local officials who say Michigan is headed in the ‘right direction’ in 2011-2021, by partisan identification





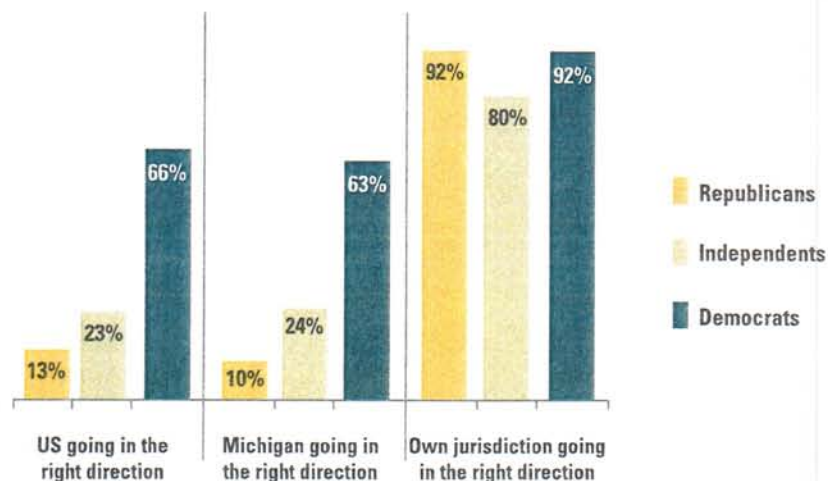
Despite higher concerns about the direction of the state and nation, optimism about individual jurisdictions is high

The MPPS not only asks local officials to assess the direction the state is headed, but also often asks for views on the direction of both the country as a whole, and of their own local county, township, city, or village. While partisan differences are clear at the state and national levels, when it comes to confidence in their jurisdiction's direction, local leaders are uniformly positive. As shown in *Figure 1c*, the concerns among Republican and Independent local leaders about the direction Michigan is headed this year are mirrored in concerns about the US overall. Just 13% of Republicans say the U.S. is currently headed in the right direction, and less than a quarter (24%) of Independents say the same. Meanwhile, a similar two-thirds of Democrats are confident in the direction of both the US (66%) and Michigan (63%).

Despite those differences in local leaders' confidence about higher levels of government, when it comes to gauging the direction of their own local jurisdiction, local leaders tend to consistently give their local communities high marks. Statewide, 92% of both Republicans and Democrats say their own jurisdictions are headed in the right direction, as do 80% of Independents.

Figure 1c

Percentage of local officials who say the US, Michigan, and their own jurisdiction is headed in the 'right direction' in 2021, by partisan identification



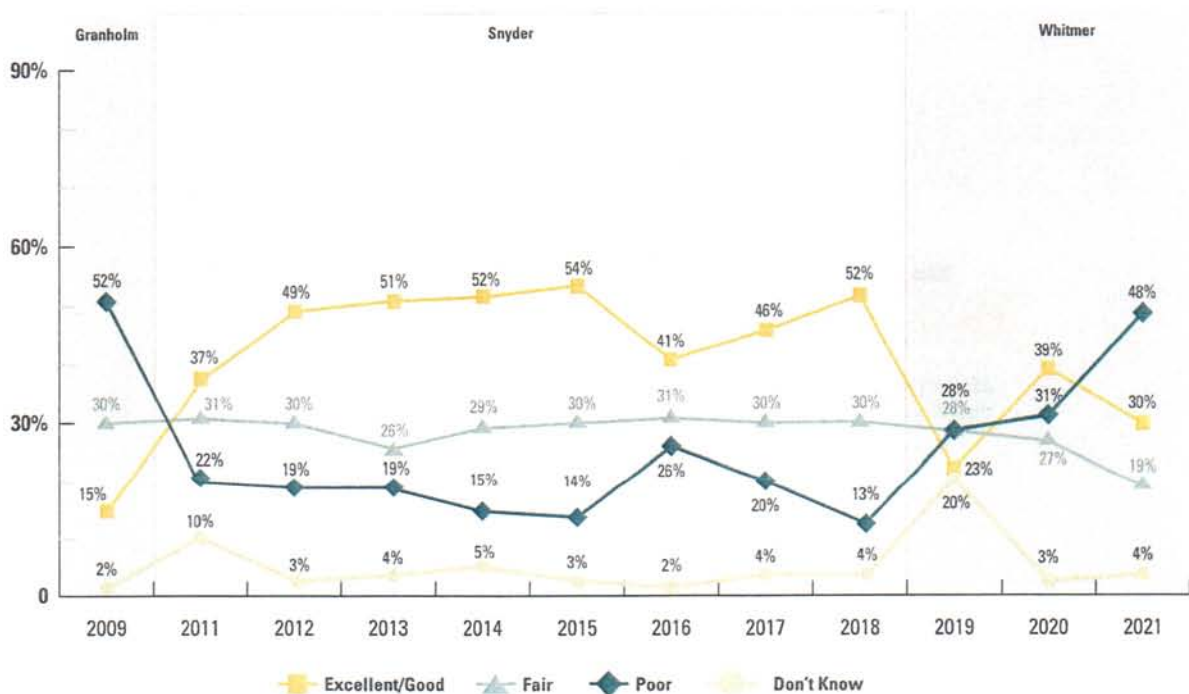
Ratings of Governor Whitmer’s performance decline significantly over past year

