



# TUSCOLA COUNTY

## Board of Commissioners

### BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 15, 2023 – 8:00 AM

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723

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8:00 AM Call to Order - Chairperson Vaughan  
Prayer - Commissioner Bardwell  
Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Young  
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**Koch**

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Recycling Advisory  
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Local Units of Government

**Bardwell**

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Caro DDA/TIFA  
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MAC 7th District  
MAC Workers Comp Board



MAC Finance Committee

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**Young**

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County Road Commission Liaison

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**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 (2) days in advance of the meeting.



# MINUTES

## Board of Commissioners

### Meeting

**8:00 AM - Thursday, May 25, 2023**

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723

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Commissioner Vaughan called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723, on Thursday, May 25, 2023, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Vaughan

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Bardwell

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, Matt Koch

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Greg Rynearson, Mark Reene, Shelly Lutz, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Cody Horton, Angie Daniels, Register Marianne Brandt, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Dara Hood, Treasurer Ashley Bennett

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Rebecca Evans, Bob Baxter, Debbie Babich, Cody Horton, Shawn Robinson, Register Marianne Brandt, Mark Haney, Carrie Tabar, Renee Francisco, Amanda Ertman, Barry Lapp, Shannon Beach, Pam Shook, Dara Hood, Kate Curtis, Mitchell Holmes, Steve Root, Cindy Hughes

At 8:04 a.m., there were a total of 16 participants attending the meeting virtually.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2023-M-114

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

**Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2023-M-115

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 11, 2023 regular meeting. Motion Carried.

**Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only**

None

**Consent Agenda**

2023-M-116

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the May 22, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Move to approve the L-4029 Summer 2023 Tax Millage Report as presented by Angie Daniels, Equalization Director. Also, all authorized signatures are approved.
2. Move that per the request from Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, that Dennis Haley's position be changed from the Assistant Foreman position to the vacant Seasonal Biology Technician position at Step 2 at \$16.73 per hour effective immediately. This is a budget neutral request since the pay scales are the same for both positions.
3. Move that per the request from Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, that Rodney Spiers' position be changed from Seasonal Field Technician position to the vacant Assistant Foreman position at Step 1 at \$16.33 per hour effective immediately. Also, amend the Mosquito Abatement line items:  
240-100-705-000 Salaries-Seasonal to be increased by \$1,860.00 and  
240-100-715-000 FICA to be increased by \$140.00 through the use of fund balance.
4. Move that per the awarded 2023 Marine Safety Program (State funded) Grant Agreement that the required 25% match be budgeted in the amount of \$3,475.00 through the use of General Fund contingency to the Marine Safety Department 331 in the General Fund. Also, appropriate signatures are authorized.
5. Move that per the request from Undersheriff Robert Baxter to purchase 24 tasers for the Sheriff's Department in the total amount of \$79,691.21. Also, move that the following budgets be amended to allow for the \$12,000.00 grant award from Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) for the taser project:  
244-000-585-304 (revenue) \$12,000 MMRMA/RAP Taser Grant  
244-304-981-004 (expense) \$12,000.00 MMRMA/RAP Tasers and

207-309-932-000 Equipment (expense) \$67,692.00  
with the offset through the use of fund balance in the Road Patrol Fund.

**New Business (continued below)**

1. Prosecutor Refill Vacant Position (matter added) -

2023-M-117

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Thomas Bardwell that per the request from Mark Reene, Prosecutor, that Brad Kamrad, current Tuscola County Employee, be hired to fill the vacant Secretary II position in the Prosecutor's Office at Step 7 hourly wage of \$18.34 per hour with an effective date of hire of June 8, 2023 or sooner. Motion Carried.

For future reference, Brad Kamrad was a Friend of the Court employee.

2. Bids on the Replacement of the Exterior Windows at the County Adult Probation Building at 449 Wells Street, Caro -

2023-M-118

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Matt Koch that Dave's Glass from Caro be awarded the bid for replacement windows at the County Adult Probation Building at 449 Wells Street, Caro, in the amount of \$26,625.00. The Capital Improvements Fund Budget was established at \$15,000.00 for this project and will be short by \$11,625.00. Also, move to increase line item 483-938-971-024 Window Replacement by \$11,625.00 through the use of fund balance. Motion Carried.

3. Bids for the Installation of New Vinyl Siding at the County Adult Probation Building at 449 Wells Street Caro -

2023-M-119

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Matt Koch that Bergman Construction, Inc. from Saginaw be awarded the bid for new vinyl siding at the County Adult Probation Building at 449 Wells Street, Caro, in the amount of \$56,455.00. The Capital Improvements Fund Budget was established at \$35,000.00 for this project and will be short by \$21,455.00. Also, move to increase line item 483-938-971-023 Siding by \$21,455.00 through the use of fund balance. Motion Carried with Lutz opposed.

4. Tuscola County Sheriff's Office Awarded Tuscola County Community Foundation, Janks Grant -

Deputy Steven Anderson, Emergency Manager, explained the grant received.

2023-M-120

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that due to receiving the Tuscola County Community Foundation - Janks Grant award in the amount of \$3,960.00 that the General Fund revenue account 101-000-583-426, Janks Grant Emergency Services, be increased by the same amount as well as the expense account 101-426-979-000, Janks Grant Equipment. Motion Carried.

5. Refill Vacant Part-Time Material Handler at the Recycling Center -  
Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds/Recycling, requested to fill an upcoming vacant position.

2023-M-121

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that per the recommendation of Mike Miller, Director of Building and Grounds/Recycling, that George Wright be hired to fill the vacant part-time Material Handler position at Recycling pending a favorable background check, drug screen and physical. Tentative start date of June 1, 2023. Motion Carried.

6. Animal Control Part-Time Attendant -  
Clayette Zechmeister presented the request on behalf of Director Ray.

2023-M-122

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the recommendation of Tyler Ray, Animal Control Director, to hire Katerina McCombs to fill the vacant part-time Animal Control Assistant/Kennel Attendant position at Step 1 at \$16.11 per hour with a tentative start date of June 6, 2023 pending satisfactory background check, physical and drug test. Motion Carried. Motion Carried.

7. District Court Probation Full-Time Probation Officer -

2023-M-123

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young that Preston Lockwood be hired to fill the vacant full-time Probation Officer position for District Court Probation. Effective date of hire of May 8, 2023 at Step 1 at the beginning annual salary of \$44,289.43. Motion Carried.

8. District Court Probation Full-Time Probation Officer -

2023-M-124

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that Olivia Chapin be hired to fill the vacant full-time Probation Officer position for District Court Probation. Effective date of hire of May 15, 2023 at Step 1 at the beginning annual salary of \$44,289.43. Motion Carried.

9. LEAD Tuscola 2023-2024 Class Application and Brochure -  
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, reported that the LEAD program has been revitalized and is requesting the County participate in the upcoming year. Clayette Zechmeister to distribute the information to Elected Officials and Department Heads. Matter to be placed on the June 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Old Business (continued below)**

1. Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Body Worn Cameras Project - Animal Control - Eean Lee reported that he and Director Ray have had the opportunity to discuss the matter.

2023-M-125

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve 50% funding for the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Body Worn Cameras project awarded to Animal Control Director Tyler Ray. Also, authorize budget amendments as follows in the Equipment/Technology Fund:

244-000-585-239 MMRMA/RAP Body Cams revenue increase of \$255.00

244-239-981-019 MMRMA/RAP Body Cams expense by \$509.00.

The balance of the \$254.00 expense used through the use of fund balance in the Equipment/Technology Fund. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence/Resolutions**

1. Legislative Update 5-12-23 - The Michigan Association of Counties
2. Michigan Public Policy Survey - May 2023
3. Michigan State University Extension (MSUe) District 10 Director - Notice of Resignation
4. Lenawee County Resolution Opposing HB 4526-4528

**Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports**

**Young**

No Update

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison

Dispatch Authority Board

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

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**Vaughan**

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Update provided.  
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**Lutz**

Board of Health  
Larry Zapfe reported the increase of ticks.  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
Update provided.  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
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Representative Bierlein is addressing the option for Commissioners to be able  
to attend meetings virtually.  
Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

**Koch**

No Update  
Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Recycling Advisory  
Jail Planning Committee  
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Recessed at 8:51 a.m.  
Reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

***New Business (continued from above)***

10. Closed Session Regarding Security (Exempt from Disclosure) -  
2023-M-126

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young 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 or information of measures designed to protect the security or safety of County employees, officials and visitors, as well as County property, which are exempt from disclosure as a public record under Section 13(y) of the Freedom of Information Act. Also, Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Shelly Lutz, Angie Daniels, Ashley Bennett, Marianne Brandt, Bob Mantey, Dara Hood and Cody Horton are authorized to attend at 9:02 a.m.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, and Matt Koch

Motion Carried.

Recessed at 9:02 a.m.  
Reconvened at 10:08 a.m.

At 10:08 a.m., there were a total of 18 participants attending the meeting virtually.

11. Refill Vacant Account Clerk III in the County Treasurer's Office -  
Ashley Bennett, County Treasurer, explained the request.



2023-M-127

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young that per the request from Ashley Bennett, County Treasurer, that Kayla Siegel be hired to fill the vacant full-time Account Clerk III position in the Treasurer's Office. Due to her years of experience in banking coupled with her additional experience in the County Clerk's Office, she will be starting at Step 4 at the hourly wage of \$17.81 of the position. Her anticipated start date will be May 29, 2023. Motion Carried.

12. Closed Session Regarding Security (Exempt from Disclosure) -

2023-M-128

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young 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 or information of measures designed to protect the security or safety of County employees, officials and visitors as well as County property, which are exempt from disclosure as a public record under Section 13(y) of the Freedom of Information Act. Also, Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller and Cody Horton are authorized to attend at 10:13 a.m.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, and Matt Koch

Motion Carried.

Recessed at 10:13 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

At 10:26 a.m., there were a total of 14 participants attending the meeting virtually.

13. Permission to Proceed with Request for Proposals (RFP) on the building currently known as the People State Bank (PSB) Building -  
Mike Miller, Director of Building and Grounds, explained the request in order to proceed.

2023-M-129

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to authorize Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Ground, to post the Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a General Contractor to oversee the demolition and renovations to the People State Bank (PSB) Building. Motion Carried.

**Old Business (continued from above)**

2. Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Automatic Door Lock Badge ID Access System Project -

Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the grant received for the project. Matter to be added to Thursday's agenda for further discussion.

2023-M-130

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to approve 50% funding for the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Automatic Door Lock Badge ID Access System project awarded to Tuscola County with the assistance of Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Shelly Lutz, HR Director. Authorize Budget amendments as follows in the Equipment/Technology Fund:

244-000-585-259 MMRMA/RAP Automatic Door Lock Badge ID Access System revenue increase of \$15,325.00

244-259-977-000 MMRMA/RAP Automatic Door Lock Badge ID Access System expense by \$30,650.00

The balance of the \$15,325.00 expense used through the use of fund balance in the Equipment/Technology Fund. Motion Carried.

3. Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Digital Cameras Project -

2023-M-131

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve 50% funding for the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Digital Cameras project awarded to Tuscola County with the assistance of Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Shelly Lutz, HR Director. Authorize budget amendments as follows in the Equipment/Technology Fund:

244-000-586-259 MMRMA/RAP Digital Cameras revenue increase of \$1,484.00; 244-259-977-100 MMRMA/RAP Digital Cameras expense by \$2,968.00. The balance of the \$1,484.00 expense used through the use of fund balance in the Equipment/Technology Fund. Motion Carried.

**Other Business as Necessary**

None

At 10:33 a.m., there were a total of 15 participants attending the meeting virtually.

**Extended Public Comment**

-Pam Shook spoke regarding Vanderbilt Park for possible improvements and the road issue and Park and Recreation Commission meeting changes.

-Judge Amy Grace Gierhart addressed the Friend of the Court's role with CRP funding and the matter of filling a position in the Prosecutor's Office.

**Adjournment**

2023-M-132

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m.  
Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO

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# MINUTES

## Committee of the Whole Meeting

**8:00 AM - Monday, June 12, 2023**

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723

Commissioner Vaughan called the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723, on Monday, June 12, 2023, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, Matt Koch

Commissioners Absent:

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Stephen Boetel, Steve Anderson, Shelly Lutz, Register Marianne Brandt, Renee Francisco, Dan Shiver

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Pam Shook, Jon Ramirez, Mary Drier, Debbie Babich, Angie Daniels, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Cody Horton, Amanda Ertman, Don Derryberry, Kim Brinkman, Renee Francisco, Mark Haney, Mitchell Holmes, Dara Hood, Barry Lapp, Bob Baxter, Rachel Adams, Steve Root, Register Marianne Brandt

At 8:02 a.m., there were a total of 13 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### County Updates

### New Business

1. Benefits Comparison for County Life Insurance & Disability Plan - Dan Skiver, Vice President, Brown & Brown, presented on the results from the RFP issued. He is recommending Dearborn National Life Insurance Company for a 3-year plan. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
2. Michigan Association of Register of Deeds (MARD) Conference Request For Overnight Accommodations Consideration - Marianne Brandt, Register of Deeds, is requesting approval to stay in Midland which is just under the 60-mile radius allowed in the travel policy. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda

3. Updates on the New Materials Management Planning (MMP) and Designated Planning Agency (DPA) - Individual to Serve as the Contact Person -  
Mike Miller, Director of Building and Grounds/Recycling, explained there have been amendments to Part 115 implemented by the State of Michigan. Matter of appointing Mike Miller the DPA for Tuscola County to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. Automated Clearing House (ACH) and Electronic Transactions Policy Suggested Revisions -  
Renee Francisco, Financial Coordinator, explained the proposed updates to the policy. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
5. Automated Clearing House (ACH) and Electronic Transactions Resolution -  
Renee Francisco, Financial Coordinator, stated a resolution is supposed to be adopted by the Board which has not been done in the past. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
6. Lead, Educate And Develop (LEAD) Tuscola -  
Potential Applicants:  
Tim Green - Information Technology Office  
Angie House - Controller/Administrator's Office  
Nick Tselepis - Managed Assigned Counsel Office  
The Board would like all three applicants to attend. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
7. Wind Litigation Update -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, provided an update that the case for Tuscola County has been settled and the escrow funds can be moved from reserved to unreserved. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
8. Travel Request for Out of State Travel Court Bailiff Training (matter added) -  
Clayette Zechmeister explained the request received. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

**Old Business**

None

**Finance/Technology**

***Primary Finance/Technology***

1. Michigan Township Association (MTA) County Membership Dues for 2023/2024 -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained that the membership dues had a substantial increase with reasons provided by MTA. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Courthouse Cooling Tower Carryover Project Budget Amendment -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the budget amendment request within the 483 Fund. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

***On-Going and Other Finance***

-Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, stated that the approved security projects are in progress. Matt Brown has received his OnBase certification.

