

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 Young
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan
Roll Call – Clerk Fetting
Adoption of Agenda
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (***See Correspondence #1-2***)
Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only
Consent Agenda Resolution (***See Correspondence #3***)

New Business

- Audit Extension with Gabridge & Company (***See Correspondence #4***)
- Animal Control Operation Updates (***See Correspondence #5***)
- 2021/2022 Tuscola County Indigent Defense Grant with Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) (***See Correspondence #6***)
- 11:30 Tuscola Intermediate School District School Plan Reviews (***See Correspondence #7***)

09:00 Closed Session - Written Legal Opinion (Building Codes)

10:00 Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

11:00 Closed Session - Security (Exempt from Disclosure)

Break when possible

Old Business

- SAFEbuilt Contract
- Building Codes Transition from South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections (SCMCCI) to SAFEbuilt next steps:
 - Outstanding Permits
 - Official Notifications to Contractors and Citizens
 - Office Hours/Location
 - Permit Payment Processing
- Open Meetings Act (OMA) Resolution (*See Correspondence #8*)

Correspondence/Resolutions

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

GRIMSHAW

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

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
MEMS All Hazard
Local Units of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL

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

YOUNG

Board of Public Works
County Road Commission Liaison
Dispatch Authority Board
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Great Start Collaborative
Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)
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MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee
Region VI Economic Development Planning
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
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VAUGHAN

Board of Health
County Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC Environmental Regulatory
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use
Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison
Local Units of Government Activity Report

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. August 26, 2021 Full Board and Statutory Finance Minutes
2. September 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
3. Consent Agenda Resolution
4. Audit Extension with Gabridge & Company
5. Animal Control Operation Updates
6. 2021/2022 Tuscola County Indigent Defense Grant with Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC)
7. Tuscola Intermediate School District School Plan Reviews
8. Open Meetings Act (OMA) Resolution
9. Quality Assurance Assessment of Medical Examiner Services
10. Tuscola County Road Commission Minutes from August 19, 2021
11. Notice of Intent to Update A Master Plan for City of Caro
12. Michigan Association of Preventive Medicine and Public Health Physicians Letter to Stand up for Public Health Officials
13. Grand Traverse County Resolution 87-2021 In Support of Vaccine Awareness and Medical Autonomy
14. Ingham County Resolution #21-437 Supporting the Independent Decision Making of Public Health Officers
15. Roscommon County Resolution #2021-09-01 Opposing Proposed Legislative Changes to Current Mental Health

Draft
TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 26, 2021

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building, 125 W Lincoln Street in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 26th day of August 2021, to order at 8:02 o'clock local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk 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 (arrived at 8:08 a.m.)

Commissioner Absent:

None

Others Present In-Person:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Tracy Violet, Curtis Elenbaum, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Treasurer Ashley Bennett

Also Present Virtual:

Matt Brown, Heidi Chicilli, Mark Haney, Debbie Babich, Mary Drier, Kim Brinkman, Dara Hood, Sandy Nielsen, Steve Root, Barry Lapp, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Nick Sakon, Eric Morris, Mike Slade, Eean Lee

At 8:09 a.m., there were a total of 15 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda -

2021-M-182

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2021-M-183

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the August 12, 2021 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only –

-Commissioner Young stated the Commissioners’ webpage has been updated.

*Consent Agenda Resolution -
2021-M-184*

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the Consent Agenda Resolution and Minutes from the August 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/23/21

Description of Matter: Move that Angie House, HR/Finance Assistant, be appointed as the officer delegate and Shelly Lutz, Human Resource Director, be appointed as the alternate officer delegate to the Municipal Employer Retirement System (MERS) and authorization is given to attend the annual conference. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/23/21

Description of Matter: Move that James Hook, Detective, be appointed as the employee delegate and Deanna Higley, Sheriff’s Records Clerk, be appointed as the alternate employee delegate to the Municipal Employer Retirement System (MERS) and authorization is given to attend the annual conference. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/23/21

Description of Matter: Move that per correspondence request dated August 18, 2021, from Dave Kolacz, permission be granted to use the Courthouse steps Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. until approximately 1:30 p.m. for the annual gathering to pray the rosary for our country.

- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/23/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to receive and place on file the 2020 Tuscola County Recycling Annual Report.

New Business (continued below) –

-Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) Friend of the Court Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 – Judge Amy Grace Gierhart explained the program and the breakdown percentages of the reimbursement.

2021-M-185

Motion by Young, seconded by DuRussel to approve the first amendment to Tuscola County Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program, Contract #CSFOC 17-79001-A22, County of Tuscola, to add funding to the original agreement for \$2,653,298.00, modify the budget and extend the agreement to September 30, 2023. Also, all authorized signatures be approved. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Gabridge & Co Proposal on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Lost Revenue Sharing Calculation (matter added) – Clayette Zechmeister explained the proposed short engagement agreement to contract with Gabridge & Co. to determine loss revenue that may qualify for ARPA Reimbursement.

2021-M-186

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to approve the Engagement Letter with Gabridge & Co for consulting services to assist the County with identifying revenue losses in all funds in relation to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) guidelines. Total consulting fees will not exceed \$3,000.00 and these fees are to be paid from the ARPA funds. Also, all signatures be authorized. Motion Carried with Grimshaw dissenting.

-Committee Meeting Discussion Regarding Motion 19-M-201 (matter added) – Board discussed if Committee meetings need to be posted and minutes taken if there is not a quorum. Board discussed past legal opinion, motion 19-M-201 and resolution passed on October 31, 2019. Board will continue to follow Motion 19-M-201.

-Commissioners discussed a proposed resolution regarding small counties on the Open Meeting Acts which Clayette Zechmeister will work with legal counsel to prepare a draft resolution to be presented at the next meeting.

-Board discussed establishing a Rural Caucus at the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Conference.

Old Business -

-Health Officer Position Recommendation – Clayette Zechmeister discussed if the Board wanted to move forward with contracting with Hiring Solutions or if they want to proceed with individual that was interviewed.

-Board discussed and does not want to move forward with the contract with Hiring Solutions at this time.

2021-M-187

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw to appoint Amanda Ertman as the Health Officer of the Tuscola County Health Department. Appointment to be effective immediately contingent upon approval by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Candidate's qualifications to be submitted to MDHHS by the Tuscola County Health Department. Appointment also contingent on Tuscola County Health Department physical and background check requirements. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Building Codes Transition from South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections (SCMCCI) to SAFEbuilt next steps:

- Contract
- Outstanding Permits
- Official Notifications to Contractors and Citizens
- Office Hours/Location
- Permit Payment Processing

-Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on the progress of the transition. Clayette is working on scheduling a joint meeting to coordinate the transition and make sure the necessary information has been provided. SCMCCI is planning to work through September 30, 2021 and is requesting two-weeks to vacate the office space. The Board agreed to that request.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Decommissioning 3-G Networks Press Release

-Mark Hamed, Medical Director, Regarding Protecting Health Department Staff and Board of Health Members

-Mackinac County Resolution Supporting Delta County's Resolution of Management of Wolves in Michigan

-Lake County Resolution #2021-08 Supporting Realignment of the Circuit and District Courts of Lake, Mason, Newaygo, and Oceana Counties

-Lake County Resolution #2021-09 Supporting American Rescue Plan State Match Programs

-Commissioner Bardwell read thank you received from SAFEbuilt.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**VAUGHAN**

Board of Health – Update provided.
County Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC Environmental Regulatory
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use
Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison
Local Units of Government Activity Report – Update provided.