Turning back to the state level, in addition to asking questions about the direction Michigan is headed, the MPPS also has asked local officials to evaluate the job performance of the sitting governor. These questions started in 2009 with Governor Jennifer Granholm, ran through Governor Rick Snyder’s two terms, and now refer to Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

As noted earlier, last year Governor Whitmer’s ratings on the 2020 MPPS started high at the beginning of COVID-19’s appearance in Michigan, but they declined precipitously over the course of the survey field period.⁵ This year, local leaders remain critical, with nearly half (48%) rating Governor Whitmer’s performance in 2021 as “poor,” compared to 31% who said the same last year (see *Figure 2a*). Just a third (30%) of local leaders currently rate her performance as either “excellent” or “good,” down from 39% in 2020.

These declines in job evaluations among local leaders generally correspond to a recent drop in Governor Whitmer’s approval ratings among Michigan voters, as shown in a recent poll by a Lansing-based research group.⁶

Figure 2a
Local officials’ evaluations of Governor Whitmer’s performance compared with previous governors’ performances, 2009-2021





Like assessments of the state's direction, these ratings on job performance are also strongly correlated with partisanship, yet see declines among all groups. As shown in *Figure 2b*, 79% of Democratic local leaders currently give Governor Whitmer positive ratings, compared to 82% last year. Among Independents, 41% give her positive ratings in 2021, compared with 45% in 2020. Meanwhile, just 10% of Republican local leaders rate Governor Whitmer's performance as good or excellent in 2021, down from 18% last year. While not shown in *Figure 2b*, this year 67% of Republican local officials rate Governor Whitmer's performance as poor, compared to 45% who said the same last year.

Figure 2b

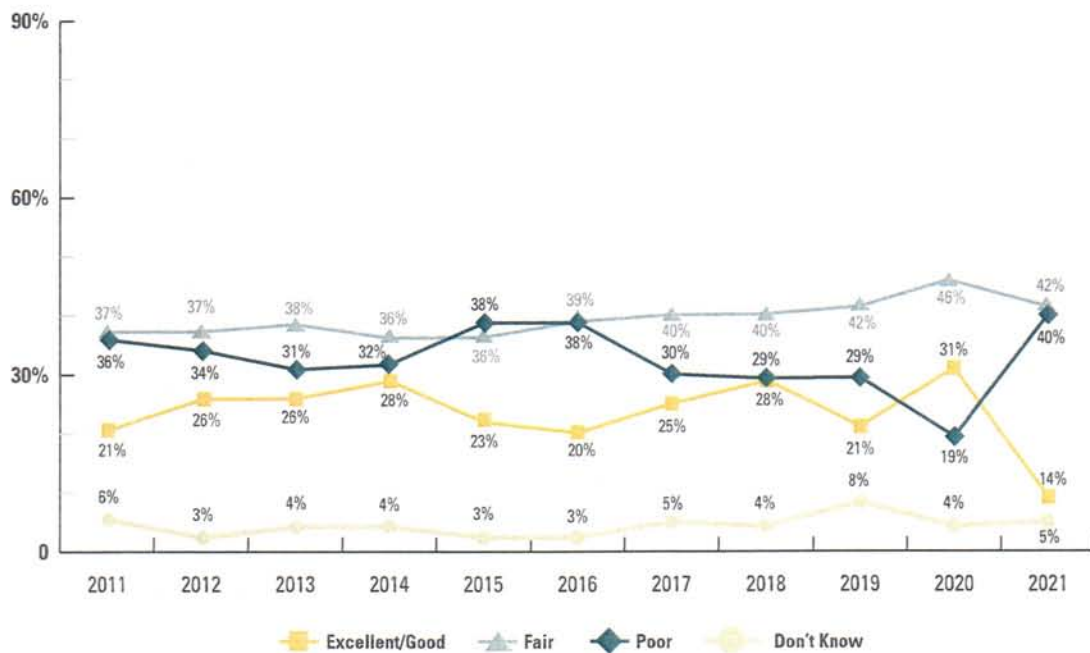
Percentage of local officials who rate the Governor's performance as 'excellent' or 'good' in 2009-2021, by partisan identification