***On-Going and Other Technology***

None

**Building and Grounds**

***Primary Building and Grounds***

1. Fire Suppression at the Storage Building Budget Amendment -  
Mike Miller, Director of Building and Grounds, explained the project request in the amount of \$9,500.00 to have Fire Suppression added for temporary location while the move is in progress. The County will take possession of the storage space on July 1, 2023. Budget amendment required in the 483 Fund. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Request to Use Courthouse Lawn -  
Request received to hold a wedding ceremony on the courthouse lawn and to be inside the courthouse in case of rain. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. Request to Use Courthouse Lawn -  
Request to use the courthouse lawn from the Pumpkin Festival Committee. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. Vital Record Shelving for Storage Building -  
Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds and Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, explained the need for the rolling shelf system for the Clerk's Vital Record and Court Record books. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

***On-Going and Other Building and Grounds***

None

**Personnel**

***Primary Personnel***

1. Automatic Clean Slate Overtime/Temporary Staffing Reimbursement -  
Clayette Zechmeister explained the request from the Court Administrator to allow for the overtime for the Courts and the County Clerk's Office as outlined by the State Court Administrator's Office. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Refill Vacant Position in the County Clerk's Office -  
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, explained this is to fill a current vacant position in the Clerk's Office. Karlee Romain has accepted the position. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

3. Refill Vacant Seasonal Position at Mosquito Abatement - Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the request from the Mosquito Abatement Director to hire Connor Lagenburg for a current vacant position. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

***On-Going and Other Personnel***

None

**Other Business as Necessary**

1. Prosecutor's Office Secretary II Job Posting Details/Clarification - Commissioner Young stated the position was advertised.
2. MGT Cost Plan Allocation (matter added) - An update will be provided at the June 26, 2023 meeting.
3. Child Care Fund Budget Review (matter added) - An update will be provided at the July 10, 2023 meeting.
4. Sobriety Court Graduation (matter added) - The ceremony will be held on June 23, 2023 at Midway Hall.

**Public Comment Period**

Pam Shook submitted information regarding playground equipment for Vanderbilt Park per the request of Commissioner Vaughan.

Commissioner Vaughan stated this matter will be placed on an upcoming Board meeting for further discussion.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 a.m.  
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

125 W. Lincoln Street  
Suite 500  
Caro, MI 48723

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 15th day of June, 2023, 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 2023-13 HONORING VICTORIA MAGUIRE

**WHEREAS**, Victoria Maguire, Deputy Clerk, will be retiring from Tuscola County effective May 31, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, Victoria Maguire has been a respected, dedicated and loyal Tuscola County employee providing over 25 years of service in the Tuscola County Clerk's Office, and

**WHEREAS**, Victoria Maguire was an intern at the Tuscola County Friend of the Court beginning in 1997 through Great Lakes Junior College and was recommended for a full-time position in the Tuscola County Clerk's Office beginning January 23, 1998, and

**WHEREAS**, Victoria Maguire, assisted in the implementation of the Family Court Division, Baby Court, Juvenile OnBase Program and worked closely with three Family Court Judges, and

**WHEREAS**, Victoria Maguire, has been a member of the Michigan Probate & Juvenile Registers Association (MPJRA) for 23 years, and

**WHEREAS**, Victoria Maguire, was a student of LEAD Tuscola for the 2015-2016 class year and continued as a LEAD Steering Committee member for two additional years.

**WHEREAS**, Victoria Maguire's knowledge of her position and years of experience at the Tuscola County Clerk's Office will be greatly missed and she is wished many enjoyable years of retirement.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that on behalf of the residents of Tuscola County, the Board of Commissioners commends Victoria Maguire, Deputy Clerk, for her valuable contributions to Tuscola County during her time of service.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Vaughan, 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 June 15, 2023.

Date \_\_\_\_\_



PROPOSED



**BENEFITS COMPARISON FOR  
Tuscola County**

For Plans Renewing  
9/1/2023

Dan Skiver  
Vice President

**Brown & Brown of Central Michigan  
1605 Concentric Blvd Suite 2 Saginaw MI  
48604**

**Effective Date: September 1, 2023**

## PROPOSAL ASSUMPTIONS

- ▶ The rates and premiums shown are based on the employee lives and volumes contained in the most recent census information and renewal information received.
- ▶ The rates quoted are based on an effective date of **9/01/2023**. Rates will be subject to change after this date and paperwork must be submitted prior to the effective date.
- ▶ To ensure all members are in the carrier's system for confirmation of benefits, forms must be received three weeks prior to effective date.
- ▶ It is imperative we be informed of any employee or dependent that is hospitalized or otherwise disabled and not actively at work on the effective date of any new contract. Coverage may not be available for these individuals.
- ▶ For Marketing Purposes: The rates shown are not guaranteed. Final rates will be based on the information released on this (these) form(s). The final rates for these plans may vary if the census changes.

▶ **Compensation.**

Brown & Brown entities ("we") receive commissions and fees from insurance carriers and other vendors as part of our compensation for placing and servicing your policies and products. Commissions are generally a percentage of the total premium and may be based on a schedule. In some cases, we may also receive direct compensation from the plan or the plan sponsor (service and/or consulting fees).

In addition to commissions and fees paid to Brown & Brown by insurance or reinsurance carriers or third-party vendors as mentioned above, Brown & Brown entities may also receive supplemental and/or bonus compensation from the carrier or vendor based on new sales volume or retention, for example. Such supplemental and/or bonus compensation may consist of guaranteed override income based on our agency's business production and retention with the carrier or vendor, general agency fees, and/or sales or retention bonuses and is partially derived from your premium dollars, after being combined (or "pooled") with the premium dollars of other insureds that have purchased similar types of coverage. Brown & Brown may not know in advance if such a supplemental and/or bonus payment will be made by a particular carrier or vendor, or the amount of any such payments until the underwriting year is closed.

Brown & Brown entities may also receive invitations to programs sponsored and paid for by insurance carriers or other vendors to inform brokers regarding their products and services, including possible participation in company-sponsored events such as trips, seminars, and advisory council meetings, based upon the total volume of business placed with the carrier you select. We may also receive non-monetary compensation (including but not limited to the value of travel, meals and entertainment expenses associated with such meetings, gifts, tickets for sporting and entertainment events and awards). Such compensation allocated to your policy is not normally expected to equal or exceed a sum of \$250.00 in aggregate, when all non-monetary compensation items received are combined.

Brown & Brown entities may, on occasion, receive loans or credit from insurance companies. Additionally, in the ordinary course of our business, we may collect and remit premiums on behalf of the carrier or vendor and may earn and retain interest on premiums or administrative fees you pay from the date we receive them until the date remitted to the carrier or vendor.

If an intermediary is utilized in the placement of coverage, the intermediary may or may not be owned in whole or part by Brown & Brown, Inc. or its subsidiaries. Brown & Brown entities operate independently and are not required to utilize other companies owned by Brown & Brown, Inc., but routinely do so. In addition to providing access to the carrier or other vendor, the Wholesale Insurance Broker/Managing General Agent may provide additional services including, but not limited to: underwriting, quoting, plan implementation assistance, claims advocacy and eligibility administration services. Compensation paid for those services is either derived from your premium payment, which may on average be up to 15% of the premium you pay for coverage and may include additional fees charged by the intermediary or is paid to the Wholesaler/Managing General Agent via override.

**Questions and Information Requests.** Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact this office at 1-866-421-0478 or, if you prefer, submit your question or request online at <http://www.bbinsurance.com/customerinquiry/>

*This proposal is for illustrative purposes and is not a complete explanation of the policies. It is intended to provide a brief, general description of the coverages quoted. Please remember that only the insurance policies can give you the actual insuring agreements, limits of coverage, definitions, exclusions, terms and conditions of the insurance shown in this proposal. Upon issue, please read your policy carefully. This presentation is the proprietary work product of Brown & Brown and is not authorized for further use or distribution. Executive summaries and proposals are created by Brown & Brown; neither Brown & Brown nor the carrier will be held responsible for typographical or clerical errors.*

## PROPOSAL ASSUMPTIONS

(continued)

- ▶ The analysis of the following plans is a summary. Please refer to the policy certificate for a full list of coverage and exclusions.
- ▶ The rates and benefits in this proposal are based upon underwriting factors which include, but are not limited to, the census provided, the effective date shown, the status of employees/dependents (i.e. actively at work, COBRA, FMLA), final enrollment, etc. If any of the aforementioned changes prior to the proposed effective date, the final provisions, including rates, for these plans may vary or result in the proposed plan to be withdrawn.
- ▶ If you select to change carriers, any existing plans with other carriers should not be cancelled until advised by Brown & Brown
- ▶ This proposal may not be a complete listing of all available benefit options. Different benefit levels may be available.
- ▶ This presentation is the proprietary work product of Brown & Brown and is not authorized for further use or distribution
- ▶ All insurance carriers have their own operating procedures. A change in carrier could affect certain benefits and coverage.
- ▶ Brown & Brown representatives are available to explain any items presented. It is assumed that the recipients of this proposal will seek an explanation of any items that may be in question.
- ▶ Brown & Brown representatives may from time to time provide guidance regarding certain requirements affecting health plans, including the requirements of federal and state health care reform legislation. Such guidance is based on good-faith interpretation of laws and regulations currently in effect, and is not intended to be a substitute for legal advice. Employers should contact their own legal counsel for advice regarding legal requirements.
- ▶ The network provider/facility lists obtained via paper directories or carrier websites may contain providers and facilities that are no longer participating in the insurance carriers' networks. We cannot be responsible for any changes to the provider/facility listings that are not reflected. To ensure that a specific provider or facility is still participating in the provider's preferred network, we recommend contacting the provider/facility directly.
- ▶ Failure to adhere to provisions of the Affordable Care Act (such as pay-or-play, employer reporting requirements, benefit mandates, etc.) may result in significant fees and penalties to the employer. For a more comprehensive explanation of what fees and penalties may apply to you, you may contact your Brown & Brown representative at any time.
- ▶ You are required to comply with Health Care Reform's Summary of Benefits & Coverage (SBC) distribution guidelines, which include requirements for SBC distribution at the plan renewal date. If an employee must enroll to continue coverage, the SBC must be provided when open enrollment materials are distributed. If enrollment materials are not distributed, employees must receive an SBC by the first day they are eligible to enroll. For insured plans, if coverage continues automatically for the next year, the SBC must be provided at least 30 days before the beginning of the new plan year. If the policy is not issued by that date, the SBC must be provided within seven business days once the information is available. Please refer to the Department of Health & Human Services' (HHS) official guidance for complete details regarding renewal and other SBC distribution guidelines.

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## ACRONYMS AND KEY DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this proposal, the following acronyms may be used:

### **Type of Plan**

DHMO - Dental Health Maintenance Organization

HMO - Health Maintenance Organization

POS - Point of Service

PPO - Preferred Provider Organization

### **Financial Arrangements**

ASO - Administrative Services Only

FI - Full Insured

MP - Minimum Premium

PSF - Partially Self Funded

### **Self-Funded Policy Terms**

ASL - Aggregate Stop Loss

ISL - Individual Stop Loss

MRA - Maximum Reimbursement Aggregate

SSL - Specific Stop Loss (also known as ISL)

### **Reimbursement / Saving Accounts**

FSA - Flexible Spending Account

HRA - Health Reimbursement Account

HSA - Health Savings Account

MSA - Medical Savings Account

### **Other**

DED - Deductible

IND - Individual

FAM - Family

ER - Emergency Room

HOSP - Hospital

IN-NET - In-Network

MAX - Maximum

N/A - Not Applicable

OON - Out-of-Network

OV - Office Visit

PCP - Primary Care Physician

RX - Prescription Drug

SPEC - Specialist

EE - Employee Only, ES - Employee + Spouse, EC - Employee + Child(ren), EF - Employee + Family

Generic- A drug that is no longer covered by patent protection and may be produced and/or distributed by multiple drug companies (usually tier 1).

Preferred Drugs- Drugs included on a formulary or preferred drug list; for example, a brand name-drug without a generic substitute (usually tier 2).

Non-preferred Drugs- Drugs not included on a formulary or preferred drug list; for example, a brand-name drug with a generic substitute (usually tier 3).

Specialty Drugs: Specifically identified types of drugs, such as lifestyle drugs or biologics (usually tier 4).

Embedded- Once participant meets Individual Deductible, Co-insurance applies to that individual.

Aggregate- Family Deductible must be met before Co-insurance applies, to all family members.

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## NOTICE OF CARRIER FINANCIAL STATUS

Brown & Brown makes every attempt to place coverage with carriers rated A- or better\* through AM Best ([www.ambest.com](http://www.ambest.com)), a national credit rating agency with a specific focus on the insurance industry. Because an AM Best rating is not required by the various state departments of insurance, there are many carriers in the Employee Benefits industry that elect not to participate in AM Best’s rating process for various reasons. Therefore, Brown & Brown periodically places coverage with carriers rated less than A- or non-rated by AM Best.

Please be advised that Brown & Brown does monitor carriers rated less than A- or non-rated on an ongoing basis. However, because Brown & Brown cannot certify the financial soundness or stability of any insurance company or alternative risk transfer entity, or otherwise predict whether the financial condition of a company might improve or deteriorate, we encourage you to review the financial information for each carrier at AM Best’s website ([www.ambest.com](http://www.ambest.com)), a state department of insurance website, the applicable carrier website and/or with your accountant, legal counsel and other advisors.

If you need assistance identifying the applicable issuing carriers for your current coverage, renewal coverage, or the coverage options being presented to you, please feel free to contact us at 1-866-421-0478 for assistance. Alternative quotes with an A- or better rated carrier may also be available upon your request.

### \* AM Best General Rating Guide

Financial Strength Rating	
A++, A+	Superior
A, A-	Excellent
B++, B+	Good
B, B-	Fair
C++, C+	Marginal
C, C-	Weak
D	Poor
E	Under Regulatory Supervision
F	In Liquidation
S	Suspended

Financial Size Category (in Thousands)			
Class I	Up to	\$1,000	
Class II	\$1,000	to	\$2,000
Class III	\$2,000	to	\$5,000
Class IV	\$5,000	to	\$10,000
Class V	\$10,000	to	\$25,000
Class VI	\$25,000	to	\$50,000
Class VII	\$50,000	to	\$100,000
Class VIII	\$100,000	to	\$250,000
Class IX	\$250,000	to	\$500,000
Class X	\$500,000	to	\$750,000
Class XI	\$750,000	to	\$1,000,000
Class XII	\$1,000,000	to	\$1,250,000
Class XIII	\$1,250,000	to	\$1,500,000
Class XIV	\$1,500,000	to	\$2,000,000
Class XV	\$2,000,000	or	Greater

**Tuscola County**

Prepared by: Dan Skiver

Effective Date: September 1, 2023



**Market Summary**

Product Line	Carrier	Best Rating	Financial Size Category	Carrier Web Site	Results
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**Life / AD&D / STD / LTD- All**

	Dearborn National Life Insurance Company	A Rating	X	www.dearbornnational.com	Quoted
	Hartford Life Insurance Company	A- Rating	XIV	www.thehartford.com	Quoted
	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	A Rating	XV	www.lfg.com	Quoted
	Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (MetLife)	A+ Rating	XV	www.metlife.com	DTQ- not competitive
	Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company	A+ Rating	XV	www.mutualofomaha.com	DTQ - not competitive
	Principal Life Insurance Company	A+ Rating	XV	www.principal.com	DTQ - not competitive
	Reliance Matrix Life Insurance Company	A+ Rating	XII	www.rsli.com	Quoted
	Standard Insurance Company	A Rating	XII	www.standard.com	Current
	TransAmerica	A Rating	XV	www.transamerica.com	Quoted
	UNUM Life Insurance Company of America	A Rating	XV	www.unum.com	DTQ- not competitive