GRIMSHAW

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory – Annual report just accepted by Board.
Local Units of Government – Updated provided regarding Vassar Township
Marijuana Ordinance.
Jail Planning Committee
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

DURUSSEL

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board – Clayette will look to find out if they
have met recently or have a meeting planned.
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
MAC Judiciary Committee
MEMS All Hazard
Local Units of Government Activity Report – Two Townships in his District have
their own Building Codes but his other Townships would like information as to
where SAFEbuilt's offices will be located.

BARDWELL – No Update.

Behavioral Health Systems Board
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Local Units of Government Activity Report – Participated in a tour of the Putman Project.

Recessed at 9:49 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

Present: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, DuRussel, Grimshaw

At 10:01 a.m., there were a total of 18 participants attending the meeting virtually

New Business (continued from above) –

Closed Session -

2021-M-188

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the Board meet in closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute specifically, records and information of measures desired to protect the security and safety of County employees, officials and visitors as well as County property which are exempt from public disclosure under Section 13(y) of the Freedom of Information Act. Also, Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting, Curtis Elenbaum, Steve Anderson, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Undersheriff Robert Baxter, Mike Miller, Ashley Bennett and Tracy Violet are authorized to attend at 10:03 a.m. Roll Call Vote – DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

Recessed for Closed Session at 10:03 a.m.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 11:26 a.m.

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

Other Business as Necessary –

-FOIA Request Regarding Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel (MIDC) –
Commissioner Bardwell provided an update regarding the requested documents which it was decided to be unredacted at the previous meeting but that decision has been changed and there will be limited redaction in the requested documentation.

At 11:30 a.m., there were a total of 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment - None

2021-M-191

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

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Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Statutory Finance Committee Minutes
August 26, 2021

Commissioner Bardwell called the Statutory Finance meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building, 125 W. Lincoln Street in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 26th day of August, to order at 11:33 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:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Curtis Elenbaum, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson

Also Present Virtual:

Barry Lapp, Sandy Nielsen, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Matt Brown, Eean Lee, Kim Brinkman, Heidi Chicilli, Mike Slade, Dara Hood

At 11:34 a.m., there were a total of 15 participants attending the meeting virtually.

-Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

2021-SF-M-067

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Grimshaw to adopt the meeting minutes from the August 12, 2021 Statutory Finance. Motion Carried.

New Business:

-Review and Adoption of Finance Report and Checks –

2021-SF-M-068

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to approve the finance checks as submitted on the August 25, 2021 report. Motion Carried.

-Review and Adoption of Daily Report and Checks –
2021-SF-M-069

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by DuRussel to approve the daily checks as submitted on the August 25, 2021 report. Motion Carried.

-Review and Adoption of Per Diems Report and Checks –
2021-SF-M-070

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

Old Business – None

Public Comment – None

2021-SF-M-071

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

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**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, September 13, 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 18th day of September 2021, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person:

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

Commissioner Absent:

District 1 - Thomas Young

Others Present in-Person:

Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Shelly Lutz, Don Ball

Also Present Virtual:

Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Steve Anderson, Steve Root, Curtis Elenbaum, Matt Brown, Samantha Dennis, Barry Lapp, Debbie Babich, Kim Brinkman, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Jessica VanHove

At 8:09 a.m., there were 18 participants attending the meeting virtually.

County Updates - None

New Business

1. Michigan State Police Fire Suppression Bids – Mike Miller reviewed the steps taken with TSSF Architects to complete a walk trough with potential contractors as to the outdoor portion of the project and to the indoor portion of the project.
 - Bid received for outdoor portion:
 - Champagne and Marks Excavating - \$116,392.00.
 - Bid received for indoor portion:
 - Winner - \$39,760.00.
- Board agreed to accepting both of those bids and matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

2. H.H. Purdy Building (Administration Building) Metal Siding Review – Mike Miller updated the Board on repairing the EIFS on the outside of the building or put a decorative steel on the building. Board would like Mike to get a quote on repair of the EIFS.
3. 2019 Annual Report of Balance in Land Sale Proceeds Accounts – Treasurer Ashley Bennett presented the annual report. The Rafaeli case was discussed.
4. Refill a Vacant Full-Time Dispatcher Position – Clayette Zechmeister presented the request from Director Sandy Nielsen to hire Pablo Lopez. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
5. Appointment of Republican Board of Canvasser – Clerk Jodi Fetting explained the vacancy on the Board of Canvassers due to a resignation. Republican Party Chair Billy Putman has recommended Doug Lagos. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
6. Tax Abatement Request from Quality Roasting Public Hearing Notice September 13, 2021 – Clayette Zechmeister presented the invitation for the meeting tonight.
7. Committee of the Whole Meeting September 27, 2021 Conflict with Training – Board discussed cancelling the September 27, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Clayette recommended scheduling a special Committee of the Whole meeting since it is budget review time. Board decided that a Committee of the Whole meeting is to be scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. to have budget review be the agenda topic.
8. Appeal from FOIA Request Determination Received from Judge Gierhart – Board discussed the pending FOIA request and whether the information should be redacted prior to presentation to the court. Board decided to provide the information unredacted. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Old Business

1. Health Officer Replacement Updates – Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the recommendations that were received from the State of Michigan that Amanda Ertman would need to complete in order for a full appointment to be granted. Board questioned and discussed if the same requirements were placed on the Huron County appointee. Board would like Clayette Zechmeister to reach out to Senator Kevin Daley and Representative Phil Green for review and assistance. Board would also like an inquiry made as to why Ms. Ertman does not qualify based on the job description that was posted. Board would like clarification from John Gonzalez as to why his hands are tied and the Board would like his response on letterhead not in email format. Board would like Shelly to contact Amanda to see if she would consider taking action to meet the State requirements. Board would like Clayette to contact Ann Hepfer to see if it was consistent with recommendations that Tip MacGuire received.
2. Building Codes Transition from South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections (SCMCCI) to SAFEbuilt – Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on the transition and that the proposed contract will be presented at Thursday's meeting.

3. County Space Needs - Upcoming Meeting with Department Heads Scheduled September 23, 2021 – The Building and Grounds Committee has scheduled a special meeting at 3:00 p.m. to discuss county office space needs.
4. Resolution to Exempt Certain Counties from the Recently Updated Open Meetings Act (OMA) – Board discussed the proposed resolution and who the resolution should be forwarded to if adopted. Matter to be presented at Thursday's meeting.

Finance/Technology

Committee Leader Commissioner Young
Commissioner DuRussel

Primary Finance/Technology

1. 2022 Budget Preparation Updates – Committee of the Whole meeting has been scheduled for September 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the 2022 Budget.
2. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds - Update on the Revenue Loss Calculations – Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the report received from Gabridge Company. The reduction in revenue the County experienced was in the amount of \$3,362,863.00. Gabridge Company also provide a review of what projects the revenue loss funding could be used for which the new jail project could qualify. Board discussed the matter.

On Going and Other Finance and Technology

Finance

1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Ad-Hoc Committee – Clayette stated a meeting needs to be scheduled as additional requests have been submitted.
2. Preparation of Multi-Year Financial Planning – No Update.
3. Audit Contract for Upcoming Years – Clayette Zechmeister has requested a proposed quote to continue with the current auditing firm for the Board to review.
4. Cooperative Reimbursement Programs Summary from Prosecutor and Friend of the Court – Report is currently being worked on for a future presentation.

Technology

1. GIS Update
2. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page
3. DotGov Domain (matter added) – Eean Lee reported that there is a push to have all government agencies transition to dotgov which will be a large undertaking to transition the website and all county emails.

Building and Grounds
Committee Leader Commissioner DuRussel
Commissioner Grimshaw

Primary Building and Grounds

1. Purdy Building Security Updates – Clayette Zechmeister stated a closed session has been scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2021.