Michigan Legislature’s performance ratings lowest since MPPS tracking began

Typically on the MPPS, changes in evaluations of the Michigan Legislature’s performance have been much less dramatic than those for the governor. However, the past two years have seen significant swings in the Legislature’s evaluations, first in the positive direction in 2020, but now severely negative. Last year, 31% of local officials statewide said the Michigan Legislature’s performance was either excellent or good in 2020, the highest ratings for the Legislature since the MPPS began tracking the measure (see *Figure 3a*). This year, those positive ratings plummeted to only 14%, the lowest level since tracking began. Meanwhile, though last year just 19% of local leaders rated the Legislature’s performance as “poor,” in 2021 fully 40% say it’s doing a poor job, again the worst ratings since tracking of these views began.

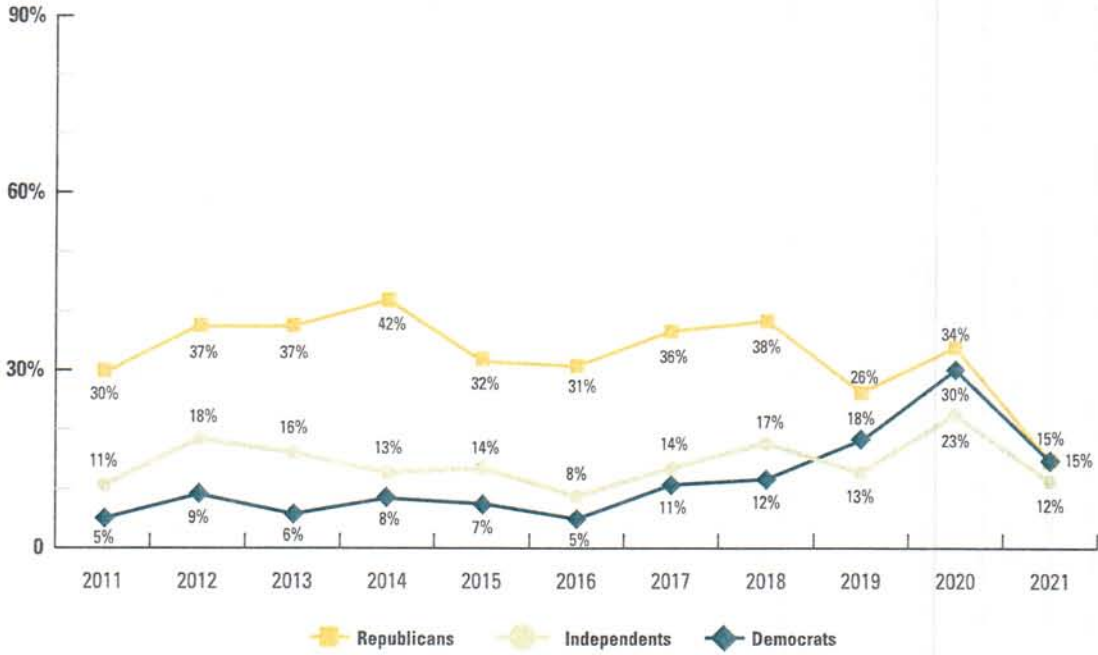
Figure 3a
Local officials’ evaluations of the Michigan Legislature’s performance, 2011-2021





When breaking these evaluations down by partisan identification, sharp declines in positive assessments of the Legislature’s performance are found among Republicans, Independents, and Democrats alike (see *Figure 3b*). Particularly notable is the decline in Republicans’ evaluations, given their prior trends. Although positive assessments of the Legislature among Independent and Democratic local leaders have often hovered in the teens and single digits, around 30–40% of Republican local leaders have usually given Michigan’s Republican-led legislature positive ratings. However, in 2021, just 15% say the Legislature is doing an excellent or good job, a sharp drop from 34% last year. And while not shown in *Figure 3b*, a third of Republican local leaders (33%), nearly half of Independents (49%), and a majority of Democrats (56%) currently say the Legislature’s performance is poor.

Figure 3b
Percentage of local officials who rate the Legislature’s performance as ‘excellent’ or ‘good’ in 2011–2021, by partisan identification



Conclusion

Local government leaders' assessments of where Michigan is headed as a state in 2021 are the most pessimistic they've been since MPPS tracking began in 2011. Views on the state's direction have declined dramatically over the past year, with two-thirds saying the state is off on the wrong track (67%) today, up from 46% last year. Meanwhile, those saying the state is heading in the right direction are at the lowest level since tracking began (39%). Positive assessments of the state's direction have dropped among local leaders of all partisan stripes, even while they remain widely optimistic that their own individual jurisdictions are headed in the right direction.