**Tuscola County**  
**Life, AD&D, STD and LTD Quotes September 1, 2023**

		The Standard Current	The Standard Renewal	BCBS (Dearborn National)	The Hartford	Lincoln	Reliance Matrix	TransAmerica
Life	Rate	\$0.090	\$0.090	\$0.075	\$0.118	\$0.097	\$0.080	\$0.080
	Volume	\$4,345,000	\$4,345,000	\$4,345,000	\$4,345,000	\$4,345,000	\$4,345,000	\$4,345,000
	Monthly	\$391.05	\$391.05	\$325.88	\$512.71	\$421.47	\$347.60	\$347.60
Annual		\$4,692.60	\$4,692.60	\$3,910.50	\$6,152.52	\$5,057.58	\$4,171.20	\$4,171.20
								36 Months
AD&D	Rate	\$0.015	\$0.015	\$0.015	\$0.018	\$0.015	\$0.015	\$0.015
	Volume	\$4,345,000	\$4,345,000	\$4,345,000	\$4,345,000	\$4,345,000	\$4,345,000	\$4,345,000
	Monthly	\$65.18	\$65.18	\$65.18	\$78.21	\$65.18	\$65.18	\$65.18
Annual		\$782.10	\$782.10	\$782.10	\$938.52	\$782.10	\$782.10	\$782.10
<b>Rate Guarantee</b>		24 Months	12 Months	36 Months	24 Months	24 Months	24 Months	36 Months
<b>Life / AD&amp;D Annual</b>		<b>\$5,474.70</b>	<b>\$5,474.70</b>	<b>\$4,692.60</b>	<b>\$7,091.04</b>	<b>\$5,839.68</b>	<b>\$4,953.30</b>	<b>\$4,953.30</b>
STD	Rate	\$0.380	\$0.422	\$0.380	\$0.505	\$0.550	\$0.780	\$0.450
	Volume	\$91,582	\$91,582	\$91,582	\$91,582	\$91,582	\$91,582	\$91,582
	Monthly	\$3,480.12	\$3,864.76	\$3,480.12	\$4,624.89	\$5,037.01	\$7,143.40	\$4,121.19
Annual		\$41,761.39	\$46,377.12	\$41,761.39	\$55,498.69	\$60,444.12	\$85,720.75	\$49,454.28
<b>Rate Guarantee</b>		24 Months		36 Months	24 Months	24 Months	24 Months	24 Months
<b>STD Annual</b>		<b>\$41,761.39</b>	<b>\$46,377.12</b>	<b>\$41,761.39</b>	<b>\$55,498.69</b>	<b>\$60,444.12</b>	<b>\$85,720.75</b>	<b>\$49,454.28</b>
LTD Class 1	Rate	\$0.265	\$0.403	\$0.265	\$0.260	\$0.280	\$0.250	\$0.234
	Volume	\$595,258	\$595,258	\$595,258	\$595,258	\$595,258	\$595,258	\$595,258
	Monthly	\$1,577.43	\$2,398.89	\$1,577.43	\$1,547.67	\$1,666.72	\$1,488.15	\$1,392.90
Annual		\$18,929.20	\$28,786.68	\$18,929.20	\$18,572.05	\$20,000.67	\$17,857.74	\$16,714.84
<b>Rate Guarantee</b>		24 Months	12 Months	36 Months		24 Months	24 Months	36 Months
LTD Class 2	Rate	\$0.265	\$0.403	\$0.265	\$0.500	\$0.280	\$0.250	\$0.234
	Volume	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Monthly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Rate Guarantee</b>		24 Months	12 Months	36 Months	24 Months	24 Months	24 Months	36 Months
<b>LTD Annual</b>		<b>\$18,929.20</b>	<b>\$28,786.68</b>	<b>\$18,929.20</b>	<b>\$18,572.05</b>	<b>\$20,000.67</b>	<b>\$17,857.74</b>	<b>\$16,714.84</b>
<b>Projected Annual Cost</b>		<b>\$66,165.30</b>	<b>\$80,638.50</b>	<b>\$65,383.20</b>	<b>\$81,161.78</b>	<b>\$86,284.47</b>	<b>\$108,531.79</b>	<b>\$71,122.42</b>
<b>Savings/(Loss)</b>			<b>(\$14,473.21)</b>	<b>\$15,255.31</b>	<b>(\$523.28)</b>	<b>(\$5,645.97)</b>	<b>(\$27,893.29)</b>	<b>\$9,516.08</b>
<b>Percent Savings/(Loss)</b>			<b>-21.87%</b>	<b>18.92%</b>	<b>-0.65%</b>	<b>-7.00%</b>	<b>-34.59%</b>	<b>11.80%</b>
<b>Rank</b>		<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Implementation Credit (BCBS) \$22.50 per enrolled contract for Basic Life (169), STD (154), LTD (154)</b>				<b>(\$10,732.50)</b>				
<b>Projected First Year Cost With Imp</b>		<b>\$66,165.30</b>	<b>\$80,638.50</b>	<b>\$54,650.70</b>	<b>\$81,161.78</b>	<b>\$86,284.47</b>	<b>\$108,531.79</b>	<b>\$71,122.42</b>
<b>Dollar Change Over Current</b>			<b>(\$14,473.21)</b>	<b>\$25,987.81</b>	<b>(\$523.28)</b>	<b>(\$5,645.97)</b>	<b>(\$27,893.29)</b>	<b>\$9,516.08</b>
<b>Percent Change Over Current</b>			<b>-21.87%</b>	<b>32.23%</b>	<b>-0.65%</b>	<b>-7.00%</b>	<b>-34.59%</b>	<b>11.80%</b>



**Tuscola County**  
**Additional Life / AD&D Quotes for September 1, 2023**

Age	The Standard Current		The Standard Renewal		BCBS (Dearborn National)		The Hartford	
	Employee Rate per \$1,000	Spouse Rate	Employee Rate per \$1,000	Spouse Rate	Employee Rate per \$1,000	Spouse Rate	Employee Rate per \$1,000	Spouse Rate
0-24	0.073	0.064	0.073	0.064	0.073	0.064	0.073	0.064
25-29	0.084	0.064	0.084	0.064	0.084	0.073	0.084	0.073
30-34	0.105	0.073	0.105	0.073	0.105	0.091	0.105	0.091
35-39	0.150	0.091	0.150	0.091	0.150	0.133	0.150	0.133
40-44	0.210	0.133	0.210	0.133	0.210	0.190	0.210	0.190
45-49	0.340	0.190	0.340	0.190	0.340	0.298	0.340	0.298
50-54	0.540	0.298	0.540	0.298	0.540	0.466	0.540	0.466
55-59	0.800	0.466	0.800	0.466	0.800	0.715	0.800	0.715
60-64	1.290	0.715	1.290	0.715	1.290	1.220	1.290	1.220
65-69	2.250	1.220	2.250	1.220	2.250	2.000	2.250	2.000
70-74	4.020	2.000	4.020	2.000	4.020	4.020	4.020	4.020
75+	7.870	4.020	7.870	4.020	7.870	7.870	7.870	7.870
AD&D Rate per \$1,000		AD&D Rate per \$1,000		AD&D Rate per \$1,000		AD&D Rate per \$1,000		
\$0.030		\$0.030		\$0.030		\$0.027		
Dep. Life Rate per \$1,000		Dep. Life Rate per \$1,000		Dep Life Rate per \$1,000		Dep. Life Rate per Child Unit		
\$0.200		\$0.200		\$0.200		\$0.200		
				Dep AD&D Rate per \$1,000		Dep AD&D Rate per Child Unit		
				\$0.030		\$0.548		
<i>*12 months</i>				<i>*24 &amp; 36 months</i>				

Age	Lincoln		Reliance Standard (Matrix)		TransAmerica	
	Employee Rate per \$1,000	Spouse Rate	Employee Rate per \$1,000	Spouse Rate	Employee Rate per \$1,000	Spouse Rate
0-24	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.064	0.103	0.094
25-29	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.073	0.114	0.103
30-34	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.091	0.135	0.121
35-39	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.133	0.180	0.163
40-44	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.190	0.240	0.220
45-49	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.298	0.370	0.328
50-54	0.540	0.540	0.540	0.466	0.570	0.496
55-59	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.715	0.830	0.745
60-64	1.290	1.290	1.290	1.220	1.320	1.250
65-69	2.250	2.250	2.250	2.000	2.280	2.030
70-74	4.020	4.020	4.020	4.020	4.050	-
75+	7.870	7.870	7.870	7.870	4.050	-
AD&D Rate per \$1,000		AD&D Rate per \$1,000		AD&D Rate per \$1,000		
\$0.030		\$0.030		Included above		
Dep Life Rate per \$1,000		Dep Life Rate per \$1,000		Dep Life Rate per \$1,000		
\$0.200		\$0.200		\$0.230		
Dep AD&D Rate per \$1,000						
\$0.030						

**Tuscola County**  
**Voluntary Benefit Quotes for September 1, 2023**

ACCIDENT INSURANCE		OPTION LINCOLN
<b>ACCIDENT INSURANCE</b>	<b>Benefits</b>	
	Accident ER Treatment (within 72 hours of the accident)	\$150
	Accident Follow-up Visit - Doctor (within 365 days of the accident)	\$75 per visit, up to 6 visits
	Accidental Death	EE:\$25k; SP:\$10k; CH:\$5k
	Accidental Dismemberment Limit	\$25,000 (Benefits will Vary Based on Injury)
	Air Ambulance (Within 90 days of the accident)	\$1,125
	Ambulance	\$225
	Urgent Care (within 60 days of accident)	\$75
	Coma	\$5,000
	Daily Hospital Confinement (Up to 365 Days for a Covered Accident)	\$200
<b>Rate Guarantee</b>	<b>24 Months</b>	
<b>Rates</b>		
Employee	\$8.29	
Employee & Spouse	\$13.55	
Employee & Child(ren)	\$14.54	
Employee & Family	\$19.75	

CRITICAL ILLNESS		Quote LINCOLN	
<b>CRITICAL ILLNESS</b>	<b>Benefit Description</b>		
	<b>Critical Illness Benefit</b>		<b>\$10k, \$15k, or \$20k</b>
	Heart Attack/Stroke/Organ Transplant/Renal Failure		100%
	<b>Cancer Illness Benefit</b>		
	Invasive Cancer		100%
	Carcinoma in Situ		25%
	<b>Supplemental Illness Benefit</b>		
	Benign Brain Tumor/Coma/Blindness/Paralysis		100%
	Advanced Alzheimer's / Parkinson's Disease		100%
	<b>Spouse / Child Benefit</b>		Spouse - 50% of EE / Child - 50%
<b>Rate Guarantee</b>		<b>24 Months</b>	
<b>Rates</b>		<b>Quote</b>	
		EE + CH	EE + SP
		(Rate per \$1,000)	(Rate per \$1,000)
<b>Option(s) of \$10,000, \$15,000, or \$20,000 Benefit</b>			
<25		\$0.138	\$0.138
25-29		\$0.253	\$0.253
30-34		\$0.379	\$0.379
35-39		\$0.536	\$0.536
40-44		\$0.845	\$0.845
45-49		\$1.194	\$1.194
50-54		\$1.775	\$1.775
55-59		\$2.507	\$2.507
60-64		\$3.635	\$3.635
65-69		\$5.099	\$5.099
70+		\$9.760	\$9.760
Child(ren) monthly rate per \$1,000 of coverage		\$0.301	

HOSPITAL INDEMNITY

Hospital Indemnity	OPTION LINCOLN
<b>Initial Hospital Admissions:</b>	
Hospital Admission(within 180 days of accident):	\$1,000
ICU Admission(within 30 days of accident):	\$2,000
<b>Daily Confinement:</b>	
NON-ICU (within 180 days of the accident):	\$200 per day up to 30 days
ICU (within 180 days of the accident):	\$400 per day up to 30 days
<b>Pre-Ex (except pregnancy)</b>	3/12 months
<b>Portability</b>	Included
<b>Participation Requirement</b>	15% of eligible employees
<b>Rate Guarantee</b>	24 Months
<b>Rates</b>	
Employee	\$27.98
Employee & Spouse	\$60.60
Employee & Child(ren)	\$43.42
Employee & Family	\$79.31

## Insurance Terms

**Administration:** The amount that the carrier retains in order to cover expenses for administering the plan benefits often referred to as retention.

**Alternative Medicine:** Nontraditional health care treatments, such as chiropractic and acupuncture.

**Ambulatory Care:** Outpatient care services received in a facility (i.e., not in physician's office).

**Billed Premium:** The amount that the carrier has billed the employer during the contract year. Billed premium may be less than the contract premium if a retroactive premium arrangement has been negotiated.

**Cafeteria Plan:** An employee benefit program that offers participants a choice between cash and one or more tax-favored benefits as defined by Internal Revenue Code Sections 125. Typical benefits include health insurance, group term life and dental benefits. See also Flexible Benefit Plan.

**Carve-Outs:** Type of service separately designed and contracted to an exclusive, independent provider by an employer or managed care plan. For example, mental health care and vision coverage are often carve-out services (Due to HCR: Only applies to grandfathered plans).

**Case Management:** The coordination of patient care by a health care professional (e.g., nurse, doctor, social worker) to ensure appropriate care and to reduce costs of providing service.

**Claims Reserve:** The insurers forecast of the claims that have been incurred during the contract period but have not yet been reported. This may include estimates of claims that have been reported but not yet paid. A carrier normally requires reserves of 2 to 3 months of claims. The reserve is determined by the carrier's historical claims run out experience for all its insured and on a case by case basis. Also referred to as Incurred But Not Reported Liability (IBNR).

**COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act):** Federal legislation passed in 1995 that requires employers with 20 or more employees to offer continued health insurance coverage to certain employees and their beneficiaries whose group health insurance coverage has been terminated. Group health plans subject to COBRA include: Medical, Dental, Vision, Hearing, Prescription, Drug and Alcohol Treatment Plans, and Alternative Health Plans. In addition, On-Site Medical Services provided by the employer and Free or Discounted Medical Services may also be subject to COBRA continuation of coverage requirements. Employer-provided medical plans can no longer require Medicare to be the primary payer for participants age 70 and over.

**Co-Insurance:** The portion of the cost for care received for which an individual is financially responsible. Usually this is determined by a fixed percentage, as in major medical coverage. Often co-insurance applies after a specific deductible has been met and may be subject to an individual out-of-pocket limit.

**Contract Premium:** The maximum premium payment that the employer is obligated to pay the carrier during the contract period. The contract premium may often be greater than the billed premium.

**Copayment:** A payment made by an enrollee at the time that selected services are rendered and no additional payment is required. Copayments are typically flat amounts, covering such items as office visits, prescriptions, and emergency care.

**Deductible:** The amount a policyholder must pay for health care, as established under the terms of his or her contract, before insurance benefits begin.

**Defined Contribution Health Program:** A system in which each employee is given a fixed dollar amount by their employer to apply to the cost of any health plan offered by that employer. In addition to the employer's "defined contribution," employees may contribute incremental dollars to purchase additional other benefits or plan enhancements. Unlike a "voucher" system, the employer retains its role in the selection and negotiation of terms with the health plans.

**Disease Management:** A comprehensive integrated approach to care designed to influence the progression of disease within select patient populations. In disease management, the emphasis is on prevention, proactive case management, patient education, and population-based interventions. Disease management depends on clients learning to become more accountable for their health and more skillful users of medical care.

**DMO (Dental Maintenance Organization):** A dental plan that enables members to select and receive care from in-network doctors.

**Drug Utilization Review:** An evaluation of prescription drug use and provider prescribing patterns to determine the appropriateness of drug therapy.

**Durable Medical Equipment:** Reusable medical equipment, such as hospital beds and wheelchairs, that can be used by patients either in a hospital or a home setting.

**EAP (Employee Assistance Program):** An employer-sponsored behavioral health program designed to assist in the identification and resolution of a broad range of employee personal concerns that may affect job performance. EAP programs deal with situations such as mental illness, substance abuse, marital problems, family troubles, stress, and domestic violence. The assistance may be provided within the organization or by referral to outside resources.