On Going and Other Building and Grounds

2. State Police Water and Annexation – Clayette Zechmeister provided an update and is waiting to see if the Tuscola Intermediate School District has received their annexation yet.
3. IT Department Space Needs
4. Adult Probation Fence

Personnel

Committee Leader Commissioner Grimshaw
Commissioner Vaughan

Primary Personnel

1. Michigan Employees Retirement System (MERS) Summary Annual Report – Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the annual report included in the agenda packet. Board discussed MERS actuarial assumptions and methods adopted. Board discussed defined benefit participants versus defined contribution participants.

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Workman's Compensation
2. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) 7th District Meeting Updates – Commissioner Bardwell provided an update as there are funds currently in Huntington Bank that is charging monthly fee to have the account. He will have a letter prepared to send to members of the 7th District regarding withdrawing the funds.
3. Safety Committees – Watch for Grant Opportunities

Other Business as Necessary

1. Mosquito Abatement Update (matter added) – Director Larry Zapfe sent a communication that West Nile virus was found in Tuscola County in the Denmark Township area.
2. Possible OSHA Guideline Changes Due to COVID (matter added) – Board discussed the possible regulations that may be implemented regarding COVID-19 recommendations.

On-Going Other Business as Necessary

1. Animal Control Ordinance – Project has been paused as other matters have taken a precedence. Legal is involved in the preparation.

At 10:38 a.m., there were 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Public Comment Period – None

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

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COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 16th day of September 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 9/13/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the two bids for fire suppression for the Michigan State Police, Caro Post. Bid one for exterior fire suppression modifications from Champagne & Marx Excavating Inc., in the amount of \$116,392.00 and bid two from Winninger Fire Protection, LLC for interior fire suppression modifications in the amount of \$39,760.00. Total project cost of \$156,152.00. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/13/21
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the September 8, 2021 request from Sandra Nielsen, Central Dispatch Director, that Pablo Lopez be hired to fill a vacant full-time dispatcher position, pending favorable background, physical and drug screening.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/13/21

Description of Matter: Move that per the recommendation from Billy Putman, Republican Party Chair, that Doug Lagos be appointed as the Republican Party Representative for the Board of Canvassers to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Judy Neblock with a term that expires October 31, 2024.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/13/21

Description of Matter: Move to grant the September 2, 2021 appeal from Amy Grace Gierhart, Chief Judge to submit un-redacted Michigan Indigent Defense Council (MIDC) attorney invoices for January 2021 and July 2021. Original determination regarding the original FOIA request dated August 25, 2021 was a partial denial with some redaction.

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



September 10, 2021

Dear Ms. Clayette Zechmeister,

We are writing to extend our sincere thanks to Tuscola County for the opportunity we have had to be of service as the County's auditors for the past three years. We have enjoyed working with you and your staff. We trust that you feel that the County has benefited from our professional relationship as well.

We are provided proposed fees for the next three fiscal year audit reports. It has been a pleasure working with the County and we would love to have another three years to look forward to with you.

Following is a schedule showing the proposed fees:

<u>12/31/2021</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>
\$ 38,000	\$ 39,000	\$ 40,000

These fees are based on the presumption that the County's accounting records will be reasonably adjusted and auditable. The proposed fees include the County's annual single audit report. Any additional services required to assist the County in preparing a reasonably adjusted trial balance will be billed at our standard hourly rate.

The fees quoted for subsequent years may be subject to renegotiation if changes in the scope of the County's operations or new professional requirements make our estimate of hours unrealistic. If any such changes occur, we will discuss the reasons with you, and arrive at a new fee arrangement prior to incurring any charges. However, the above fees do include the known accounting standards that will need to be implemented during the proposed years (including assistance with the implementation of Treasury's new Uniform Chart of Accounts, GASB 84 *Fiduciary Activities*, and GASB 87 *Leases*).

These fees are independent of any special projects for which a separate engagement is contracted. We will, of course, continue to be available throughout the year to answer general business questions, and to assist you or your staff with accounting for specific transactions without charge.

Again, we thank you for the continuing opportunity to be of service to the County, and we look forward to many more years of exceeding your expectations. If you have any questions regarding this extension, or if we can be of assistance to you in any, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



Gabridge & Company, PLC

The above proposal is hereby accepted for an additional 3 years.

Signature

Date
Date

Update for Animal Control:

January 19, 2021 start date of additional ACO

October 2020: 94 pending complaints

Date of Hire: 100+ pending complaints

Current pending or assigned calls: 28 assigned, 10 pending

Improvements:

- Kennel Inspections were completed in a timely manner this year
- Census is being completed
- Response Time has increased dramatically
- Better community awareness of ACO's and response
- TNR – program with Sandy Bassett from Cass River Pet Friendz who is assisting with TNR.

Downside: TNR list is never ending...

General Updates:

- Prison Program – we are partnered with a rescue in lower Michigan who will pull our dogs and send them to prison for training. The inmates send monthly updates and train the dogs completely before adoption. We have sent 17 dogs so far and all have been or are pending adoption. (Rescue: Refurbished Pets of Southern Michigan)
- Census: ACO Ray has been handling the dog census. The Treasurer's Office has seen an influx of licenses being purchased after census. We have also been able to educate the public and we have even been thanked for informing them about dog licenses (many people are not aware of this).
- We are now selling dog licenses at the shelter-but this is done by hand right now and turned into the Treasurer's Office for input until we are able to use BS&A at the shelter.
- Staff will be trained on BS&A once it is hooked up at the shelter to sell licenses.

Post COVID shut down updates:

- National Issue of increase in animals in shelters. Majority of Humane Societies and Animal Shelters are overcrowded/overpopulated. We have been full for about the last 4 months. Due to our shelter being so small, we are often full or near capacity. We have spent hours of our personal time contacting rescues looking for help. This is a state-wide issue, not just Tuscola County.
- Adoptions are down state-wide as well. Shelters have been hosting free adoption events in order to make room (we have not offered this). After discussing with other rescues and shelters, we believe the pandemic has been a major cause of this influx of animals.

- We have seen an increase in court cases with additional ACO because we are able to respond to calls faster – majority of these are dog issues (such as running at large) or cruelty cases involving multiple animals.
- G2G Solutions – credit card access at the shelter and also online donations has been implemented.

Building updates:

- New garage floor to meet Michigan Department of Agriculture standards
- New doors throughout the building – per MDARD request
- Maintenance stained our shed 😊
- Washer room: Maintenance moved our washers from our cat room into a separate room. This has allowed for an open concept cat room. We are waiting on the new doors and a window to be installed for the cat room to be completely finished. Less stress on the animals thus far and has made it easier for volunteers/adopters to view animals.

Interesting Cases this year:

- Deceased person in Millington with 20+ cats
- Deceased person with 2 Rottweilers
- Pops – dog that was stabbed in Caro
 - Dog is doing well and has healed completely
 - 2 leads were given anonymously but after investigation with Sheriff Department
- 8 animals were surrendered to the shelter last week after a cruelty investigation by TCSD and follow up by Animal Control
- 10 Husky's were surrendered to Animal Control last week after an ongoing issue for the last 2 years (6 have gone to rescues so far)

Events:

- Dog Bowl 2021: Raised \$758
- Cat adoption event: Kitten season has been crazy this year. We were hit with an abundance of cats from a deceased individuals home, sick/injured kittens or cats, and also the regular strays.
 - 2/3 of our cats were adopted!