Local leaders' ratings of Governor Gretchen Whitmer's performance today have also declined from generally higher levels at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March and April of 2020. Meanwhile, evaluations of the Michigan Legislature's performance also plunged in 2021 after hitting notably high levels the previous year. Republican local leaders joined Independents and Democrats in giving relatively few excellent or good ratings, and statewide 40% overall say the Legislature's current performance is poor, up sharply from 19% last year.

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Survey Background and Methodology

The MPPS is an ongoing survey program, interviewing the leaders of Michigan's 1,856 units of general purpose local government, conducted by the Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) at the University of Michigan in partnership with the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Townships Association, and Michigan Association of Counties. Surveys are conducted each spring (and prior to 2018, were also conducted each fall). The program has covered a wide range of policy topics and includes longitudinal tracking data on "core" fiscal, budgetary and operational policy questions and designed to build-up a multi-year time-series.

In the Spring 2021 iteration, surveys were sent by the Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) via the internet and hardcopy to top elected and appointed officials (including county administrators and board chairs; city mayors and managers; village presidents, clerks, and managers; and township supervisors, clerks, and managers) from all 83 counties, 280 cities, 253 villages, and 1,240 townships in the state of Michigan.

The Spring 2021 wave was conducted from April 5 – June 7, 2021. A total of 1,364 jurisdictions in the Spring 2021 wave returned valid surveys (67 counties, 208 cities, 173 villages, and 916 townships), resulting in a 73%

response rate by unit. The margin of error for the survey for the survey as a whole is +/- 1.37%. The key relationships discussed in the above report are statistically significant at the $p < .05$ level or below, unless otherwise specified. Missing responses are not included in the tabulations, unless otherwise specified. Some report figures may not add to 100% due to rounding within response categories. Quantitative data are weighted to account for non-response. "Voices Across Michigan" verbatim responses, when included, may have been edited for clarity and brevity. Contact CLOSUP staff for more information.

Detailed tables of the data analyzed in this report broken down three ways—by jurisdiction type (county, city, township, or village); by population size of the respondent's community, and by the region of the respondent's jurisdiction—will be available online at the MPPS homepage: closup.umich.edu/michigan-public-policy-survey

The survey responses presented here are those of local Michigan officials, while further analysis represents the views of the authors. Neither necessarily reflects the views of the University of Michigan, or of other partners in the MPPS.

Previous MPPS reports

- Michigan local leaders' views on state's new approach to electoral redistricting (February 2021)
- COVID-19 pandemic sparks Michigan local leaders' concerns for fiscal health (December 2020)
- The functioning of democracy at the local level: a compendium of findings from the Michigan Public Policy Survey of local leaders (December 2020)
- Energy Issues and Policies in Michigan Local Governments (October 2020)
- Michigan local leaders expect increased challenges for the 2020 election, but are confident about administering accurate elections (October 2020)
- Michigan Local Energy Survey (MILES): Intergovernmental collaboration on sustainability and energy issues among Michigan local governments (September 2020)
- Confidence in the accuracy of Michigan's 2020 Census count among local leaders was not very high, slips further (August 2020)
- Michigan local leaders expect mixed impacts from expanded voter registration and absentee voting reforms (July 2020)
- Local leaders' evaluations of Michigan's direction and Governor's performance during the COVID-19 pandemic's arrival (July 2020)
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- Michigan local officials' views on the next recession: timing, concerns, and actions taken (October 2019)
- Michigan local government preparations and concerns regarding the 2020 U.S. Census (September 2019)
- New Governor, new evaluations of the direction Michigan is headed among local leaders (August 2019)
- Positive working relationships reported among Michigan's local elected officials (June 2019)
- Community poverty and the struggle to make ends meet in Michigan, according to local government leaders (March 2019)
- The state of community civic discourse, according to Michigan's local government leaders (December 2018)
- Despite sustained economic growth, Michigan local government fiscal health still lags (November 2018)
- Michigan local government leaders' views on medical and recreational marijuana (September 2018)
- Rising confidence in Michigan's direction among local leaders, but partisan differences remain (July 2018)
- Michigan local government officials weigh in on housing shortages and related issues (June 2018)
- Approaches to land use planning and zoning among Michigan's local governments (May 2018)
- Workforce issues and challenges for Michigan's local governments (January 2018)
- Local leaders' views on elections in Michigan: accuracy, problems, and reform options (November 2017)
- Michigan local government officials report complex mix of improvement and decline in fiscal health, but with overall trend moving slowly upward (October 2017)
- Michigan local leaders want their citizens to play a larger role in policymaking, but report declining engagement (August 2017)
- Michigan local leaders' views on state preemption and how to share policy authority (June 2017)
- Improving communication, building trust are seen as keys to fixing relationships between local jurisdictions and the State government (May 2017)
- Local leaders more likely to support than oppose Michigan's Emergency Manager law, but strongly favor reforms (February 2017)
- Local government leaders' views on drinking water and water supply infrastructure in Michigan communities (November 2016)
- Michigan local leaders say property tax appeals are common, disagree with 'dark stores' assessing (October 2016)
- Local officials say Michigan's system of funding local government is broken, and seek State action to fix it (September 2016)
- Michigan local governments report first declines in fiscal health trend since 2010 (August 2016)