**EPO (Exclusive Provider Organization):** Employer-funded managed care program which provides coverage only through contracted providers. Technically, many HMOs also can be described as EPOs. **Fee-For-Service (FFS):** The traditional health insurance reimbursement method in which a set fee (e.g., reasonable and customary) is established for each health care service performed. Services are paid for as rendered.

**Flexible Benefit Plan:** A benefit program under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code that offers employees a choice between permissible taxable benefits (including cash) and nontaxable health and welfare benefits such as life and health insurance, vacation pay, retirement plans and child care. While a common core of benefits may be required, the employee can determine how his or her remaining benefit dollars are to be allocated for each type of benefit from the total amount allocated by the employer. See also Cafeteria Plan.

**Flexible Spending Account:** A spending arrangement that allows employers and employees to use pretax dollars to pay for certain health care or dependent care expenses not otherwise covered by insurance. Health care FSAs can be used to finance health care expenses, including deductibles and copayments.

**FMLA (Family and Medical Leave Act):** A federal law passed in 1993 that requires companies to provide eligible workers with up to 12 weeks of job-protected unpaid leave each year for certain medical and family situations, such as the birth of a child or the care of an aged parent. Employees are eligible to take FMLA leave if they've worked for their employer for at least 12 months, have worked for at least 1,250 hours over the previous 12 months, and work at a location where the employer has at least 50 workers within 75 miles.

**Formulary:** A formulary is a listing of preferred prescription drugs chosen by a health plan or Pharmacy Benefit Manager for their cost-efficiency. An open formulary covers formulary and non-formulary drugs, but favors prescribing and dispensing patterns for formulary brands. A tiered copay formulary covers formulary and non-formulary drugs, but offers employees a financial incentive to choose a formulary or preferred brand. A closed formulary covers only formulary drugs, with no coverage provided for non-formulary drugs.

**Gatekeeper:** A primary care physician who is charged with directing all care and treatment and determining whether to treat the member or refer to a specialist. Gatekeepers are typical in HMOs, EPOs, and the in-network portion of a POS.

**Gross Paid Claims:** Dollars actually paid out to claimants or providers for services, including claim paid above the specific pooling level.

**HIPAA:** The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) was designed to provide portability of health coverage by limiting pre-existing conditions and exclusions in health plans. It requires employers sponsoring a group health plan with two or more employees and their health insurance issuers to provide written certification of prior creditable coverage for every individual covered under the plan.

**HMO (Health Maintenance Organization):** An HMO contracts to provide health services for plan members on a fixed, prepaid, per capita basis. Under the HMO model, members are required to receive all non-emergency care from network providers. HMOs require that only certain providers be used, and often offer co-payments for physicians and prescriptions.

**Incurred Claims:** Claims that have been made but not yet reported. Generally, incurred claims are estimated by the carrier.

**Indemnity:** A health care insurance plan that reimburses policy holders for covered services. There is usually a deductible which must be met before payment starts and a maximum benefit, either annual or lifetime, that the insurer will pay.

**Loss Ratio:** This is the ratio of incurred claims to the net premium. A loss ratio of 100% is the “break-even point”, meaning the net premium equaled the claims incurred.

**Managed Care:** A method of providing health care in which the insurer maintains a discounted provider network and medical management to control costs and utilization.

**Medicaid:** A federal program administered by the states to provide low-income individuals with medical benefits.

**Medicare:** Health insurance provided by the federal government for the elderly and disabled. Medicare covers the cost of hospitalization, medical care, and some related services. It is funded primarily by Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) payroll deductions and somewhat by general revenues and is administered by the Health Care Financing Administration.

**Medicare Part A:** The component of Medicare benefits covering inpatient hospital stays, skilled nursing facilities, home health services, and hospice care. Medicare Part A is premium-free for anyone automatically eligible for Medicare. Those not automatically eligible may purchase Medicare Part A coverage for a monthly premium.

**Medicare Part B:** The optional part of Medicare that can be purchased for a monthly premium. Part B covers outpatient costs, such as the cost of physician services, outpatient hospital services, medical equipment, and medical supplies.

**Medicare+Choice:** Also known as Medicare Part C, Medicare+Choice is an expansion of Medicare health plan choices created as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. In addition to fee-for-service Medicare and HMO options, Medicare+Choice, which went into effect in January 1999, enables consumers to choose from preferred provider organizations, provider-sponsored organizations, private fee-for-service, and a medical savings account demonstration project. To participate in the program, health plans and organizations must adhere to a federally prescribed set of policies and standards.

**Medicare Part D:** optional prescription drug coverage, which can be purchased for a monthly premium, for everyone with Medicare. This coverage may help lower prescription drug costs and help protect against higher costs in the future.

**Medigap Supplement:** A private insurance policy that meets federal standards for augmenting Medicare coverage. A supplemental policy pays for most, if not all, Medicare coinsurance amounts and may provide coverage for Medicare deductibles. Some plans pay for services not covered by Medicare, such as outpatient prescription drugs and preventive screenings. Supplemental policies are also referred to as Medicare wrap policies or Medicare supplements.

**MSA (Medical Savings Accounts):** Also called Medical IRAs and Medisave Accounts, MSAs are a health care financing arrangement proposed by the federal government to augment major medical coverage by allowing individuals and their employers to make regular, pre-tax deposits to personal medical accounts that can be used to pay for medical expenditures or health insurance premiums.

**Net Premium:** The dollars available to pay claims after deducting administrative and pooling costs.

**Out of Pocket:** The maximum dollar amount a member is required to pay out of pocket during a year. Until this maximum is met, the plan and the member shares is the cost of covered expenses.

**PBM (Pharmaceutical Benefit Manager):** A managed care organization for prescription drug benefits, using discounted pharmacy networks and utilization management to control costs.

**PCP (Primary Care Provider):** Also referred to as a primary care physician, the PCP is responsible for determining the care a member receives. PCPs act as "gatekeepers" because members must obtain their authorization before seeing a specialist in HMO, POS, and EPO environments.

**PEPM (Per Employee Per Month):** Refers to the cost to cover one employee (and their family) for one month.

**Pre-Existing Condition:** Any condition or complications there of for which you received medical advise, treatment, diagnosis, or for which prescription drugs or medicines have been prescribed or taken, or of which there is a medical record of your awareness of symptoms before the effective date of your coverage.

**Pooled Claims:** Claims paid in excess of a specific pre-determined level. Since these claims are pooled, they are removed from the plan experience.

**Pooling Charge:** A premium charged by the carrier to assume the underwriting risk for claims incurred during the contract period that are in excess of a specified amount.

**POS (Point of Service) Plan:** Also known as open-ended health maintenance organizations, point-of-service plans allow members to use out-of-network providers for covered services but require them to pay a higher share of the cost of treatment-in the form of higher premiums, copayments, and/or deductibles-for doing so. The in-network benefit requires gatekeeper authorization prior to accessing specialist care

**PPO (Preferred Provider Organization):** A group of physicians and/or hospitals which contracts with an employer to provide services to their employees. A PPO differs from a POS by allowing access to in-network specialists without a gatekeeper referral. A PPO allows patients to choose between "preferred" providers, those who have signed a contract with the organization, and non-participating providers. Patients who opt for non-participating providers are required to pay a higher share of their health care costs.

**Premium:** The amount paid for an insurance policy.

**Pre-tax Premium Contribution Account:** A medical savings account that enables participants to make health care premium contributions on a pre-tax basis.

**Prior Authorization:** Procedure used in managed care to control utilization of services by requiring prior review and approval.

**Retention:** The amount that the carrier retains in order to cover expenses for administering the plan benefits often referred to as administration.

**Self-Insurance:** A health care program in which an employer or entity assumes the risk of coverage by funding benefit plans from their own resources, rather than purchasing insurance from a third party.

**Stop Loss:** The dollar level at which claims are “pooled” and thus not charged against a plan’s experience. The plan or employer is responsible for the risk up to the stop loss (pooling level).

**Takeover Provision:** A full takeover of pre-existing conditions is now the law for groups in Florida under 51 lives. Consequently, if an employee is fully covered now, he or she will be fully covered by the new plan. Any employee currently in the pre-existing conditions period will receive credit for any of the period completed under your current plan.

**TEFRA (Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act):** Requires certain health care providers, through a contract with the Health Care Financing Administration, to provide at least Medicare level benefits for a capitated rate.

**TPA (Third Party Administrator):** An independent organization that administers claims and benefits for a self-insured organization without underwriting the risk.

**Trend Cap:** A pre-established cut-off point defining the maximum amount an employer will pay to an insurer or TPA for increases in premiums or fees from one year to the next.

**UCR (Usual, Customary, and Reasonable):** The average cost of a medical procedure or health service in a given geographic area. Insurers use the rate to determine reimbursement levels for certain covered expenses.

**Underwriting:** An insurer's procedure for analyzing a group or individual applicant to determine whether or not to offer insurance coverage and, if so, at what price. Insurers weigh risk assessment and feasibility based on an applicant's past usage and health-risk factors.

**Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR):** The cost associated with health care services that are consistent with the going rate for identical or similar services within that geographic area. It is used to determine the amount to pay health care providers or reimburse policy holders.

**Utilization Management:** A process for assessing the use of resources (including staff, facilities, and services) to determine medical necessity, cost-effectiveness, and conformity to optimal-use criteria.

**Utilization Review:** A formal assessment of a patient's course of treatment to evaluate the appropriateness of care.



AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (ACH)  
and ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS POLICY

Revised \_\_\_\_\_

1. PURPOSE

The following policy shall govern the use of electronic transactions and ACH arrangements for the ~~Tuscola County Board of Commissioners~~ **County of Tuscola**:

1.1 Authority to Enter into ACH Agreements and Electronic Transfer of Public Funds

The Treasurer may enter into an ACH agreement as provided by Public Act 738 of 2002, effective December 30, 2002. The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners shall have adopted a resolution to authorize electronic transactions and have **approved** ~~received a copy of~~ the policy. Applicable definitions in the act shall apply.

An ACH arrangement under PA 738 of 2002 is not subject to the Revised Municipal Finance Act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, or to provisions of law or charter concerning the issuance of debt by the ~~township~~ **county**.

2. POLICY

2.1 Responsibility for ACH Agreements

The ~~Treasurer~~ **ETO** shall be responsible for **setting up** all ACH agreements. The Electronic Transaction Officer (ETO)/Financial Coordinator shall be responsible for payment approval, accounting, reporting and generally overseeing compliance with the ACH policy. The ~~Treasurer~~ **ETO** shall submit to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners documentation detailing the goods or services purchased, the cost of goods or services, the date of the payment and the department levels serviced by the payment. This report can be contained in the electronic general ledger software or in a separate report to the governing body.

2.2 Internal Accounting Controls to Monitor Use of ACH Transactions

2.2.1 The ~~Treasurer~~ **ETO** shall be responsible for the establishment of ACH agreements. The ~~Treasurer~~ **ETO** shall notify the ~~Board of~~

Commissioners Treasurer of those accounts to be paid by ACH or electronic transfers.

- 2.2.2 Upon receipt of an invoice for payment for accounts paid by ACH, the Treasurer ETO shall enter and process the invoice, ~~the Treasurer shall approve payment and notify the Accounting Department of the date of debit to the township accounts,~~ the Department Head shall approve payment of the invoice and the Treasurer shall initiate the ACH payment for said invoice(s). Attorney payments may be included in this method. ~~Utility and recurring lease payments may be included in this method.~~ These payments shall be included on the report of payments to the ~~Tuscola County Board of Commissioners~~ Tuscola County Statutory Finance Committee. All other invoices approved by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners and payable by ACH may be paid in that matter if deemed in the best interest of the County, e.g. to avoid a late fee.
- 2.2.3 For payment of State and Federal payroll taxes, the Treasurer shall initiate payment to the proper authority upon receipt of the information from the payroll department using the established EFTPS and state program.
- 2.2.4 For deposits from state, county, and/or federal authorities and from third-party payment processors, e.g. (banks, vendors), the Treasurer shall obtain the amount of the deposit and send an advice to the ~~Accounting Department~~ person responsible for the accounting records.
- 2.2.5 EFT payments generated through payroll for Employee/Employer elected benefit deductions, that have been established with direct pay to the entity through the bank, shall be initiated by the HR Director through the payroll process.
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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 15th day of June 2023, 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 2023-14

### Automated Clearing House (ACH) and Electronic Transactions Resolution

**WHEREAS**, on December 30, 2002, the Governor of the State of Michigan approved Act No. 738 of the Public Acts of 2002 authorizing the use of electronic transactions by designated officers of the local government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners deems that it is in the best interest of Tuscola County to make certain financial transactions by using electronic transactions as described in the Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following policy shall govern the use of electronic transactions:

- (a) The Treasurer shall be responsible for establishing all ACH arrangements for the county;
- (b) The Electronic Transaction Officer (ETO) shall draft a written policy to be followed in accordance with the act and presented to the governing body;
- (c) The ETO shall be responsible for payment approval, accounting, reporting, and generally overseeing compliance or shall appoint an employee to perform such duties;

- (d) The ETO shall submit documentation to the governing body, or person responsible for approving payments by resolution or charter requirements, detailing goods and services purchased, the cost of goods or services, the date of payment, and the department levels serviced;
- (e) All ACH transactions shall be initiated by the Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Resolution 2023-XX declared adopted this 15th day of June, 2023

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Kim Vaughan, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Tuscola County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, and further certify that the above resolution was adopted at said meeting.