Future goals:

- More volunteers at the shelter (COVID really impacted us on this)
- More events – Licensing, adoptions, open house, etc.
- New radios for ACOs (Ours are from the 90's)
- More community oriented activities
- Shot clinics/Microchip clinics

GRANT BETWEEN
 THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
 MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION (MIDC)
 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS (LARA)
 AND
 Tuscola County

GRANTEE/ADDRESS:

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 Title: County Administrator
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 Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
 611 W. Ottawa St.
 Lansing, MI 48933
 (517) 657-3060

GRANT PERIOD:

From: 10/01/2021 to 09/30/2022

TOTAL AUTHORIZED BUDGET: \$1,501,036.04

State Grant Contribution:	\$1,249,564.16
Local Share Contribution:	\$251,471.88

ACCOUNTING DETAIL:

Accounting Template No.: 6411113T032

SIGMA Vendor Code: CV0048120

GRANT

This is Grant # 2022-41 between the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (Grantor), and Tuscola County (Grantee), subject to terms and conditions of this grant agreement (Agreement).

1.0 Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this Grant is to provide funding to assist the Grantee (also referred to as local funding unit) to comply with the Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis approved by the MIDC for the provision of indigent criminal defense services through the minimum standards approved by LARA on May 22, 2017 and October 29, 2020, and the process described in the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act (MIDC Act). The funding for this grant is contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature that is signed by the Governor. Consistent with the MIDC Act, in the event that the funds appropriated apply to less than all of the minimum standards, the funding unit will not be required to fully comply with all of the minimum standards. In the event that an appropriation is insufficient to fully fund this grant, the amount of the grant will be reduced by the Grantor and the funding unit will not be required to fully comply with the minimum standards the original approved grant was designed to allow.

1.1 Definitions

- A. Budget means the detailed statement of estimated costs approved as the Grantee's Cost Analysis and required to implement the Compliance Plan.
- B. Budget Category means the aggregate of all funds in each of the high-level categories within the approved Cost Analysis.
- C. Compliance Plan or Plan is the plan submitted by the local funding unit and approved by the MIDC that specifically addresses how the Grantee shall meet the approved minimum standards established by the MIDC.
- D. Cost Analysis is a statement of the types of expenditures and funding necessary to bring Grantee's indigent defense system into compliance with the approved minimum standards established by the MIDC, including a statement of the funds in excess of the Grantee's local share as defined under the MIDC Act and as outlined in the Compliance Plan.
- E. MIDC Act means the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act, Public Act 93 of 2013, MCL 780.991 et seq., as amended, enacted for the purpose of creating the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission and creating minimum standards for the local delivery of indigent criminal defense services that meet the constitutional requirements for the effective assistance of counsel.
- F. Subgrantee means a governmental agency or other legal entity to which an MIDC subgrant is awarded by the Grantee. Attorneys representing indigent defendants, including both public defenders and attorneys contracted to represent indigent defendants, public defender office employees, judges, magistrates, court personnel, and professional service contract vendors shall not be considered subgrantees.
- G. "Substantial Change" to a Compliance Plan is a change to the Plan or Cost Analysis that alters the method of meeting the objectives of the standard(s) in the approved Plan.

1.2 Statement of Work

The Grantee agrees to undertake, perform, and complete the services described in its approved Compliance Plan and in accordance with the MIDC Act, specifically Standards 1 through 5. The Parties to this Agreement enter into this Agreement to facilitate the process described in the MIDC Act, which controls or supersedes any terms of this Agreement. Consistent with the Act and when applicable, an indigent criminal defense system shall comply with the terms of this Agreement in bringing its system into compliance with the minimum standards established by the MIDC within 180 days after receiving funds from the MIDC. Grantee may exceed 180 days for compliance with a specific item needed to meet minimum standards as set forth in the Act. Grantee's Compliance Plan, as submitted and approved by the MIDC, addresses the prescribed methods Grantee has chosen to provide indigent criminal defense services pursuant to MCL 780.993(3). Any substantial changes to the work described in the Compliance Plan must be submitted to the MIDC for approval as set forth in this Agreement prior to any changes being implemented. All provisions and requirements of this Agreement shall apply to any agreements the Grantee may enter into in furtherance of its obligations under this Agreement and Grantee shall be responsible for the performance of any Subgrantee work, as defined in subsection 1.1.

1.3 Detailed Budget

- A. This Agreement does not commit the State of Michigan (State) or the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to approve requests for additional funds at any time.
- B. If applicable, travel expenses will not be reimbursed at rates greater than the State Travel Rates, without the prior written consent of the MIDC.
- C. The Grantee agrees that all funds are to be spent as detailed in the Budget, unless a budget adjustment request is approved. See section 1.3(E).
- D. Grantee will maintain a restricted fund within their Local Chart of Accounts for the sole purpose of accounting for the expenses and revenue sources for operation of this grant and the local adult indigent defense system.
- E. All requests for a budget adjustment or substantial changes to the Grantee's Compliance Plan will be submitted quarterly with the Grantee's quarterly report. MIDC staff shall respond to a request in writing within 30 days of receipt.
 - 1) Budget adjustments less than or equal to 5% of the Budget Category total, including adjustments between Budget Categories, do not require approval by MIDC staff, but must be reported quarterly in the next financial status report.
 - 2) A Budget adjustment involving greater than 5% of the aggregate of all funding within a Budget Category requires prior written approval by MIDC Staff and must be reported to the MIDC as soon after the Grantee is aware of the necessity of the Budget adjustment and reported in the Grantee's quarterly report.
 - 3) Any substantial change to a Compliance Plan requires prior approval by MIDC staff and MIDC Commission.

1.4 Payment Schedule

The maximum amount of grant assistance approved is \$1,249,564.16 (One Million Two Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Four and 16/100)

Grantee must report and certify to Grantor by October 31st of each year the balance of any unexpended indigent defense grant funds from the prior fiscal year grant plus any interest earned on the advancement of the state grant funds in the previous fiscal year. Any funds from the previous fiscal year contained in an approved extension of the previous fiscal year's grant for projects that will be completed after September 30, 2021 will be carried over into the current fiscal year and shall not be considered unexpended funds, nor be included in the balance of unexpended funds. The current fiscal year indigent defense grant funds advanced will be reduced by the amount of unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year's grant by reducing the 2nd and 3rd disbursement equally. The maximum amount of grant assistance approved includes the unexpended funds reported from the previous fiscal year.

An initial advance of 25% of the State Grant shall be made to the Grantee upon receipt by the Grantor of a signed Agreement. The Grantor shall make subsequent disbursements of up to 25% of the total state grant amount in accordance with the following schedule:

Initial Advance of 25% of total grant – Within 15 days of receipt of executed agreement

25% disbursement – January 15, 2022

25% disbursement – April 15, 2022

25% disbursement – July 15, 2022 (final payment)

The above schedule of disbursement of funds is contingent upon receipt of quarterly reporting as addressed in this section and section 1.5 of this document. Any disputed matters shall not cause delay in remitting any disbursements or in issuing a grant contract and funds for the next fiscal year. Disputed matters shall be acted on independently from undisputed matters. The financial status report (FSR) report must be submitted on the form provided by the MIDC/LARA and indicate:

Grant funds received to date;

Expenditures for the reporting period by budget category; and;

Cumulative expenditures to date by budget category;

The quarterly FSR must be supported and accompanied by documentation of those grant funded expenditures incurred for the reporting period, including but not limited to:

- The general ledger for the restricted local indigent defense fund, including a detailed expenditure report with all expenditure detail within the budget categories, which must include documentation of payments to contract attorneys either by individual invoice or by report of payments made, by

- All invoices related to experts and investigators;
- All invoices related to construction; and
- Personnel detail including full-time equivalency of any grant funded positions, including total compensation for that position;

Upon request, Grantee shall provide the MIDC with additional documentation/verification of expenditures under the grant within 30 days of the making of the request. Any additional documentation/verification of expenditures shall not delay issuance of a grant contract or grant disbursements. Grantee's documentation of expenditures shall be maintained according to record retention policies for audit purposes in order to comply with this Agreement. Grantee will be held to the full contribution of the Local Share within the original one-year grant period.