Michigan local leaders' doubts continue regarding the state's direction (July 2016)

Hospital access primary emergency medical concern among many Michigan local officials (July 2016)

Firefighting services in Michigan: challenges and approaches among local governments (June 2016)

Most local officials are satisfied with law enforcement services, but almost half from largest jurisdictions say their funding is insufficient (April 2016)

Local leaders say police-community relations are good throughout Michigan, but those in large cities are concerned about potential civil unrest over police use-of-force (February 2016)

Report: Responding to budget surplus vs. deficit: the preferences of Michigan's local leaders and citizens (December 2015)

Michigan's local leaders concerned about retiree health care costs and their governments' ability to meet future obligations (October 2015)

Fiscal health rated relatively good for most jurisdictions, but improvement slows and decline continues for many (September 2015)

Confidence in Michigan's direction declines among state's local leaders (August 2015)

Michigan local government leaders' views on private roads (July 2015)

Few Michigan jurisdictions have adopted Complete Streets policies, though many see potential benefits (June 2015)

Michigan local leaders have positive views on relationships with county road agencies, despite some concerns (May 2015)

Michigan local government leaders say transit services are important, but lack of funding discourages their development (April 2015)

Michigan local leaders see need for state and local ethics reform (March 2015)

Local leaders say Michigan road funding needs major increase, but lack consensus on options that would raise the most revenue (February 2015)

Michigan local government leaders' views on employee pay and benefits (January 2015)

Despite increasingly formal financial management, relatively few Michigan local governments have adopted recommended policies (December 2014)

Most Michigan local officials are satisfied with their privatized services, but few seek to expand further (November 2014)

Michigan local governments finally pass fiscal health tipping point overall, but one in four still report decline (October 2014)

Beyond the coast, a tenuous relationship between Michigan local governments and the Great Lakes (September 2014)

Confidence in Michigan's direction holds steady among state's local leaders (August 2014)

Wind power as a community issue in Michigan (July 2014)

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Michigan's local leaders generally support Detroit bankruptcy filing despite some concerns (February 2014)

Michigan local governments increasingly pursue placemaking for economic development (January 2014)

Views on right-to-work legislation among Michigan's local government leaders (December 2013)

Michigan local governments continue seeking, and receiving, union concessions (October 2013)

Michigan local government fiscal health continues gradual improvement, but smallest jurisdictions lagging (September 2013)

Local leaders evaluate state policymaker performance and whether Michigan is on the right track (August 2013)

Trust in government among Michigan's local leaders and citizens (July 2013)

Citizen engagement in the view of Michigan's local government leaders (May 2013)

Beyond trust in government: government trust in citizens? (March 2013)

Local leaders support reforming Michigan's system of funding local government (January 2013)

Local leaders support eliminating Michigan's Personal Property Tax if funds are replaced, but distrust state follow-through (November 2012)

Michigan's local leaders satisfied with union negotiations (October 2012)

Michigan's local leaders are divided over the state's emergency manager law (September 2012)

Fiscal stress continues for hundreds of Michigan jurisdictions, but conditions trend in positive direction overall (September 2012)

Michigan's local leaders more positive about Governor Snyder's performance, more optimistic about the state's direction (July 2012)

Data-driven decision-making in Michigan local government (June 2012)

State funding incentives increase local collaboration, but also raise concerns (March 2012)

Local officials react to state policy innovation tying revenue sharing to dashboards and incentive funding (January 2012)

MPPS finds fiscal health continues to decline across the state, though some negative trends eased in 2011 (October 2011)

Public sector unions in Michigan: their presence and impact according to local government leaders (August 2011)

Despite increased approval of state government performance, Michigan's local leaders are concerned about the state's direction (August 2011)

Local government and environmental leadership: views of Michigan's local leaders (July 2011)

Local leaders are mostly positive about intergovernmental cooperation and look to expand efforts (March 2011)