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Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO

Fund 101 GENERAL FUND

GL Number	Description	Current Year Beg. Balance	Balance
*** Assets ***			
101-000-001.000	CASH - CHECKING	(2,252,306.89)	(13,376,771.16)
101-000-002.000	CASH - CDAR	10,500,000.00	16,000,000.00
101-000-003.000	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	7,504.04	8,620.02
101-000-004.000	IMPREST (PETTY) CASH	7,725.00	7,725.00
101-000-005.000	DEBIT CARDS IMPREST	10,679.44	15,895.86
101-000-006.000	CASH - MMRMA RETENTION	130,108.86	130,108.86
101-000-020.000	TAXES RECEIVABLE	280,866.22	26,915.18
101-000-028.000	DEL. PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	0.00	4,746.59
101-000-040.000	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	426,190.73	257.04
101-000-056.000	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	13.96	(7.59)
101-000-078.000	DUE FROM STATE	41,174.31	31,132.20
101-000-080.000	PREPAID EXPENSE	22,711.76	0.00
101-000-083.000	DUE FROM EMPLOYEES	(3,280.91)	(3,340.91)
101-000-084.000	DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS	698,239.68	35.68
101-000-194.000	ADVANCE FOR FLOOD DAMAGE	100,000.00	100,000.00
101-000-198.000	LONG-TERM ADVANCES	410,000.00	410,000.00
101-000-198.230	LONG TERM ADVANCE - RECYCLE	5,603.48	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>10,385,229.68</b>	<b>3,355,316.77</b>
*** Liabilities ***			
101-000-202.000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	172,339.87	0.00
101-000-202.100	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/UNEMPLOYMENT	6,233.27	8,287.73
101-000-214.000	DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	(4,500.98)	1,480.92
101-000-231.054	DEDUCTION - FSA	3,870.89	15,446.23
101-000-257.000	PAYROLL ACCRUAL	159,577.67	0.00
101-000-267.000	RECEIPTS REFUNDABLE	250.03	250.03
101-000-267.010	CO CLERK - RCT. REFUND	46.70	(177.36)
101-000-273.100	UNDISTRIBUTED RECEIPTS	(1,357.77)	(1,357.77)
101-000-276.000	UNPAID MMRMA CLAIMS	70,305.30	70,305.30
101-000-291.000	DEFERRED INFLOWS	0.00	4,746.59
101-000-292.000	UNAVAILABLE DELINQUENT	358,628.66	358,628.66
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>765,393.64</b>	<b>457,610.33</b>
*** Fund Balance ***			
101-000-365.000	FUND BAL - RESERVED WIND TAX	1,498,120.00	1,752,255.00
101-000-369.000	FUND BALANCE - RESERVED	410,000.00	410,000.00
101-000-390.000	FUND BALANCE - UNRESERVED	1,021,098.06	766,963.06
101-000-398.000	RESIDENT CO HOSPITAL RESERVES	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>2,934,218.06</b>	<b>2,934,218.06</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance - 2022</b>			<b>2,934,218.06</b>
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 2022</b>			
*2022 End FB/2023 Beg FB		9,619,836.04	
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year</b>			<b>6,685,617.98</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>			<b>2,897,706.44</b>
<b>Total Liabilities And Fund Balance</b>			<b>3,355,316.77</b>

\* Year Not Closed

Fund 207 ROAD PATROL

GL Number	Description	Current Year Beg. Balance	Balance
*** Assets ***			
207-000-001.000	CASH - SAVINGS	2,178,778.99	3,802,624.12
207-000-020.000	TAXES RECEIVABLE	2,722,412.00	2,722,412.00
207-000-028.000	UNPAID PERSONAL	0.00	3,342.68
207-000-040.000	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	170.00	0.00
207-000-076.000	DUE FROM TOWNSHIP	2,739.33	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>4,904,100.32</b>	<b>6,528,378.80</b>
*** Liabilities ***			
207-000-202.000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	12,252.81	0.00
207-000-257.000	PAYROLL ACCRUAL	37,399.70	0.00
207-000-291.000	DEFERRED INFLOWS	2,722,412.00	2,725,754.68
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>2,772,064.51</b>	<b>2,725,754.68</b>
*** Fund Balance ***			
207-000-365.000	FUND BAL-RESERVED WIND TAX	408,882.00	495,236.00
207-000-390.000	FUND BALANCE	1,312,586.68	1,226,232.68
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>1,721,468.68</b>	<b>1,721,468.68</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance - 2022</b>			<b>1,721,468.68</b>
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 2022</b>			<b>410,567.13</b>
<b>*2022 End FB/2023 Beg FB</b>		<b>2,132,035.81</b>	
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year</b>			<b>1,670,588.31</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>			<b>3,802,624.12</b>
<b>Total Liabilities And Fund Balance</b>			<b>6,528,378.80</b>

\* Year Not Closed



Fund 214 VOTED PRIMARY ROAD IMPROVEMENT

GL Number	Description	Current Year Beg. Balance	Balance
*** Assets ***			
214-000-001.000	CASH - CHECKING	335,574.05	2,096,261.79
214-000-026.000	TAXES RECEIVABLE	1,976,761.00	1,976,761.00
214-000-028.000	DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAXES	0.00	2,426.92
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>2,312,335.05</b>	<b>4,075,449.71</b>
*** Liabilities ***			
214-000-291.000	DEFERRED INFLOWS	1,976,761.00	1,979,187.92
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>1,976,761.00</b>	<b>1,979,187.92</b>
*** Fund Balance ***			
214-000-365.000	FUND BAL-RESERVED WIND TAX	305,278.00	367,979.00
214-000-390.000	FUND BALANCE	124,975.99	62,274.99
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>430,253.99</b>	<b>430,253.99</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance - 2022</b>			<b>430,253.99</b>
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 2022</b>			<b>(94,679.94)</b>
<b>*2022 End FB/2023 Beg FB</b>		<b>335,574.05</b>	
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year</b>			<b>1,760,687.74</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>			<b>2,096,261.79</b>
<b>Total Liabilities And Fund Balance</b>			<b>4,075,449.71</b>

\* Year Not Closed

Fund 230 RECYCLING

GL Number	Description	Current Year Beg. Balance	Balance
*** Assets ***			
230-000-001.000	CASH - CHECKING	199,371.28	362,629.69
230-000-004.000	IMPREST (PETTY) CASH	75.00	75.00
230-000-020.000	TAXES RECEIVABLE	306,910.00	306,910.00
230-000-078.000	DUE FROM STATE	24.00	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>506,380.28</b>	<b>669,614.69</b>
*** Liabilities ***			
230-000-202.000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	1,826.74	0.00
230-000-214.101	DUE TO GEN FUND LOAN	5,603.48	0.00
230-000-257.000	PAYROLL ACCRUAL	5,169.96	0.00
230-000-291.000	DEFERRED INFLOWS	306,910.00	306,910.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>319,510.18</b>	<b>306,910.00</b>
*** Fund Balance ***			
230-000-365.000	FUND BAL-RESERVED WIND TAX	47,418.00	57,157.00
230-000-390.000	FUND BALANCE	94,370.95	84,631.95
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>141,788.95</b>	<b>141,788.95</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance - 2022</b>			<b>141,788.95</b>
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 2022</b>			<b>45,081.15</b>
<b>*2022 End FB/2023 Beg FB</b>		<b>186,870.10</b>	
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year</b>			<b>175,834.59</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>			<b>362,704.69</b>
<b>Total Liabilities And Fund Balance</b>			<b>669,614.69</b>

\* Year Not Closed

Fund 240 VOTED MOSQUITO FUND

GL Number	Description	Current Year Beg. Balance	Balance
*** Assets ***			
240-000-001.000	CASH	1,253,010.36	2,082,127.22
240-000-020.000	TAXES RECEIVABLE	1,292,808.00	1,292,808.00
240-000-028.000	DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAXES	0.00	1,587.20
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>2,545,818.36</b>	<b>3,376,522.42</b>
*** Liabilities ***			
240-000-202.000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	42,016.76	0.00
240-000-202.100	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/UNEMPLOYMENT	113,458.36	126,301.14
240-000-257.000	PAYROLL ACCRUAL	4,765.95	0.00
240-000-291.000	DEFERRED INFLOWS	1,292,808.00	1,294,395.20
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>1,453,049.07</b>	<b>1,420,696.34</b>
*** Fund Balance ***			
240-000-365.000	FUND BAL-RESERVED WIND TAX	199,663.00	240,672.00
240-000-390.000	FUND BALANCE - UNRESERVED	557,034.77	516,025.77
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>756,697.77</b>	<b>756,697.77</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance - 2022</b>			<b>756,697.77</b>
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 2022</b>			<b>336,071.52</b>
<b>*2022 End FB/2023 Beg FB</b>		<b>1,092,769.29</b>	
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year</b>			<b>863,056.79</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>			<b>1,955,826.08</b>
<b>Total Liabilities And Fund Balance</b>			<b>3,376,522.42</b>

\* Year Not Closed

Fund 279 VOTED MSU

GL Number	Description	Current Year Beg. Balance	Balance
*** Assets ***			
279-000-001.000	CASH - CHECKING	89,155.74	198,366.98
279-000-020.000	TAXES RECEIVABLE	200,096.00	200,096.00
279-000-028.000	DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAXES	0.00	251.31
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>289,251.74</b>	<b>398,714.29</b>
*** Liabilities ***			
279-000-202.000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	62.07	0.00
279-000-291.000	DEFERRED INFLOWS	200,096.00	200,347.31
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>200,158.07</b>	<b>200,347.31</b>
*** Fund Balance ***			
279-000-365.000	FUND BAL-RESERVED WIND TAX	31,613.00	38,106.00
279-000-390.000	FUND BALANCE	11,370.30	4,877.30
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>42,983.30</b>	<b>42,983.30</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance - 2022</b>			<b>42,983.30</b>
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 2022</b>			<b>46,110.37</b>
*2022 End FB/2023 Beg FB		89,093.67	
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year</b>			<b>109,273.31</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>			<b>198,366.98</b>
<b>Total Liabilities And Fund Balance</b>			<b>398,714.29</b>

\* Year Not Closed

Fund 295 VOTED VETERANS

GL Number	Description	Current Year Beg. Balance	Balance
*** Assets ***			
295-000-001.000	CASH - CHECKING	156,742.68	337,809.02
295-000-020.000	TAXES RECEIVABLE	347,844.00	347,844.00
295-000-028.000	DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAXES	0.00	427.12
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>504,586.68</b>	<b>686,080.14</b>
*** Liabilities ***			
295-000-202.000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	81,241.82	0.00
295-000-291.000	DEFERRED INFLOWS	347,844.00	348,271.12
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>429,085.82</b>	<b>348,271.12</b>
*** Fund Balance ***			
295-000-365.000	FUND BAL-RESERVED WIND TAX	53,742.00	64,780.00
295-000-390.000	FUND BALANCE	31,877.68	20,839.68
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>85,619.68</b>	<b>85,619.68</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance - 2022</b>			<b>85,619.68</b>
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 2022</b>			<b>(10,118.82)</b>
<b>*2022 End FB/2023 Beg FB</b>		<b>75,500.86</b>	
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year</b>			<b>262,308.16</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>			<b>337,809.02</b>
<b>Total Liabilities And Fund Balance</b>			<b>686,080.14</b>

\* Year Not Closed

Fund 296 VOTED BRIDGE

GL Number	Description	Current Year Beg. Balance	Balance
*** Assets ***			
296-000-001.000	CASH - CHECKING	1,173,130.81	2,056,750.76
296-000-003.000	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	287,952.38	293,281.50
296-000-026.000	TAXES RECEIVABLE	983,892.00	983,892.00
296-000-028.000	DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAXES	0.00	1,208.00
296-000-056.000	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	600.14	449.15
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>2,445,575.33</b>	<b>3,335,581.41</b>
*** Liabilities ***			
296-000-291.000	DEFERRED INFLOWS	983,892.00	985,100.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>983,892.00</b>	<b>985,100.00</b>
*** Fund Balance ***			
296-000-365.000	FUND BAL-RESERVED WIND TAX	151,960.00	183,171.00
296-000-390.000	FUND BALANCE	1,279,061.77	1,247,850.77
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>1,431,021.77</b>	<b>1,431,021.77</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance - 2022</b>			<b>1,431,021.77</b>
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 2022</b>			<b>30,661.56</b>
<b>*2022 End FB/2023 Beg FB</b>		<b>1,461,683.33</b>	
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year</b>			<b>888,798.08</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>			<b>2,350,481.41</b>
<b>Total Liabilities And Fund Balance</b>			<b>3,335,581.41</b>

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Fund 297 VOTED SENIOR CITIZENS

GL Number	Description	Current Year Beg. Balance	Balance
*** Assets ***			
297-000-001.000	CASH - SAVINGS	170,251.46	665,508.90
297-000-020.000	TAXES RECEIVABLE	654,884.00	654,884.00
297-000-028.000	DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAXES	0.00	804.18
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>825,135.46</b>	<b>1,321,197.08</b>
*** Liabilities ***			
297-000-202.000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	3,724.48	0.00
297-000-291.000	DEFERRED INFLOWS	654,884.00	655,688.18
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>658,608.48</b>	<b>655,688.18</b>
*** Fund Balance ***			
297-000-365.000	FUND BAL-RESERVED WIND TAX	97,932.00	118,709.00
297-000-390.000	FUND BALANCE	56,350.33	35,573.33
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>154,282.33</b>	<b>154,282.33</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance - 2022</b>			<b>154,282.33</b>
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 2022</b>			<b>12,244.65</b>
<b>*2022 End FB/2023 Beg FB</b>		<b>166,526.98</b>	
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year</b>			<b>498,981.92</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>			<b>665,508.90</b>
<b>Total Liabilities And Fund Balance</b>			<b>1,321,197.08</b>

\* Year Not Closed

Fund 298 VOTED MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

GL Number	Description	Current Year Beg. Balance	Balance
*** Assets ***			
298-000-001.000	CASH - SAVINGS	873,966.14	1,326,381.53
298-000-026.000	TAXES RECEIVABLE	511,627.00	511,627.00
298-000-028.000	DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAXES	0.00	628.22
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1,385,593.14</b>	<b>1,838,636.75</b>
*** Liabilities ***			
298-000-291.000	DEFERRED INFLOWS	511,627.00	512,255.22
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>511,627.00</b>	<b>512,255.22</b>
*** Fund Balance ***			
298-000-365.000	FUND BAL-RESERVED WIND TAX	79,031.00	95,263.00
298-000-390.000	FUND BALANCE	1,225,470.71	1,209,238.71
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>1,304,501.71</b>	<b>1,304,501.71</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance - 2022</b>			<b>1,304,501.71</b>
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 2022</b>			<b>(430,535.57)</b>
<b>*2022 End FB/2023 Beg FB</b>		<b>873,966.14</b>	
<b>Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year</b>			<b>452,415.39</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>			<b>1,326,381.53</b>
<b>Total Liabilities And Fund Balance</b>			<b>1,838,636.75</b>

\* Year Not Closed



# Tuscola County

## **Wind Escrows as of 05-31-2023**

Consumers

General Fund	\$	1,752,255
Voted Primary Roads	\$	367,979
Voted Road Patrol	\$	495,236
Recycling	\$	57,157
Mosquito	\$	240,672
MSU	\$	38,106
Veterans	\$	64,780
Bridge	\$	183,171
Senior	\$	118,709
Med Care	\$	95,263

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,413,328</b>
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<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,555,392</b>
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## **Nextera Settlement in 2017**

	\$	667,774
	\$	115,485
	\$	122,916
	\$	19,248
	\$	81,044
	\$	-
	\$	16,172
	\$	61,682
	\$	25,664
	\$	32,079
	\$	1,142,064

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

125 W. Lincoln Street  
Suite 500  
Caro, MI 48723

Telephone: 989-672-3700  
Fax: 989-672-4011

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, 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 \_\_\_\_\_,

## ORDER AND DETERMINATION BY THE TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ANNEX CERTAIN LANDS TO THE VILLAGE OF REESE, MICHIGAN 2023-15

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council of the Village of Reese has by resolution, determined to petition the Board of Commissioners of Tuscola County to annex certain lands as described and also as described in said petition and resolution, to the Village of Reese, and

**WHEREAS**, the petition and resolution give as a reason for said proposed annexation that it is necessary to promote the business economy and development of the Village of Reese and

**WHEREAS**, the resolution as presented was duly signed by the President and the Clerk of the Village of Reese, and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the hearing to be held by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners on the question of such proposed annexation was published or posted as required by the statute, as appears by the affidavit of Chris Ranney, Village Clerk, in the files of this matter, and

**WHEREAS**, the notice also contained a description of the premises to be annexed, and

**WHEREAS**, all persons interested have been given an opportunity to be heard at a public meeting of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, and

**WHEREAS**, all proceedings pursuant to Section 6, Chapter 14, of Act 3 of the Public Acts of 1895 of the State of Michigan (MCL 74.6; MSA 5,1470), have been complied with,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, It is ordered and determined that the following described lands in the Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan:

Property #: 006-006-000-1700-00

Legal Description: DEN-6-302B SEC 6 T12N R7E COM AT A PT THAT IS E 380. 1FT FROM SW COR OF SEC, TH E 105 FT, TH N 231 FT, TH W 105 FT, TH S 231 FT TO POB..56A

Known as: 9986 Dixon Rd. Reese, MI 48757

Are hereby annexed to the Village of Reese, Tuscola County, Michigan, and the lands shall be considered to be included within the corporate limits of said Village,

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Order and Determination to annex territory to the Village of Reese, Michigan, shall be entered on the records of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners and that a certified copy of this Order and Determination shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to the Clerk of the Village of Reese and to the Secretary of State, State of Michigan. This Order and Determination shall be prima facie evidence of the change of boundaries of the Village of Reese and of the regularity to such proceedings.