The quarterly FSR and standards compliance report as addressed in Section 1.5, shall be provided in accordance with the following schedule:

Initial FSR and compliance report for 10/1/21–12/31/21 – January 31, 2022

2nd FSR and compliance report for 1/1/22-3/31/22 – April 30, 2022

3rd FSR and compliance report for 4/1/22-6/30/22 – July 31, 2022

Final FSR and compliance report for 7/1/22-9/30/22 – October 31, 2022

1.5 Monitoring and Reporting Program Performance

- A. **Monitoring.** The Grantee shall monitor performance to assure that time schedules are being met and projected work is being accomplished.
- B. **Quarterly Reports.** The Grantee shall submit to the Grantor quarterly program reports on compliance with the minimum standards and participate in follow up and evaluation activities. Compliance reports include narrative responses containing a description of the Grantee's compliance with Standards 1-5, identifying problems or delays, actual, real or anticipated and any significant deviation from the approved Compliance Plan. Grantee will use its best efforts to provide data relevant to assessing compliance as contained in the compliance reporting template requested by MIDC. If Grantee is unable to provide the information requested by the report, Grantee will demonstrate in writing the steps taken to assess what information is currently available and how to retrieve it. Grantee also agrees to work with MIDC research staff to seek additional options or ideas for the collection and retrieval of this information.

PART II - GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 Project Changes

Grantee must obtain prior written approval for substantial changes to the compliance plan from Grantor.

2.2 Delegation

Grantee must notify the MIDC at least 90 calendar days before any proposed delegation with reasonable detail about Subgrantee and the nature and scope of the activities delegated. If any obligations under this Grant are delegated, Grantee must: (a) be the sole point of contact regarding all contractual project matters, including payment and charges for all Grant activities; (b) make all payments to the Subgrantee; and (c) incorporate the terms and conditions contained in this Grant in any subgrant with Subgrantee. Grantee remains responsible for the completion of the Grant activities and compliance with the terms of this Grant.

2.3 Program Income

To the extent that it can be determined that interest was earned on advances of funds, such interest shall be recorded in the Grantee's restricted indigent defense fund and included in the quarterly FSRs. The grant award shall not be increased by the amount of interest earned. Any grant funds attributable to interest and not spent at the end of the grant period shall be returned to the State or included in future grant awards from the MIDC consistent with MCL 780.993(15).

2.4 Share-in-savings

Grantor expects to share in any cost savings realized by Grantee in proportion of the grant funds to the local share.

2.5 Purchase of Equipment

The purchase of equipment must be made pursuant to Grantee's established purchasing policy and if not specifically listed in the Budget, Grantee must have prior written approval of Grantor. Equipment is defined as non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year. Such equipment shall be retained by Grantee unless otherwise specified at the time of approval.

2.6 Accounting

Grantee must establish and maintain a restricted indigent defense fund in its local chart of accounts to record all transactions related to the Grant. The restricted fund will not lapse to the local general fund at the close of Grantee's fiscal year. Grantee shall adhere to the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and shall maintain records which will allow, at a minimum, for the comparison of actual outlays with budgeted amounts. Grantee's overall financial management system must ensure effective control over and accountability for all indigent defense funds received. Where the Grantee uses a nonprofit entity to provide indigent defense services as contemplated in its compliance plan and cost analysis, the Grantee shall ensure that the contract or agreement defining the nonprofit entities relationship allows for reasonable access, in its sole discretion, to financial records for monitoring by the Grantee and its representatives. Accounting records must be supported by source

ledgers, payroll documents, time sheets and invoices. The expenditure of state funds shall be reported by line item and compared to the Budget.

2.7 Records Maintenance, Inspection, Examination, and Audit

Grantor or its designee may audit Grantee and the restricted indigent defense fund account to verify compliance with this Grant. Grantee must retain and provide to Grantor or its designee upon request, all financial and accounting records related to the Grant through the term of the Grant and for 7 years after the latter of termination, expiration, or final payment under this Grant or any extension ("Audit Period"). If an audit, litigation, or other action involving the records is initiated before the end of the Audit Period, Grantee must retain the records until all issues are resolved.

Within 10 calendar days of providing notice, Grantor and its authorized representatives or designees have the right to enter and inspect Grantee's premises or any other places where Grant activities are being performed, and examine, copy, and audit all records related to this Grant. Grantee must cooperate and provide reasonable assistance. If any financial errors have occurred, the amount in error must be reflected as a credit or debit on subsequent disbursements until the amount is paid or refunded. Any remaining balance must be reported by Grantee to Grantor by October 31 of each year as required under the MIDC Act.

This Section applies to Grantee, any parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization of Grantee, and any subgrantee that performs Grant activities in connection with this Grant.

2.8 Competitive Bidding

Grantee agrees that all procurement transactions involving the use of state funds shall be conducted in a manner that provides maximum open and free competition, consistent with Grantee's purchasing policies. Sole source contracts should be negotiated to the extent that such negotiation is possible. Attorney contracts for representation of indigent or partially indigent defendants, and contracts for managed assigned counsel coordinators, are exempt from a competitive bid process but must meet standard internal procurement policies, as applicable.

3.0 Liability

The State is not liable for any costs incurred by Grantee before the start date or after the end date of this Agreement. Liability of the State is limited to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the total grant amount.

3.1 Safety

Grantee and all subgrantees are responsible for ensuring that all precautions are exercised at all times for the protection of persons and property. Safety provisions of all Applicable Laws and building and construction codes shall be observed. Grantee and every subgrantee are responsible for compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations in any manner affecting the work or performance of this Agreement and shall at all times carefully observe and comply with all rules, ordinances, and regulations. Grantee, and all subgrantees shall secure all necessary certificates and permits from municipal or other public authorities as may be required in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

3.2 Indemnification

Each party to the Grant must seek its own legal representation and bear its own legal costs; including judgments, in any litigation which may arise from the performance of this Grant and/or Agreement. It is specifically understood and agreed that neither party will indemnify the other party in any such litigation.

3.3 Failure to Comply and Termination

A. Failure to comply with duties and obligations under the grant program as set forth in Public Act 93 of 2013, as amended, is subject to the procedures contained in sections 15 and 17 of the Act.

B. Termination for Convenience

Grantor may immediately terminate this Grant in whole or in part without penalty and for any reason, including but not limited to, appropriation or budget shortfalls. If Grantor terminates this Grant for convenience, Grantor will pay all reasonable costs for approved Grant responsibilities. If the parties cannot agree to the cost to be paid by , the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute by mediation pursuant to MCL 780.995. Grantee's duty to comply with MIDC standards is limited to funding covering the cost of compliance as set forth in the Act.

3.4 Conflicts and Ethics

Grantee will uphold high ethical standards and is prohibited from: (a) holding or acquiring an interest that would conflict with this Grant; (b) doing anything that creates an appearance of impropriety with respect to the award or performance of the Grant; (c) attempting to influence or appearing to influence any State employee by the direct or indirect offer of anything of value; or (d) paying or agreeing to pay any person, other than employees and consultants working for Grantee, any consideration contingent upon the award of the Grant. Grantee must immediately notify Grantor of any violation or potential violation of this Section. This Section applies to Grantee, any parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization of Grantee, and any subgrantee that performs Grant activities in connection with this Grant.

3.5 Non-Discrimination

Under the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 453, MCL 37.2101 to 37.2804, and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 220, MCL 37.1101, et seq., Grantee and its subgrantees agree not to discriminate against an employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status, partisan considerations, or a disability or genetic information that is unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position. Breach of this covenant is a material breach of this Grant.

3.6 Unfair Labor Practices

Under MCL 423.324, the State may void any Grant with a grantee or subgrantee who appears on the Unfair Labor Practice register compiled under MCL 423.322.