Local government leaders say most employees are not overpaid, though some benefits may be too generous (February 2011)

Local government leaders say economic gardening can help grow their economies (November 2010)

Local governments struggle to cope with fiscal, service, and staffing pressures (August 2010)

Michigan local governments actively promote U.S. Census participation (August 2010)

Fiscal stimulus package mostly ineffective for local economies (May 2010)

Fall 2009 key findings report: educational, economic, and workforce development issues at the local level (April 2010)

Local government officials give low marks to the performance of state officials and report low trust in Lansing (March 2010)

Local government fiscal and economic development issues (October 2009)

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Keynote Speaker: Tracy Madden

Peer 360 Recovery Alliance

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Refreshments will be provided starting at 8:30 in the morning



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Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

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Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Voting machine maintenance and potential destruction of data required to be kept for 22 months

1 message

Thomas Bardwell <tbardwell@tuscolacounty.org>
To: Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 1:26 PM

Here it is again

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From: **Cordelia Tomasino** <cordelia2729@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 13, 2021 at 3:48 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Voting machine maintenance and potential destruction of data required to be kept for 22 months

To: <clerk@tuscolacounty.org>, <tyoung@tuscolacounty.org>, <tbardwell@tuscolacounty.org>, <ddurusel@tuscolacounty.org>, <kvaughan@tuscolacounty.org>

Hello County Commissioners and Clerk:

It is hard to know what is a potential problem and what is not when reading news reports. There is a report currently circulating that county clerks in Michigan were sent a letter from Election Source informing them of scheduled preventative maintenance on voting equipment. The concern is that this maintenance may destroy past election data for a federal election -- the data that must be kept for 22 months after an election. This is due to the election machines having a volatile memory which means when they pull the battery for maintenance, it wipes out the resident memory and stored records. What is being reported is that any clerk that complies with this machine maintenance may be in violation of US Code 52 Section 20701, and Election Source will be in violation of Section 20702 regarding the destruction of records.

So, my questions are:

- Has Tuscola County been contacted by Election Source for this machine maintenance?
- If this contact has been made, is it a regular and normal request?
- If this machine maintenance request is regular and normal, how are the federally-required data and records backed up for the required 22 month holding periods? If this is an unusual request, how will the federally-required data and records be backed up for the required 22 month holding period following the November 3, 2020 federal election?

Thank you for looking into these questions and helping me understand the nature of the current news.

Respectfully,

Cordelia Tomasino
A person who resides in Tuscola County



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June 10, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 8:00 A.M.

Present: Road Commissioners John Laurie, Gary Parsell, Julie Matuszak, David Kennard, and Duane Weber; Acting County Highway Engineer Brent Dankert, Operations Engineer Technician Will Green, Assistant Superintendent Jason Root, and Director of Finance/Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey.

Absent: Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the May 27, 2021 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Weber seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the May 27, 2021 closed session of the Board be approved. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$101,847.15 and bills in the amount of \$140,422.70 covered by vouchers #2021-29 and #2021-30 were presented and audited.

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

Brief Public Comment Segment:

- (1) Mr. Allen Kemp with Kemp Tiling appeared before the Board regarding a drain tile recently installed on Carson Road. Mr. Kemp requests a variance of the Road Commission's policy since the drain tile was installed within the road right-of-way. After discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Kennard to grant the request from Kemp Tiling for a variance of the Road Commission's policy for installing a drain tile within the road right-of-way on Carson Road, with the conditions specified in the R.O.W. Permit and the Letter of Understanding. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Indianfields Township Supervisor William Campbell, along with several residents from Indianfields Township, appeared before the Board regarding the planned paving projects this year for the M-24 Subdivision and the Wireline Subdivision. Mr. Campbell requests a variance for the shoulder gravel specification of those two paving projects. After discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Weber to grant the request from the Indianfields Township Board for a variance of the plans for the M-24 Subdivision and Wireline Subdivision paving projects, by substituting the specified three (3) foot Shoulder Gravel for one (1) foot of black dirt shoulder. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Acting County Highway Engineer Dankert provided to the Board an update regarding the restoration repairs of the 25' road right-of-way in Oakhurst Park.

Motion by Weber seconded by Kennard to approve the promotion of Lee Crosby as the Vassar Division Foreman effective August 1, 2021, as recommended by the Superintendent/Manager. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the Tuscola County Road Commission cast a ballot for John Rogers of Kalkaska County to serve on the Board of Directors as an At-Large Representative of the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the Tuscola County Road Commission cast a ballot for Doug Fuller of Washtenaw County and Tim Haagsma of Kent County to serve on the Board of Directors as Southern Representatives of the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed the Covid-19 Pandemic, and the current Road Commission operating procedures. Director of Finance Michael Tuckey presented to the Board an amended Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan for the Road Commission with recommended revisions from the Road Commission's Labor Attorney. After review and discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Weber seconded by Matuszak to adopt the amended Tuscola County Road Commission's Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan as presented effective June 10, 2021. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Parsell to approve the request from the Cass River Greenway Committee for the Road Commission's continued participation in the control of phragmites along the road right-of-ways. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Acting County Highway Engineer Dankert provided to the Board an update regarding the planned Non-Motorized Transportation Improvements this year in order to gain compliance with Act-51.