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PROPOSED

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Resolution 2023-XX declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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Kim Vaughan, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

**CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF MICHIGAN            )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA         )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Tuscola County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, and further certify that the above resolution was adopted at said meeting.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, CCO  
Tuscola County

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Commissioners Present:

Commissioners Absent:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_,  
seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_,

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**WHEREAS**, the resolution as presented was duly signed by the President and the Clerk of the Village of Reese, and

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**WHEREAS**, all persons interested have been given an opportunity to be heard at a public meeting of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, and

**WHEREAS**, all proceedings pursuant to Section 6, Chapter 14, of Act 3 of the Public Acts of 1895 of the State of Michigan (MCL 74.6; MSA 5,1470), have been complied with,

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Property #: 006-006-000-2100-00

Legal description: DEN-6-304A SEC 6 T12N R7E COM AT SE COR OF SW 1/4, TH W 366 FT, TH N 175 FT, TH E 366 FT, TH S 175 TO POB. 2A.

Known as: 9774 Dixon Rd. Reese Michigan, 48757

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PROPOSED

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Resolution 2023-XX declared adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Vaughan, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

**CERTIFICATION**

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  ) ss  
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I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Tuscola County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, and further certify that the above resolution was adopted at said meeting.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, CCO  
Tuscola County

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# ESTIMATE

DATE: JUNE 9, 2023

**TO:**  
Vanderbilt Park  
4446 Bath Rd.  
Fairgrove, MI 48733

**JOB LOCATION:**  
Same

Contact: Pam Shook 989-895-8368  
Shookpj1@gmail.com

**COMMENTS OR SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

**QUOTE IS GOOD FOR 30 DAYS. PLEASE PROVIDE SALES TAX EXEMPT INFORMATION TO AVOID PAYING SALES TAX AT THE TIME OF SALE.** FYI: DUE TO GLOBAL SUPPLY-CHAIN CONSTRAINTS RESULTING IN LOGISTICAL BACKLOGS, SHIPPING LEAD TIMES ARE LONGER THAN USUAL. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IT COULD BE 16-20 WEEKS FROM THE TIME OF ORDER, AND INSTALLATION CAN BE SCHEDULED ONCE WE KNOW THE DELIVERY DATE.

SALESPERSON	QUOTE NUMBER	REQUISITIONER	SHIPPED VIA	F.O.B. POINT	TERMS
Julie Olivier					

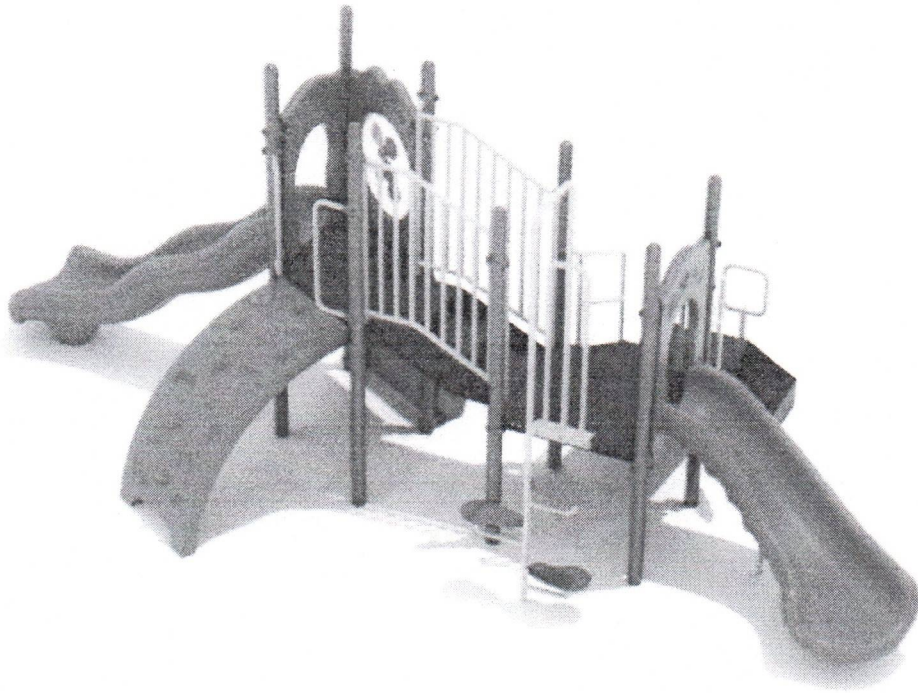
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1	Grand Cove Structure	\$12,134.00	\$12,134.00
1	Geo Dome	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
1	Mobilization, Labor, and Installation of Playground Equipment	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
1	Border Timbers and Engineered Wood Fiber	\$3,240.00	\$3,240.00
1	Border and EWF Labor and Installation	\$3,337.50	\$3,337.50
		<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,711.50</b>
		<b>FREIGHT</b>	<b>\$2,164.50</b>
		<b>TAX</b>	<b>\$1,202.31</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,078.31</b>

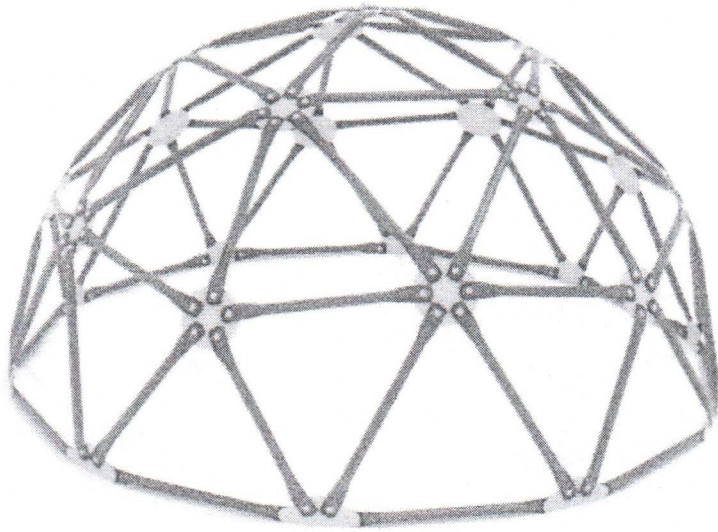
Make all checks payable to JC Walker & Sons Corporation  
If you have any questions, contact Julie Walker: 810-701-0842  
Email PO to: [Julie@wedoplaygrounds.com](mailto:Julie@wedoplaygrounds.com)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!**











# Invoice 25769

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Vanderbilt Park 4446 Bath Rd Fairgrove, Mi 48733

Comments
Quote good for 30 days from 6/09/2023
Approx. 8 to 14 weeks Installing playsystem.
KGP is not responsible for site prep and site restoration. Proper construction equipment access is required from road or parking lot to build site.
All Commerical Sales equipment are a final Sale. All deposit's are Non-refundable after 48 hours.
Primary colors Ag

Phone: (989) 895-8368

Customer ID	Order #	Order Date	Install Date	Order Type	Sales Rep	Installer
Vanderbilt Park 00053794	25769	6/9/2023	1/1/2024	Quote	Gurnow, Amy	Team 1

Part #	Description	Serial #	Qty	Unit Price	Disc.	Ext. Price
MISC	PGE Grand Cove Model# PKP015P		1.0	\$12,134.00	0.0%	\$12,134.00
Shipping	Shipping Cost		1.0	\$1,425.00	0.0%	\$1,425.00
Installation	Installation		1.0	\$5,075.00	0.0%	\$5,075.00

Date	Method	Card Number	Reference	Amount	
					<b>Subtotal:</b> \$18,634.00
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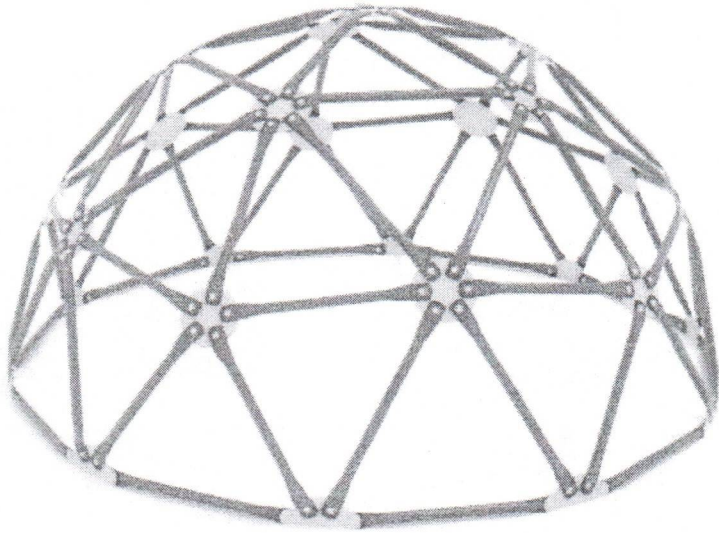
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1	Border and EWF Labor and Installation	\$3,558.00	\$3,558.75
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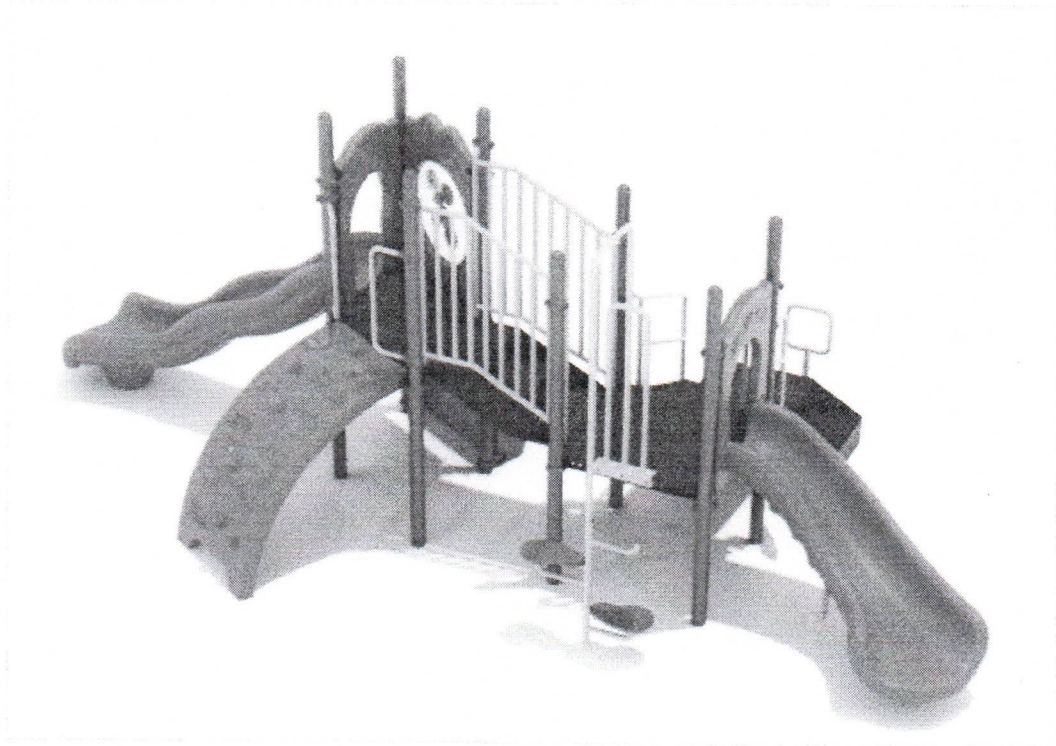
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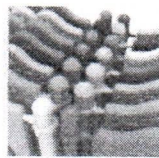
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**Child Capacity:** 26-30

**Dimensions:** 14' x 14' x 10'

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### Product Specifications

**Price:** \$850.00

**Model Number:** PFB005

**Age Range:** 2-5 years

**Child Capacity:** 2

**Fall Height:** 24"

**Product Type:** Spring Rides

**Safety Zone:** 14' x 16' 6"

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# Filbert Frog Fun Bounce

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**Price:** \$634.00

**Model Number:** PFB004

**Age Range:** 2-5 years

**Child Capacity:** 1

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**Product Type:** Spring Rides

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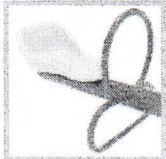
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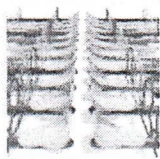
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## Product Specifications

**Price:** \$980.00

**Model Number:** PFB009P

**Age Range:** 2-5 years

**Child Capacity:** 2

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Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

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## LEAD Tuscola Program

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**Jon Ramirez** <jramirez@tuscolacounty.org>  
To: Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 7:48 AM

I apologize for my late response Clayette, I would like to send Paige Rushlo to attend LEAD Tuscola.

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**Jon Ramirez**

Director

Tuscola County Central Dispatch

1303 Cleaver Rd

Caro, MI 48723

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"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others." – Albert Schweitzer

3. Home Delivered Meals Program -

2023-M-107

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Thomas Bardwell that \$177,701.00 be transferred to the Voted Senior Citizens fund (297) from Provision of Government Services (PGS) fund balance in the General Fund to provide an additional 24,376 meals for the seniors across Tuscola County that would otherwise be added to a wait list due to the shortage of funds in the Voted Senior Citizens fund. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

4. Community Corrections Fiscal Year 2024 Grant -

2023-M-108

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that per the request from David Stevens, Community Corrections Coordinator, that Resolution 2023-10 Fiscal Year 2024 Community Corrections Grant Application be approved. Motion Carried.

5. Marine Patrol Boat Purchase -

**2023-M-109**

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Young that per the request from Sheriff Glen Skrent, to purchase a marine patrol boat through the use of the Provision of Government Services (PGS) fund balance of up to \$150,000.00. Also, approve the Sheriff to make an application for a Community Facility Grant through the USDA that could potentially assist with up to \$50,000 of the purchase. Funds are to be transferred from the General Fund balance to the Equipment/Technology fund (244) for the purchase. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

6. Shay Lake - Lake Level Resolution -

2023-M-110

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the request from Robert Mantey, Tuscola County Drain Commissioner to approve Shay Lake - Lake Level Resolution 2023-11.  
Motion Carried.

7. Murphy Lake - Lake Level Resolution -

2023-M-111

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that per the request from Robert Mantey, Tuscola County Drain Commissioner to approve Murphy Lake - Lake Level Resolution 2023-12.  
Motion Carried.

8. Health Department Revenue Loss -



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Clayette Zechmeister &lt;zclay@tuscolacounty.org&gt;

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**Robert Mantey** <rmantey@tuscolacounty.org>  
To: Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>  
Cc: Dara Hood <dhood@tuscolacounty.org>

Wed, Jun 14, 2023 at 7:37 AM

Dear Honorable Commissioners

The Drain Office has had the main copier start to fail and it can not be repaired. This copier also receives our fax documents and is used to copy several legal documents. Most of these documents are printed directly from our computers. We have reached out to our local business Galaxy to help us repair or replace this machine. They have a copier available that was returned from a lease with very low hours.

I am asking for approval of funds to have this copier purchased asap to help us avoid a delay in service and to help us keep up with legal documents that get printed daily. This purchase is an urgent need to help our office stay in compliance with legal documents and physical postings.