3.7 Force Majeure

Neither party will be in breach of this Grant because of any failure arising from any disaster or act of God that are beyond its control and without its fault or negligence. Each party will use commercially reasonable efforts to resume performance. Grantee will not be relieved of a breach or delay caused by its subgrantees except where the MIDC determines that an unforeseeable condition prohibits timely compliance pursuant to MCL 780.993, Sec. 13(11).

4.0 Certification Regarding Debarment

Grantee certifies, by signature to this Agreement, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this Agreement by any federal or state department or agency. If Grantee is unable to certify to any portion of this statement, Grantee shall attach an explanation to this Agreement.

4.1 Illegal Influence

Grantee certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief that:

- A. No federal appropriated funds have been paid nor will be paid, by or on behalf of Grantee, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.
- B. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this grant, the Grantee shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- C. Grantee shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all grants or subcontracts and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

The State has relied upon this certification as a material representation. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for entering into this Agreement imposed by 31 USC 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Grantee certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief that no state funds have been paid nor will be paid, by or on behalf of Grantee, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any state agency, a member of the Legislature, or an employee of a member of the Legislature in connection with the awarding of any state contract, the making of any state grant, the making of any state

loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any state contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.

4.2 Governing Law

This Grant is governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with Michigan law, excluding choice-of-law principles. All claims relating to, or arising out of, this Grant are governed by Michigan law, excluding choice-of-law principles. Any dispute arising from this Grant must be resolved as outlined in Sec. 15 of PA93 of 2013, as amended.

4.3 Disclosure of Litigation, or Other Proceeding

Grantee must notify Grantor within 14 calendar days of receiving notice of any litigation, investigation, arbitration, or other proceeding (collectively Proceeding) that arises during the term of the Grant against a public defender office, an attorney employed by a public defender office, or an attorney contracted to perform indigent defense functions funded by the Grantee that involves: (a) a criminal Proceeding; (b) a civil Proceeding involving a claim that, after consideration of Grantee's insurance coverages, would adversely affect Grantee's viability; (c) a civil Proceeding involving a governmental or public entity's claim or written allegation of fraud related to performance of the Grant; or (d) a Proceeding challenging any license that an attorney practicing on behalf of a public defender office or an attorney practicing pursuant to a contract to perform indigent defense functions for Grantee is required to possess in order to perform under this Grant.

4.4 Assignment

Grantee may not assign this Grant to any other party without the prior approval of Grantor. Upon notice to Grantee, Grantor, in its sole discretion, may assign in whole or in part, its rights or responsibilities under this Grant to any other party. If Grantor determines that a novation of the Grant to a third party is necessary, Grantee will agree to the novation, provide all necessary documentation and signatures, and continue to perform its obligations under the Grant.

4.5 Entire Grant and Modification

This Grant is the entire agreement and replaces all previous agreements between the parties for the Grant activities. Pursuant to the MIDC Act, the MIDC shall promulgate policies necessary to carry out its powers and duties. The MIDC may also provide guides, instructions, informational pamphlets for the purpose of providing guidance and information with regard to the Grant and MIDC policies. This Agreement supersedes all terms of MIDC policies, guides, instructions, informational pamphlets and any other explanatory material that is in conflict with the Agreement. This Agreement may not be amended except by a signed written agreement between the parties.

4.6 Grantee Relationship

Grantee assumes all rights, obligations, and liabilities set forth in this Grant. Grantee, its employees, and its agents will not be considered employees of the State. No partnership or joint venture relationship is created by virtue of this Grant. Grantee.

and not Grantor or the State of Michigan, is responsible for the payment of wages, benefits, and taxes of Grantee's employees. Prior performance does not modify Grantee's status as an independent grantee.

4.7 Dispute Resolution

The parties will endeavor to resolve any Grant dispute in accordance with section 15 of Public Act 93 of 2013. The dispute will be referred to the parties' respective representatives or program managers. Such referral must include a description of the issues and all supporting documentation. The parties will continue performing while a dispute is being resolved, unless the dispute precludes performance or performance would require Grantee to spend in excess of the Local Share as defined by MCL 780.983(h).

5.0 Severability

If any part of this Grant is held invalid or unenforceable, by any court of competent jurisdiction, that part will be deemed deleted from this Grant and the severed part will be replaced by agreed upon language that achieves the same or similar objectives. The remaining Grant will continue in full force and effect.

5.1 Signatories

The signatories warrant that they are empowered to enter into this Agreement and agree to be bound by it.

Signature:

,
Bureau of Finance and Administrative Services
Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
State of Michigan

Date:

Signature:

,
Michigan Indigent Defense Commission
Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
State of Michigan

Date:

Signature:

Representative: ,

Date:

Funding Unit: Tuscola County

GRANT NO. 2022-41



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September 13, 2021

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

Dear Board of Commissioners:

We, at Tuscola Intermediate School District, are asking for signatures and certifications on our School Plan Reviews for the following school districts: Akron-Fairgrove, Caro, Cass City, Kingston, Mayville, Millington, Reese, Tuscola Intermediate School District, Unionville-Sebewaing Area and Vassar.

You will receive the forms shortly to review and sign. I ask that you sign and return as soon as possible as for them to be sent to the State Office. Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kudera
Facilities Manager/Transportation Director

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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 16th day of September, 2021 with the meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioners Absent:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____,

Resolution to Exempt Certain Counties from the Recently Updated Open Meetings Act (OMA)

Resolution 2021-13

Whereas, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners has concerns regarding the decisions made regarding PA 254, and

Whereas, prior to the most recent amendments to the OMA, it was generally well-settled that members of a public body could participate in a meeting electronically so long as a quorum of the public body was physically present at the meeting location, and

Whereas, before March 31, 2021 and retroactive to March 18, 2020 any circumstances, including, but not limited to, any of the circumstances requiring accommodation of absent members described in section 3(2), and

Whereas, on and after March 31, 2021 through December 31, 2021, only those circumstances requiring accommodation of members absent for the reasons described in section 3(2). For the purpose of permitting an electronic meeting due to a local state of emergency or state of disaster, this subdivision applies only as follows:

- (i) To permit the electronic attendance of a member of the public body who resides in the affected area.
- (ii) To permit the electronic meeting of a public body that usually holds its meeting in the affected area.

Whereas, after December 31, 2021, members of a public body will be allowed to participate in a meeting electronically **only in the circumstances requiring accommodation of members absent due to military duty as described in section (3)2**, and

Whereas, this substantive change eliminates a public body's previous flexibility to allow one or two members to participate remotely.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners requests that all counties with populations of 75,000 or less be exempt from the portion of PA 254 that allows only members absent due to military duty to be allowed to participate in meetings electronically.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners submits this resolution to all Michigan Senators, all Michigan Representatives, all Michigan Counties, Michigan Township Association, all Tuscola County Cities and Townships, Gene Pierce, Tuscola Intermediate School District Superintendent and all Superintendents within Tuscola County.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Resolution declared adopted.

Date _____

Thom Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at its meeting on September 16, 2021.

Date _____

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

2020-2021 Quality Assurance Office of the Medical Examiner

Dr. William Morrone, MPH

Chief Medical Examiner

Bay & Tuscola County

Bay City, MI 48708

May - August 2021

Assessment by telephone questionnaire

- Between Thursday July 01, 2021 and September 09, 2021
- (989) 293 – 6129 was used to call Tri-county funeral homes
- Julie Ann Bailey, LPN, active Michigan licensed nurse with Recovery Pathways, llc and private duty called twelve (14) funeral homes and asked for managers or directors.
- Everyone was asked if they had approximately 4 minutes to verbally answer five (5) questions on the telephone.
- Everybody knew to “Please answer about Dr. Morrone’s service compared to the previous Medical Examiner’s service.”