Acting County Highway Engineer Dankert provided a construction project update to the Board.

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

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board

June 24, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 8:00 A.M.

Present: Road Commissioners John Laurie, Gary Parsell, Julie Matuszak, David Kennard, and Duane Weber; Acting County Highway Engineer Brent Dankert, Operations Engineer Technician Will Green, Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey, and Director of Finance/Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the June 10, 2021 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$102,553.44 and bills in the amount of \$586,032.02 covered by vouchers #2021-31, #2021-32, #2021-33 and #HRA-96 were presented and audited.

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

Brief Public Comment Segment:

- (1) Wisner Township Supervisor Timmy Rumble thanked the Board for conducting the Township Supervisors Meetings. Mr. Rumble also thanked Management for attending their last Wisner Township Board Meeting.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Weber to approve the request from the Buckwild Saloon for a Permit to install a Specialty Sign (Tourist Directional) on Millington Road and Fostoria Road, pending the approval by the Watertown Township Board. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Kennard that Management draft a Hauling Agreement with the Meridian Wind Farm in order to haul wind turbines through Tuscola County. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Parsell to approve and sign the title sheet for the Hurds Corner Road Federal Aid Project, and to move forward with letting the project. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Weber seconded by Matuszak to approve the Road Commission dispose as scrap Single Axle Blade Truck #404, as recommended by Management. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Acting County Highway Engineer Dankert presented to the Board proposed revisions to the Road Commission's Permit Fee Schedule and the Road Commission's Public Utility Policy. The Board will review the documents, and further discuss at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Management and the Board further discussed the Covid-19 Pandemic, and the current Road Commission operating procedures. Director of Finance Michael Tuckey reported to the Board that on June 22, 2021, the Covid-19 Restrictions have been lifted in the State of Michigan, and the MIOSHA Emergency Rules have been rescinded. After reviewing the recommendations from the Road Commission's Labor Attorney, the following three (3) motions were introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to rescind the last amended Tuscola County Road Commission's Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan effective immediately. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Weber to rescind the Board's Motion which approved to pay full wages for employees off from work due to reasons of Covid-19 effective immediately. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Kennard that the Road Commission's Office will again be open to the public effective July 6, 2021. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Management and the Board discussed hosting the next Blue Water Highway Council Meeting to be held on Thursday, July 22, 2021.

Acting County Highway Engineer Dankert was excused from the meeting at 9:15 A.M.

Operations Engineer Technician Green provided a construction project update to the Board.

Motion by Kennard seconded by Weber that the Board go into closed session at 9:35 A.M. for the purpose of discussing union negotiations. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

At 9:50 A.M. the Board returned to open session.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Weber to approve the Labor Agreement between the Board of Tuscola County Road Commissioners and the Tuscola County Road Commission Hourly Employees Association effective July 1, 2021. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

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

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board



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RESOLUTION OPPOSING COVID-19 VACCINE PASSPORTS

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Ms. Meyette to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, medical records and information are private and fall under protection provided by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; and

WHEREAS, individual COVID-19 vaccination records are private health information which should not be shared by mandate; and

WHEREAS, so-called COVID-19 vaccine passports reduce individual freedom and will harm patient privacy; and

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration has authorized the use of the COVID-19 vaccines under the "Emergency Use Authorization" (EAU), Section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and under this act the federal government cannot mandate (require) vaccination for people.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) seeks to ensure that every resident in Oceana County who desires a COVID-19 vaccine can obtain one, but such vaccines are not mandated(required); and

WHEREAS, MDHHS acknowledges there are instances where an individual, along with their doctor, decide that being vaccinated may be unsafe; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan allows for medical, religious, and philosophical exemptions from vaccines; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to protect the fundamental rights and privacies of the residents of Oceana County.

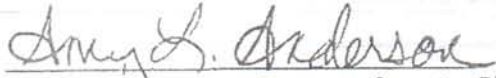
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Oceana County Board of Commissioners does not support or endorse COVID-19 vaccine passports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, Senator Jon Bumstead, Representative Scott VanSingel, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

Roll call vote: Mr. Beggs - yes; Ms. Meyette - yes; Mr. Christians - yes; Mr. Morse - yes; Mr. Hardy - yes; Mr. Erickson - yes; and Mr. Walker - yes.