Thanks for your consideration of this request

Robert J. Mantey  
Tuscola County Drain Commissioner

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 13, 2023, at 5:17 PM, Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org> wrote:

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Tuscola County Drain Comm  
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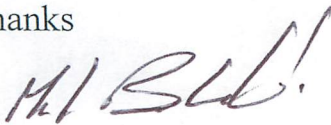
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# Legislative Update 6-2-23

WRITTEN BY [DEREK MELOT](#) ON JUNE 2, 2023. POSTED IN [BLOG](#), [EVENTS](#), [LEGISLATIVE](#), [MAC NEWS](#), [MACSC](#), [MARKETING](#), [NACO](#)

## Deal reached, adopted to avoid federal debt default

“After several rounds of negotiations, the White House and House Republican Leadership reached an agreement to address the debt limit and cap spending,” the National Association of Counties (NACo) reported. “The deal, titled the [Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 \(FRA\)](#) (H.R. 3746), would suspend the debt ceiling through January 1, 2025, effectively increasing the amount of money that the federal government can borrow to fund federal programs. On January 19, 2022, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced that the federal government had hit its \$34.1 trillion debt limit. This agreement comes less than a week ahead of the deadline after which the federal government would no longer have the capacity to pay its obligations.



“After quickly passing the House, the legislation passed the Senate by a vote of 63-36 on June 1, ensuring the federal government will not run out of money to pay its bills on Monday, June 5, the day the government would default on its debt.

“The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its [assessment](#) of the bill’s impact on federal debt and deficits. CBO estimated that if the legislation were enacted, budget deficits would be reduced by about \$1.5 trillion over the next decade and interest on the public debt would

be reduced by an estimated \$188 billion.

“NACo applauds our federal partners for reaching a bipartisan agreement to raise the federal debt ceiling. While this is a significant move that will provide much-needed certainty to counties, there are a handful of provisions of relevance to local leaders including spending cuts, permitting reform, implementing new work requirements for certain federal public assistance programs and reinstating federal student loan payments.

“A comprehensive analysis of the Fiscal Responsibility Act and its impact on county governments [can be found here.](#)”

## Podcast 83 takes look at much-needed juvenile justice package

In a special episode of Podcast 83, MAC Governmental Affairs Associate Samantha Gibson provides a detailed overview of a 20-bill package to reform Michigan’s juvenile justice system.



Juvenile justice reform has long been a priority for MAC and the issue gained momentum with the release of recommendations from a state [task force](#) formed in 2021. The new legislative package is largely built on the task force’s ideas and is strongly supported by MAC.

Increasing the Child Care Fund reimbursement rate for counties to 75 percent, from the current 50 percent, is the no. 1 priority for MAC in this package, Gibson explained.

Also, the package will reform juvenile justice services by using mental health and risk screening tools to benefit youth in the system and allow counties to better serve court-involved youth. The best practices that would be implemented within this policy, Gibson said, will allow for rehabilitation and reintroduction into society, as well as lead to reduced recidivism rates for court-involved youth.

View the full video of the episode, recorded on May 23, [by clicking here.](#)

For links to all the bill texts in the package, see MAC’s [May 26, 2023, Legislative Update.](#)

Previous episodes can be seen at [MAC’s YouTube Channel.](#)

And you always can find details about Podcast 83 [on the MAC website.](#)

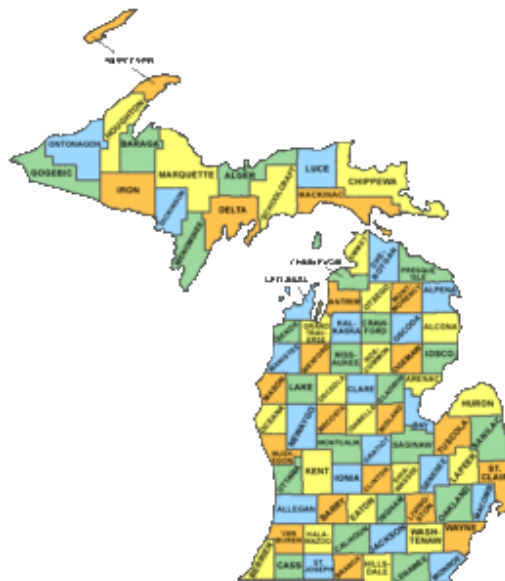
## New state council to study population issue

A new state body will analyze the factors affecting Michigan’s population and what steps can be taken to spur growth, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced at a Mackinac Island event this week.

Via Executive Order, Whitmer is forming the “Growing Michigan Together Council,” which will have 21 voting members and seven non-voting members.

The council is charged with four tasks:

- “Identify concrete, data-driven and evidence-based goals to grow the state’s population, improve educational outcomes from preschool through postsecondary education, attract and retain talent and build long-term, sustainable infrastructure that meets the needs of the population;
- “Define the gap between Michigan and the best-performing states on the goals identified by the council;
- “Identify specific short-term, medium-term and long-term policies needed to close these gaps and meet the goals identified by the council; and
- “Analyze the effectiveness of existing programs and spending dedicated to achieving the goals identified by the council and make recommendations on how to address any gaps between projected revenues and recommended expenditures.”



MAC will be monitoring appointments to the council and its work and will report to membership as needed.

For more information on this issue, contact Deena Bosworth at [bosworth@micounties.org](mailto:bosworth@micounties.org).

## Land tax proposal highlighted at Mackinac Policy Conference

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan is calling on the Legislature to enact a land value tax system to tackle the obstacles cities face in revitalization efforts. Duggan made a presentation at this week’s Mackinac Policy Conference on Mackinac Island.



Although MAC does not have legislative language to review at this time, the idea is to increase taxes paid on vacant land and blighted properties and decrease the tax on occupied residential buildings. The intent is to offset the revenue and prevent absent property owners from sitting on property that could otherwise be developed or repurposed.

MAC will watch this proposal closely and work within our committee process to evaluate it.

For more information on this issue, contact Deena Bosworth at [bosworth@micounties.org](mailto:bosworth@micounties.org).

## Check out videos from 2023 Legislative Conference

For those unable to attend the recent 2023 Legislative Conference, or if your notes taken are not as comprehensive as you wish, MAC has created a series of videos of state leaders speaking on key issues during the conference. All the links below will take you to MAC's YouTube channel, where you also can find videos of our Podcast 83.



- State Budget Director Chris Harkins [on revenue sharing and court funding during his presentation on April 25, 2023.](#)
- [Harkins on infrastructure spending on April 25.](#)
- House Speaker Joe Tate (D-Wayne) [on juvenile justice reform during a legislative leadership panel on April 26.](#)
- Senate Majority Leader Winne Brinks (D-Kent) [on working with counties during a leadership panel on April 26.](#)
- Senate Minority Leader Aric Nesbitt (R-Van Buren) [on juvenile justice reform during a legislative leadership panel on April 26.](#)
- House Minority Floor Leader Bryan Posthumus (R-Kent) [on natural resources conservation during a legislative leadership panel on April 26.](#)

MAC's Deena Bosworth leads the legislative leadership panel at the 2023 Legislative Conference on April 26.

For all the presentations from the three-day conference, [visit MAC's website.](#)

## June 8 fiscal webinar to focus on internal controls

The Michigan Department of Treasury and Michigan State University Extension (MSU Extension) are hosting the next "Fiscally Ready" webinar on June 8, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ET. This FREE training is designed to assist both appointed and elected officials.



### **Managing Internal Controls – [Register Now](#)**

This training will include a deep dive into internal controls. It will cover what internal controls are, why you need them, how they help your community, how to implement them, and where to start.

What will be covered:

- Building a culture of fiscal sustainability
- The role of internal controls in fiscal sustainability
- Understanding internal controls and their importance
- How internal controls help strengthen your community
- Best practices for internal controls implementation

For more information about Fiscally Ready Communities, please check out the Treasury [Fiscally Ready Communities webpage](#). This webpage includes Treasury's 32-page [Fiscally Ready Communities Best Practices](#) document, which we encourage all local officials to review.

If you have any questions, please email [TreasLocalGov@michigan.gov](mailto:TreasLocalGov@michigan.gov) with the subject line "Fiscally Ready."

## Five Michigan counties receive NACo awards

The work of five Michigan counties was honored recently by the National Association of Counties (NACo) via its 2023 Achievement Awards.



[The Achievement Awards Program](#) is a non-competitive awards program which seeks to recognize innovative county government programs.

Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Midland and Wayne were honored in at least one of 18 different categories in the award program. Macomb alone was cited a whopping 10 times across the categories, with Oakland claiming 5 citations, Wayne 3 and Midland and Washtenaw 1 each.

Midland was honored for its Communities of Excellence program, which "is designed to bring together businesses, nonprofits and government agencies to work collaboratively towards common goals, using the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program's framework for organizational excellence. ... It provides participating organizations with training, resources and support to help them achieve their goals and become recognized as models of excellence."

## Staff picks

- [State issues \\$1.5 million in grants to county fairs](#) (Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development)
- [Some Michigan businesses are buying housing to secure their workforce](#) (MLive)
- [Stateside Podcast: 'Up North' has a housing problem](#) (Michigan Radio)
- [Barry, Wayne counties among brownfield grant recipients](#) (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)







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## Legislative Update 6-9-23

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### Liability concerns for counties raised in sexual conduct package

Legislation to alter the statute of limitations on criminal sexual conduct and sexual misconduct — and which could lead to broad, unintended consequences for counties — was reviewed this week by the House Committee on Criminal Justice.

House Bills [4482–4487](#) affect private employers, state government, local governments and educational institutions. [HB 4486](#), by Rep. Karen Whitsett (D-Wayne), in particular, raises concerns, **which is why MAC is opposing it.**

HB 4486 holds government employers to a higher standard than that expected of private employers. The bill states an agency is liable and is not granted immunity if it “knew or should have known that the individual who committed the criminal sexual conduct had committed a prior act of criminal sexual conduct, and the governmental agency failed to act or intervene to prevent the subsequent criminal sexual conduct.”



Under HB 4486, county boards of commissioners would be held liable for the hiring decisions of other countywide elected officials, despite having no direct involvement in these hiring decisions. MAC also has concerns with the retroactive application of the potential statute of limitations and the vague, unintended consequences of HB 4486 that hold governmental agencies liable and to a higher standard than the private sector.

While there is need for reforms, MAC is working to create policy that focuses on prevention, intervention and appropriate accountability, with limited unintended consequences for the Michigan taxpayer.

For more information on this issue, contact Samantha Gibson at [gibson@micounties.org](mailto:gibson@micounties.org).

## Counties need voice on justice commission, MAC tells Legislature

As a funding unit and key administrative piece of local criminal justice, counties should have representation on a state commission to study criminal justice reform, a MAC staffer told a Senate committee this week.



Both the House and Senate held hearings on House Bills [4173](#) and [4384](#), by Reps. Abraham Aiyash (D-Wayne) and Luke Meerman (R-Ottawa) respectively, and Senate Bills [376](#) and [377](#), by Sens. Stephanie Chang (D-Wayne) and Ed McBroom (R-Dickinson) respectively.

The packages are identical, with the intent to create a Criminal Justice Policy Commission and detail who will serve on it. Under the original version of HB 4173, MAC was to submit a list of three names and one of the submitted names would be selected by the governor to serve on the commission. MAC had a member on the previous commission that operated from 2015 to 2019.

However, the current version of HB 4173, and the Senate package, do not include a MAC representative on the commission. **Therefore, MAC is opposing HB 4173 and SB 376.**

Given a county's role as the funding unit, and its fiduciary responsibilities to jails, sheriff's offices and prosecutor's offices, it is imperative that counties have a voice, MAC Governmental Affairs Associate Samantha Gibson testified on Thursday.

In SB 377 and HB 4384, the commission would be tasked with submitting a prison and jail impact report relating to any modifications to sentencing guidelines, including any impact on state and local correctional facilities. There are also indirect costs associated with the bills, depending on decisions made by the commission. Costs could increase or decrease, depending on changes made to sentencing guidelines. The potential for financial burdens imposed by the state onto county jails is of great concern to MAC. A county voice is crucial on the commission.

The House panel advanced its version of the bills, while the Senate committee only took testimony.

MAC will continue to press for county representation.

For more information on this issue, please contact Samantha Gibson at [gibson@micounties.org](mailto:gibson@micounties.org).

## MAC seeks reimbursement in plan to expand veterans property tax exemption

Legislation to expand and streamline the state's veterans property tax exemption were reviewed this week by the Senate Committee on Finance, Insurance and Consumer Protection.



Senate Bill 176, by Sen. Sylvia Santana (D-Wayne), SB 330, by Sen. Mary Cavanaugh (D-Wayne), and SB 364, by Sen. John Damoose (R-Emmet), are designed to grant the disabled veterans property tax exemption to surviving spouses, allow for a “one and done” application process for the exemption and provide for an audit process to determine continued eligibility and allow the local board of review, for 2023 only, to correct, upon appeal, the denial of an exemption based on “qualified errors.”

**MAC has not yet taken a position on the bills** but is working with the bills’ sponsors to include amendments to require the state to reimburse locals for their losses associated with the mandated exemptions.

For more information on this issue, contact Deena Bosworth at [bosworth@micounties.org](mailto:bosworth@micounties.org).

## MAC-backed water management bills get hearing

Bills designed to allow for water management districts and for the assessment of costs across watersheds in Michigan were discussed this week at a meeting of the House Committee on Local Government.



House Bills 4382-83, by Reps. Curt VanderWall (R-Mason) and Christine Morse (D-Kalamazoo) respectively, rewrite Chapter 22 of the Michigan

Drain Code to allow local governments and residents to petition the drain commissioner for the establishment of the districts and, if found necessary, to create a plan to manage stormwater within the district in ways not currently allowed.

The plan would be unique to each district and could include actionable items like regional detention, buffer strips and the creation of wetlands, rain gardens and the like. The intent is to slow down and detain water during major storm events, instead of allowing it to flood roads, fields, businesses and homes on its way to a drain. The plan must include an estimate of the cost of each recommended activity.



The bills also require a public comment period and meeting to get feedback from residents and businesses. The local representation on the board would then vote on the plan and could choose one, multiple or none of the recommended activities. If the board votes to continue with implementation of the plan, bids would be taken for the work and assessments would be made based on benefits derived from the projects, just as it currently is for the drain code. This includes the Michigan Department of Transportation for benefits to state highways; counties for benefits to county roads; cities, villages and townships for benefit to roads and public health; and property owners based on their contribution. Impervious properties would be assessed at higher rates than agricultural land.

Proponents of the bills explained the stress on the aging infrastructure designed to drain the land for roads, developments and public health, stating the current infrastructure was primarily designed to handle stormwater in the early 1900s and cannot keep up with the intensity and frequency of major storm events in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Under the bills, water management districts would be allowed not mandated; locals would decide if they wanted to utilize these tools.

**MAC and the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners support the legislation.**

For more information on this issue, contact Deena Bosworth at [bosworth@micounties.org](mailto:bosworth@micounties.org).

## **Early voting legislation discussed; funding not yet resolved**

Legislation has been introduced to implement Proposal 2 of 2022, effectively overhauling Michigan’s election system. Last November, 60 percent of Michigan voters approved a new constitutional amendment to allow for nine days of early voting, among other provisions. [Senate Bills 367-374](#) and [House Bills 4695-4702](#) will codify Proposal 2 into law.



The Senate package, led by Sen. Jeremy Moss (D-Oakland), was brought before the Senate Elections and Ethics Committee on Wednesday, while Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou (D-Ingham) led the charge in the House Elections Committee on Thursday. Representatives from Promote the Vote, the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, the Michigan Association of County Clerks and the Secretary of State’s Office took turns commenting on each of the eight bills as the lead stakeholders. Aside from early voting, the package includes measures for being added to the permanent absent voter list, prepaid postage for absent voter ballots, expanding access to ballot drop boxes, and increasing precinct sizes.

Counties will be most directly affected by the early voting component and the cost of administering elections for additional days. Under [SB 367](#), municipal clerks will have the option to jointly conduct elections with other municipalities or with their county clerk. Some clerks may find

that pooling staff and other resources is beneficial given the new circumstances.