FUNERAL HOMES QUERIED

- **Skorupski**
- Gephart
- Trahan
- **Penzien Steele**
- Rivertown
- Ambrose
- **Hanlin**
- Cunningham Taylor
- Ramsay Standish
- **Ransford Collon**
- Squires
- **Hyatt Ewald**
- Buresh
- **Snow**

Has there been improvement in delivery time for death certificates and cremation permits?

•NO = 0%

•**YES** = 100%

14/14

Has there been improvement in communication
with the medical examiner's office?

•NO = 0% •**YES = 100%**

14/14

Has there been improvement in electronic death record (EDRS) utilization?

•NO = 0% •**YES** = 100%

14/14

Has there been improvement in how families
are being served?



YES
100%
14/14

Instructions to rate Dr. Morrone over previous
medical examiner (ME) services:

On a scale of 1 to 10 where:

- **11:** Medical Examiner services have “**greatly**”
improved
- **Two:** Medical Examiner services have improved
- **1:** Medical Examiner services stayed the same

FUNERAL HOMES rating Dr. Morrone service
over previous Medical Examiner (ME) Services

- **Skorupski** 10/10 • Cunningham Taylor 10/10
- Gephart 09/10 • Ramsay Standish 10/10
- Trahan 10/10 • **Ransford Collon** 10/10
- **Penzien Steele** 10/10 • Squires 10/10
- Rivertown 10/10 • **Hyatt Ewald** 10/10
- Ambrose 10/10 • Buresh 10/10
- **Hanlin** 10/10 • **Snow** 10/10

August 19, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board was held in their offices at 1733 S. Mertz Rd., Caro, Michigan on Thursday, August 19, 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 August 5, 2021 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$107,097.36 and bills in the amount of \$192,403.27 covered by vouchers #2021-41, #2021-42, #2021-43, and #HRA-98 were presented and audited.

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

Brief Public Comment Segment:

- (1) Tiffany Stephens appeared before the Board to discuss a recent fatality at the intersection of Colling Road and Akron Road. The Board requested that the Acting County Highway Engineer conduct a Safety Study at that intersection.
- (2) Bob Reil appeared before the Board to discuss a culvert on Sohn Road which is causing a flooding issue. The Board requested that the Acting County Highway Engineer review the location.

Mr. Dave Ondrajka with Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt, & Doran, CPA's appeared before the Board to present the Road Commission's Annual Financial Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 2020. After presentation and discussion, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Kennard that the 2020 Financial Audit Report be accepted and placed on file. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Kathy Harahuc appeared before the Board to discuss a gate installed across Cherry Street in Fostoria. Acting County Highway Engineer Dankert will review the location.

Motion by Weber seconded by Matuszak that the bids for 2021 Grader Blades taken and accepted at the last regular meeting of the Board be awarded to St. Regis Culvert, Inc. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Julie Matuszak seconded by David Kennard to approve and authorize Operations Engineer Technician Will Green to digitally sign the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract #21-5313 for the double chip seal and fog seal work along Hurds Corner Road from M-46 to Bevens Road and Bay City-Forestville Road from the Gagetown Village Limits to Cemetery Road, and all together with necessary related work. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Gary Parsell seconded by Duane Weber to approve the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract for the period of October 1, 2021 – September 20, 2026, and to authorize Operations Engineer Technician Will Green to digitally sign the Contract. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Kennard seconded by Parsell to approve the Agreement with the Tuscola County Drain Commission for the proposed maintenance work on the Akron Centerline Consolidated Drain. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to approve the Agreement with the Tuscola County Drain Commission for the proposed maintenance work on the Allen Drain. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Kennard to accept the Letter of Retirement from Tim Hutchinson effective September 30, 2021. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Management and the Board reviewed and discussed a memo from the Road Commission's Labor Attorney regarding the current guidance from MIOSHA as it relates to COVID-19.

Director of Finance Michael Tuckey reported to the Board that the Road Commission has received the funds for the Section 19 State Disaster Contingency Funding for the flooding event from the 2019 Memorial Day Weekend.

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

Motion by Parsell seconded by Weber that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 A.M. Weber, Kennard, Matuszak, Parsell, Laurie --- Motion Carried.

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board



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NOTICE OF INTENT TO UPDATE A MASTER PLAN CITY OF CARO, MICHIGAN

September 30, 2021

In accordance with the requirements of Michigan Planning Enabling Act, this is to notify you that the City of Caro is initiating the process to prepare its Master Plan.

In the coming months, the City of Caro Planning Commission will be working on the plan. Once a draft has been prepared, a copy will be sent to you for your community's review and comment. Once the plan is adopted, a copy of the adopted plan will also be sent to you. It is our intention to provide the plan copies in digital format. If you would like a paper copy of the draft and final plan instead, please let us know.

Planning assistance is provided by ROWE Professional Services Company. The project manager for this project is Caitlyn Habben who can be reached at (810) 341-7500 or chabben@rowepsc.com. The City of Caro thanks you for your cooperation and assistance. Please direct any correspondence or questions to:

Planning Commission
City of Caro
317 S. State St.
Caro, MI 48723
(989) 673-7310

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August 31, 2021

Dear Community Leaders,

Local public health officials have been on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic response since the very beginning. They have walked with every sector of society through every challenge, sorrow, change, frustration, and triumph thus far.

Public health physicians have spent long hours caring for sick and dying COVID-19 patients in hospitals as well as providing expert clinical leadership to pandemic response efforts in their communities. Local health officers have spearheaded the coordinated activities of multiple community partners and have adjusted strategies based on continuously changing conditions.

Despite their dedication and profound sense of duty to protect the public, medical and administrative health officials have been physically threatened and politically scapegoated.

The Michigan Association for Local Public Health and the Michigan Association of Preventive Medicine and Public Health Physicians condemn physical threats and political intimidation of public health officials. We ask communities, elected officials and professional societies throughout Michigan to support their local public health leadership and staff. As the National Association of County and City Health Officials stated over a year ago, "The experts who comprise our public health departments are true heroes. We should be thanking them for their tireless work and heeding their advice, not threatening their safety and careers."

The pandemic has been a difficult time for everyone. Stress, anxiety, fear, misinformation and distrust contribute to inappropriate behavior. We call on community leaders to stand up for your public health officials and help encourage productive community conversations.

Respectfully,

Ruta Sharangpani, MD, MPH

President, Michigan Association of Preventive Medicine and Public Health Physicians

William Nettleton, MD, MPH

Immediate Past President, Michigan Association of Preventive Medicine and Public Health Physicians

Norm Hess, MSA

Executive Director, Michigan Association for Local Public Health



Resolution 87-2021

Date: August 18, 2021

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VACCINE AWARENESS AND MEDICAL AUTONOMY

WHEREAS, we elected officials have solemnly sworn an oath to support the Constitution of the United States of America, which is ordained and established to "promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity",

WHEREAS, citizens being both informed about the risks and benefits of any available medical treatment such as vaccines; as well as maintaining the sacred inalienable right to make autonomous choices about their own health are essential to securing both the general Welfare and securing the Blessings of Liberty,

THEREFORE, all Grand Traverse County messaging related to vaccines shall encourage citizens to discuss the risks and benefits of any such treatment with their chosen healthcare provider,

THEREFORE, Grand Traverse County shall not question any citizen's claim to exemption from wearing a facemask or any other similarly mandated preventative activity,

THEREFORE, Grand Traverse County shall not require of or mandate to any employee, prospective employee, or contractor any form of vaccine or similar medical treatment verification or medical test verification as a general condition of employment; and will not encourage employers located within Grand Traverse County to establish such mandates that so hinder medical autonomy,

THEREFORE, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners recognizes and commends the employees of the Grand Traverse County Health Department, Administration, and the other various county offices and departments, and community health care providers for their immense efforts throughout the pandemic,

THEREFORE, The Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes August as being National Immunization Awareness Month and encourages all residents of Grand Traverse County to increase their awareness of available immunizations by discussing the risks and benefits of available immunizations with their chosen healthcare provider,

THEREFORE, the Grand Traverse County Commission instructs its chair and staff to forward a copy of this resolution directly to all county commissioners, or their equivalents, in each of the counties in the United States including the 83 counties in the state of Michigan and all other

states, inviting that they consider whether passing a similar resolution might be in the best interest of their own citizens.