Motion carried.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by Oceana County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on June 10, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. in Oceana County, with a quorum present.



Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

Dated: June 10, 2021

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners, held at the Roscommon County Municipal Bldg., 500 Lake St., Roscommon, Michigan on the 9th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Bob Schneider, Commissioner Dave Russo, Commissioner Marc Milburn and Commissioner Tim Muckenthaler

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Ken Melvin

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Milburn and seconded by Commissioner David Russo.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06-01
OPPOSING MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE
"BY APPOINTMENT ONLY"**

WHEREAS, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, recently stated Michigan residents will always need an appointment to conduct business at a Secretary of State branch office and suggested making this permanent change as an improvement in service; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State called walk in service at the branches an "antiquated, inefficient, take-a-number system that nobody liked"; the reality is that most people do want the option to walk into a branch office for service at *their* convenience; and

WHEREAS, not only Roscommon County residents but all residents of the State of Michigan should have the ability to renew and make changes to all necessary documentation timely and locally through services provided by the Michigan Secretary of State; that this change will significantly reduce the convenience of public services; and

WHEREAS, while some industry changes were positive during the Covid-19 pandemic and made sense, this will negatively impact rural counties, such as Roscommon, where residents are over fifty miles from kiosk services and a large majority of the population are over sixty years of age; and

WHEREAS, these changes have been established without input from constituents, who are directly affected by this sweeping change and web-based services, which completely replaces the need for walk in service at the branch offices, many older residents and those without computers or internet will simply be turned away at the Secretary of State door; and

WHEREAS, these changes will only continue to frustrate citizens who would just like their license renewed or to be able to sell a vehicle, without having to wait weeks or months for an appointment or even drive to a different service area to accomplish these simple tasks;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners hereby STRONGLY opposes 'By Appointment Only', but supports the value of BOTH online and walk in service and believes the best practice for flexibility and choice for the public is a hybrid model for Roscommon County residents and the entire State of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Senate and House leaders, and Michigan Association of Counties.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Bob Schneider, David Russo, Marc Milburn, Tim Mueckenthaler

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Robert E. Schneider, Roscommon County Board of Commissioners Chairman



Michelle M. Stevenson, Roscommon County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF ROSCOMMON)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Roscommon County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Michelle M. Stevenson, Roscommon County Clerk

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners, held at the Wexford County Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan on the seventh day of July, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Hurlburt, Musta, Townsend, Bengelink, Bush, Nichols, Potter & Taylor.

ABSENT: Theobald.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Bengelink and supported by Commissioner Bush.

RESOLUTION 21-22

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE
"BY APPOINTMENT ONLY"**

WHEREAS, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, recently stated Michigan residents will always need an appointment to conduct business at a Secretary of State branch office and suggested making this permanent change, is an improvement in service; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State called walk in service at the branches an "antiquated, inefficient, take-a-number system that nobody liked"; the reality is that most people do want the option to walk in to a branch office for service at *their* convenience; and

WHEREAS, not only Wexford County residents but all residents of the State of Michigan should have the ability to renew and make changes to all necessary documentation timely and locally through services provided by the Michigan Secretary of State; that these changes defy common sense in serving the public and is a significant reduction in convenient service; and

WHEREAS, some industry changes were positive during the coronavirus and made sense; this change does not as constituents need to be able to transfer vehicles, renew and update driver's licenses expediently, so that they can prove and provide legal ownership and residency; and

WHEREAS, these changes have been established without input from constituents, who are directly affected by this sweeping change and web-based services do not completely replace the need for walk in service at the branch offices. Many older residents and those without computers or internet will simply be turned away at the Secretary of State door; and

WHEREAS, these changes will only continue to frustrate citizens who just would like their license renewed or to be able to sell a vehicle, without having to wait weeks or even months or drive to a different service area to accomplish these simple tasks.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wexford County Board of Commissioners hereby **STRONGLY** opposes "By Appointment Only" services for the residents not only in Wexford County but for the entire State of Michigan.

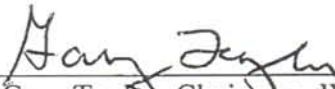
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Senate and House leaders of Wexford County, and Michigan Association of Counties.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Musta, Townsend, Bengelink, Bush, Nichols, Potter, Hurlburt, and Taylor.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Gary Taylor, Chairman, Wexford County Board of Commissioners



Alaina M. Nyma, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WEXFORD)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution 21-22 adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Wexford County at a regular meeting held on July 7, 2021, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Alaina M. Nyma, County Clerk