THEREFORE, it is acknowledged that certain activities may be required under state and federal law or other pre-existing contract and such obligatory situations are not affected by this resolution.

Introduced by the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INDEPENDENT DECISION MAKING
OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS**

RESOLUTION #21 – 437

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the United States Constitution establishes that one of the primary objectives of the document is to promote the general Welfare; and

WHEREAS, the police powers granted to the states by the United States Constitution are meant to protect, preserve, and promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the people; and

WHEREAS, the state Constitution of Michigan of 1963, Article IV, section 51 declares that the public health and general welfare of the people of the state are hereby declared to be matters of primary public concern. The legislature shall pass suitable laws for the protection and promotion of the public health; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Public Health Code, Public Act 368 of 1978 Section 2453 reads: If a local health officer determines that control of an epidemic is necessary to protect the public health, the local health officer may issue an emergency order to prohibit the gathering of people for any purpose and may establish procedures to be followed by persons, including a local governmental entity, during the epidemic to insure continuation of essential public health services and enforcement of health laws. Emergency procedures shall not be limited to this code; and

WHEREAS, the virus Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), commonly known as COVID-19, has been recognized as a global pandemic since at least March of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has had more than one million cases of COVID-19, suffering more than twenty-one thousand deaths, and a current daily average new case rate of more than seventeen hundred; and

WHEREAS, new variants of COVID-19 continue to emerge, sometimes more contagious and harmful than the original form of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the FDA has authorized several safe and effective vaccines for emergency use in the fight against COVID-19, and studies have shown that the vaccines help to reduce transmission; and

WHEREAS, these vaccines have not yet been authorized for use on individuals under the age of twelve and some individuals with certain medical conditions may not be able to receive the vaccines; and

WHEREAS, face masks have been shown to be effective in reducing the transmission of respiratory viruses, including COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, schools across Michigan are beginning their new school years meeting in person, including for school-aged children who are currently unable to be vaccinated against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, local health officials are appointed by the elected bodies of local government and the credentials of these health officials are verified by the state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, local health officials are experts in public health and have been empowered by state statute to make decisions to protect the public health.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners supports the ability of all local health officers in our state to make decisions to protect the public health based on the best scientific information available and free from political pressure.

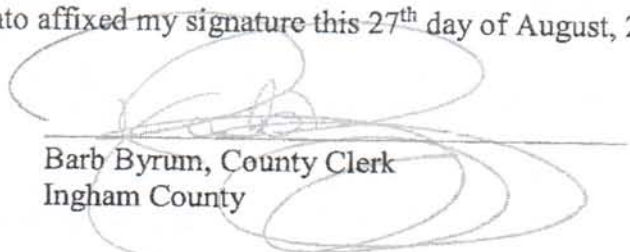
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners condemns any attempt by elected officials to use political pressure to coerce the decisions of local health officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the resolution be transmitted by the Ingham County Clerk to each county board of commissioners in Michigan, the Michigan Association of Counties, The Speaker and Minority leaders of the state House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority leaders of the state Senate, the members of the Ingham County state House and Senate delegation, and the Governor of Michigan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, Barb Byrum, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Ingham County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on August 24, 2021, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 27th day of August, 2021.


Barb Byrum, County Clerk
Ingham County



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September 9, 2021

“Motion by Melvin, Second by Muckenthaler to adopt Resolution #2021-09-01;

**RESOLUTION #2021-09-01
OPPOSING PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority has served for more than 50 years as the public mental health and intellectual/developmental disabilities services provider for this community, serving approximately 24,900 residents in Roscommon County each year; and

WHEREAS, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority was created by the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners as duly authorized under the Community Mental Health Act of 1963; and

WHEREAS, Every year thousands of individuals and their families in this community depend on the public behavioral health system for daily and life-long supports and services; and

WHEREAS, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority opposes any behavioral health redesign that harms the state and county partnership for community mental health and related Medicaid safety net services and/or seeks to privatize Medicaid behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, The Roscommon County Board of Commissioners believes recent proposals in the Michigan House and Senate fundamentally change the public behavioral health system and will harm those served by the system for the following reasons:

- Beneficiaries would stand to lose access to services, supports and input into the design and operation of their services and supports system. Many Michiganders would be left out of the redesign proposals completely;
- Public oversight, governance, operations and accountability would be ended;
- Current proposals for redesign are not based on performance metrics related to positive outcomes, effectiveness and efficiency measures associated with the current public system. Also, there is no clear statement about the problems that the Senate or House are attempting to address or solve;
- The Senate proposal specifically incentivizes and prioritizes profits to private companies at the expense of the public and the beneficiaries served by the public behavioral health system;

WHEREAS, Instead of damaging our public behavioral health system through pursuit of these proposals recent innovations by the public behavioral health system should be supported. The Roscommon Board of Commissioners supports and asks our Legislative and Executive Branch leaders to support;

- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)
- Behavioral Health Homes
- Opioid Health Homes
- State Innovation Models

- Local primary and behavioral health integration infrastructure and care coordination at the point of service delivery

WHEREAS, The public behavioral health system is the safety net system for our state's most vulnerable and needy people, we believe strongly that the public safety net behavioral health system must remain public in governance, accountability, funding and operation and we believe strongly that representatives in the community and to the whole board of directors through participation in local public board meetings under the Open Meetings Act, and recent proposals by the Michigan Senate and House eliminate these key features of the behavioral health system, we stand united in opposing these proposals, and

WHEREAS, The premise of these proposals seems to be that privatization (Senate) and state-centralization (House) are better than local access, local control, local accountability, collaborative regional/local management and local oversight. These are just a few of the beneficial features of the current public behavioral health system that the House and Senate proposals ignore and for these reasons we stand united in opposition to them, and

WHEREAS, Having come through a recent pandemic, and currently dealing with further results of the pandemic, this is no time for a major upheaval of the public behavioral health system that so many thousands of persons, their families and entire communities rely on for support. The public behavioral health safety net has ensured continued services and supports for all these people in our communities throughout the pandemic period.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners, that we request that our policy making representatives support, improve and strengthen the public behavioral health safety net system, and that you support improvements in the delivery of publicly governed, publicly accountable, publicly operated regional and community-based systems, invest in and expand initiatives that are proven to improve citizen access, beneficiary engagement, individual and population health, behavioral wellbeing, quality of life and community betterment such as those mentioned above. These are among the accomplishments of the public system that would be destroyed by pursuing these new legislative proposals.

On Roll Call:

Ayes: Russo, Schneider, Milburn, Muckenthaler

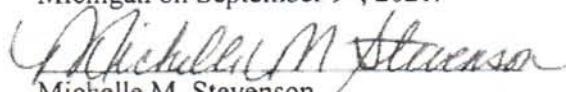
Nays: None

Resolution Adopted

State of Michigan }
County of Roscommon }

I, Michelle M. Stevenson, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Roscommon do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on September 8th, 2021. That I have compared the same with the original and it is a copy transcript therefrom, and of the whole thereafter.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal at Roscommon, Michigan on September 9th, 2021.


Michelle M. Stevenson
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