Unfortunately, the topic of funding was largely avoided by committee members and stakeholders. Chair Moss briefly noted budget negotiations are currently ongoing. In January, Secretary of State Joselyn Benson estimated the new constitutional amendment would cost locals between \$30 million and \$50 million annually. The final version of the state's FY24 budget is expected to be approved later this month and will likely include some, if not all, of the funding necessary to implement these changes.

**MAC has not taken a formal position on this legislation** but will report on the funding allocation once it is finalized.

For more information on this issue, contact Madeline Fata at [fata@micounties.org](mailto:fata@micounties.org).

## MAC, NACo oppose amendment to federal broadband law

An amendment to preempt local control over telecommunication infrastructure projects has passed the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce and will be presented to Congress for approval. The amendment is to the American Broadband Deployment Act of 2023, also known as [H.R. 3557](#), and provisions include:



- Preemption of state and local zoning authority over the placement of wireless technologies, including towers, equipment, and small cells
- Elimination of state and local government authority to manage public rights-of-way (ROW) by collecting fair market compensation for their use and management, and limiting ROW fees to “actual, objectively reasonable costs”
- Enactment of shot clock rules and “deemed granted” provisions which place timelines for the review and approval of telecommunications projects
- Prohibition of state and local governments from revoking cable franchises.

Counties own much of the infrastructure necessary to build or expand telecommunication networks, including pole attachments and rights-of-way, and should be closely involved in the permitting and construction process. As the federal government prepares to distribute \$42.45 billion to expand broadband through the BEAD program, with Michigan slated to receive roughly \$1.6 billion, this legislation will damage the ability for local governments to serve as partners in the deployment process.

Furthermore, by enforcing a “shot clock” on the permitting process, counties will be unable to properly assess each application and the impact these projects will have on their communities.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) hosted a webinar late last week encouraging county officials to contact their federal legislators opposing this amendment.

Please utilize [MAC's Advocacy Center](#) to send a prepared email of opposition to your member of Congress.

## Podcast 83 dives into Michigan water issues in special episode

How Michigan's local governments can mitigate the damage of flooding is the topic of a special episode of MAC's Podcast 83.

Stacy Hissong, partner at Fahey Schultz and legal adviser to the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners, is the featured guest on the episode, which is hosted by Deena Bosworth, MAC's governmental affairs director.



The pair discuss:

- Excess flooding and how local governments can deal with it with tools they have now
- Legislation in Lansing to create more tools to aid residents in avoiding damage
- The history of how Michigan has dealt with groundwater and why the state has challenges now

View the full video of the episode, recorded on May 30, [by clicking here](#).

Previous episodes can be seen at [MAC's YouTube Channel](#).

And you always can find details about Podcast 83 [on the MAC website](#).

## Counties have until June 15 to file for pension grants

Applications for the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program must be submitted no later than June 15, 2023, using the electronic submission system (Michigan eSignature Solution), the state Department of Treasury advised.

[Click to apply](#).

Qualified units are strongly encouraged to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the application packet prior to submission. For detailed information regarding the Protecting MI Pension Grant application process or the Michigan eSignature Solution, please visit the Protecting MI Pension Grant Application website at [www.michigan.gov/MIPensionGrant](http://www.michigan.gov/MIPensionGrant). On this page you can also access application forms, instructions, checklists, a sample governing body resolution, and frequently asked questions related to this grant application process.



As a reminder, in addition to the application submitted online through Michigan’s eSignature Solution, the following supporting documentation is required to be attached prior to submission.

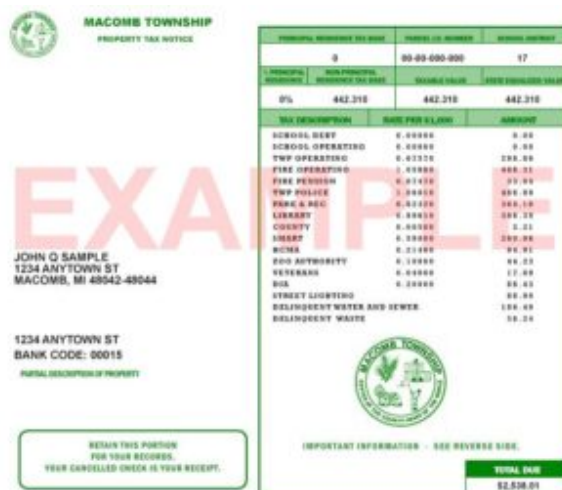
- Protecting MI Pension Grant Affidavit (Form 5887): Must be signed by Chief Administrative Officer and Notarized.
- Copy of approved local government governing body resolution authorizing the chief administrative officer to file a claim for a grant payment for the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program.
  - Sample Resolution
- Copy of actuarial valuation(s) utilized in audited financial statements used to complete the most recent Form 5572 submitted as of 12/31/2021 for all qualified retirement systems that are requesting grant awards.
- Most recent actuarial valuation as of 12/31/2022 for all qualified retirement systems that are requesting grant awards.
- Copy of court ordered judgement levying a millage to cover local government pension costs (only required if applicable)

Additional information related to FAQs, program guidelines, and application materials are available at [www.Michigan.gov/MIPensionGrant](http://www.Michigan.gov/MIPensionGrant) . Please be sure to sign up for Treasury – Local Government email alerts to be notified of additional updates to this grant program and other local government notifications.

The Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury) reminds municipalities that, although not required, they can review and correct errors in Treasury’s calculation of each municipality’s millage rate eligible for the 2023 Personal Property Tax (PPT) reimbursement (MCL 123.1345(x)(ii)(B) and MCL 123.1353(5)).

## Time to review millage rate calculations

The Local Community Stabilization Authority (LCSA) Act requires Treasury to make the eligible millage rate calculations available by May 1. The eligible millage rate calculations can be found on Treasury’s 2023 PPT Reimbursements website under the “Millage Rate Comparison Reports” heading. These *2023 Millage Rate Comparison Reports* are intended to be used by municipalities to verify the accuracy of the eligible millage rates to be used in their 2023 PPT reimbursement calculations.



*How to review the 2023 Millage Rate Comparison Reports:*

- **Verify individual millage rate(s) levied in 2022**
  - Municipalities should compare the individual millage rate(s) levied in 2022 on the *2023 Millage Rate Comparison Reports* with the millage rates reported on their 2022 Form

614 – *Tax Rate Request* (L-4029).

- Each millage rate reported on the 2022 Form 614 should be listed on the *2023 Millage Rate Comparison Reports* (excluding special assessments).
- **Verify calculated millage rate used in the computation**
  - The calculated millage rates to be used in the 2023 PPT reimbursement calculations should equal the lesser of the eligible millage cap and the 2022 millage rate.
  - The *Millage Rate Calculation* tab of the Excel workbook provides information about how each eligible millage rate is calculated.
  - **NOTE:** Calculated eligible millage rates may be prorated and thus may not reflect the actual millage rates levied by the municipality.

*When NO millage rate errors are identified:*

If a municipality does not identify an error in the *2023 Millage Rate Comparison Reports*, the municipality does not need to file a form or take any further action to notify Treasury.

*When errors ARE identified:*

If a municipality does identify an error in the *2023 Millage Rate Comparison Reports*, the municipality will need to complete the Form 5613 – Millage Rate Correction for the 2023 Personal Property Tax Reimbursement Calculations to notify Treasury of the error(s). In addition to the correction form, municipalities must provide substantiating documentation to support the millage correction.

The reporting forms related to the *2023 Millage Rate Comparison Reports* (along with the associated deadlines) are available on Treasury’s Forms for Calculation of PPT Reimbursements website.

- Form 5608 – Portion of 2022 Essential Services Millage Rate Dedicated for the Cost of Essential Services
  - Optional form to be used by counties, cities, villages, townships, and local authorities that levy an extra-voted millage rate that partially funds the cost of essential services (for example a Fire/Cemetery millage).
  - **NOTE:** For extra-voted millage rates with a name that implies the millage was partially dedicated for the cost of essential services, Treasury has identified the millage type as “PARTIAL ESSENTIAL SERVICE” on the *2023 Millage Rate Comparison Reports*.
  - **DUE DATE: Aug. 1, 2023**
- Form 5613 – Millage Rate Correction for the 2023 Personal Property Tax Reimbursement Calculations
  - Optional form to be used by municipalities that identify an error in the *2023 Millage Rate Comparison Reports*.
  - **DUE DATE: Aug. 1, 2023**

The corrections reported on Form 5613 and the essential services percentage reported on Form 5608 will be used in the calculation of the 2023 PPT reimbursements.

**Form 5613 and Form 5608 submissions will not be accepted after Aug. 1, 2023.**

Please direct any questions regarding the PPT reimbursement calculation or correction process to [TreasORTAPPT@michigan.gov](mailto:TreasORTAPPT@michigan.gov) or 517-335-7184



## State seeks infrastructure ‘champions’ for classes

The Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC), Water Asset Management Council (WAMC), and Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) have been focusing efforts on creating a statewide culture of asset management through several initiatives. One of the MIC’s initiatives is the Champions training program, which will have a new class starting in August.



The new class begins Aug. 1 and runs through Nov. 1, 2023.

To learn more about the program and apply, [click here](#). The deadline to apply for this free training is July 26, 2023.

Since 2021, the MIC has trained more than 300 professionals from various backgrounds (engineering, finance, planning, elected officials) in key subject areas such as risk management, knowledge management, and strategic decision-making as they apply to infrastructure assets. Based on positive feedback and a growing list of graduate referrals, the MIC has committed to offering a second cohort of AM Champions in 2023.

For more information, contact Nathan Hamilton of the MIC at [hamiltonn4@michigan.gov](mailto:hamiltonn4@michigan.gov).

## Staff picks

- [FEMA requests feedback from counties on the BRIC Non-Financial Direct Technical Assistance Program](#) (NACo News)
- [Michigan counties provide services to human trafficking survivors](#) (NACo News)
- [Great Lakes Way Economic Impact Report](#) (Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan)
- [Boosting civics education in Indiana for democracy’s sake](#) (Governing)



RESOLUTION

NO: 2023-05-080

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: May 8, 2023

**Resolution Sharing Veteran Services Department Enhancements with Other Michigan Counties – Board of Commissioners**

**WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Board of Commissioners strongly supports veterans and active-duty military service members; and

**WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Board of Commissioner is committed to connecting veterans with their earned benefits and services; and

**WHEREAS,** recent enhancements have improved our ability to connect recently discharged veterans with their earned benefits and services; and

**WHEREAS,** sharing these enhancements could help veterans in other Michigan counties better connect with their earned benefits and services; and

**WHEREAS,** sharing these enhancements requires approval of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners as a disclosure of a privileged attorney/client document (legal opinion) is needed.

**WHEREAS,** the aforementioned privileged attorney/client document shall only be construed as a legal opinion specifically for Livingston County.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners authorizes the release of the privileged attorney/client document titled “Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption,” dated March 9, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution, the supporting documents associated with this resolution, and the privileged attorney/client document be sent to all Michigan counties.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners thanks Veteran Services Director Ramon Baca for his diligence and hard work in implementing these enhancements on behalf of our veterans.

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**MOVED:** D. Helzerman  
**SECONDED:** R. Deaton  
**CARRIED:** Yes (7): D. Helzerman, D. Domas, W. Nakagiri, J. Drick, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, and J. Gross;  
No (0): None; Absent (2): F. Sample and M. Smith

STATE OF MICHIGAN     )  
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COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON)

I, **ELIZABETH HUNDLEY**, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Livingston County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on the 8th day of May 2023, 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 hereto affixed by official signature on this 23rd day of May 2023, A.D.



  
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ELIZABETH HUNDLEY, LIVINGSTON COUNTY CLERK





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April 3, 2023

Livingston County Board of Commissioners  
304 E Grand River Ave  
Howell, MI 48843

Dear Commissioners,

Under the leadership of our new Veteran Services Director our county has recently made two significant enhancements to our Veteran services programs. These enhancements improve our ability to connect veterans with their earned benefits and services.

It has long been desired to reach out to newly discharged veterans living in our county, making them aware of the array of available services. Past attempts to accomplish this were stymied by the inability to acquire the contact information of recently discharged veterans from state or federal government agencies.

This hurdle was recently overcome. Thanks to the perseverance of Mr. Ramon Baca, Veteran Services Director, the federal government now provides Livingston County with authorization to access the list of recently discharged veterans who reside in our county. Accordingly, our county will now mail each returning veteran information regarding how they can access their earned benefits and services through our Veteran Service Department. We can now be confident that each newly discharged veteran living in our county is aware of how best to access their earned benefits and services.

A second enhancement resulted when Mr. Baca focused attention on the property tax exemption for disabled veterans. Confusion regarding the statutory requirements of this exemption created a situation where some eligible veterans could miss out on the full value of this earned benefit. This issue was effectively addressed when Mr. Baca sought a written legal opinion from our county's legal counsel. This legal opinion clarifies the circumstances under which a qualified disabled veteran (under MCL 211.7b) does not have to pay property tax. It is worth noting that uncertainty regarding the requirements of MCL 211.7b was not isolated to Livingston County, rather this uncertainty was/is statewide.

I am asking for your support for the "Resolution Sharing Veteran Services Department Enhancements with Other Michigan Counties." It is my belief that veterans in other Michigan counties may benefit from Mr. Baca's findings. Normally the sharing of information doesn't require Board approval. However, in this case authorization is needed as we would be sharing an attorney/client privileged opinion titled Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption, dated March 9, 2023.

Best regards,

Wes Nakagiri  
Commissioner, District 4  
Livingston County Board of Commissioners



# Memorandum

**To:** Board of Commissioners  
**From:** Ramon Baca, Veteran Services Director  
**Date:** March 31, 2023  
**RE:** **Certificate of Release and Discharge Information Reporting System (CRDIRS)**

To attain permission to access the Department of Defense (DOD) Defense Manpower Data Center's (DMDC) Certificate of Release and Discharge Information Reporting System (CRDIRS), one must first obtain a Personal Identity Verification (PIV) card. PIV cards can be obtained by Veteran Service Officers for the purpose of filing disability claims to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on a claimant's behalf.

Overview: The CRDIRS Web Application allows State Department of Veteran Affairs (SDVA) users to view separation information and download reports of servicemembers who are returning to a specified state.

The data is helpful for the purpose of sending a welcome home mailer with information of the assistance the County Veteran Services Department provides. The information may perhaps reassure newly discharged veterans that the community they returned to is available to assist in their transition from military to civilian life.

Steps:

1. Obtain PIV card: [https://www.osp.va.gov/How\\_To\\_Get\\_A\\_VA\\_ID\\_Badge.asp](https://www.osp.va.gov/How_To_Get_A_VA_ID_Badge.asp)
2. Complete Parts I-III on DD Form 2875 System Authorization Access Request (SAAR)
3. Complete DOD Identifying and Safeguarding Personally Identifiable Information (PII) Training
4. Email DD Form 2875 and PII completion certificate to [dodhra.dodc-mb.dmdc.list.VLER-Team@mail.mil](mailto:dodhra.dodc-mb.dmdc.list.VLER-Team@mail.mil) or [Jaymie.L.Lizaso.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:Jaymie.L.Lizaso.ctr@mail.mil) and [james.d.white142.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:james.d.white142.ctr@mail.mil)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ramon Baca  
Director, Livingston County Veteran Services  
(517) 552-6902 or [rbaca@livgov.com](mailto:rbaca@livgov.com)

# State Tax Commission Affidavit for Disabled Veterans Exemption

Issued under authority of Public Act 161 of 2013, MCL 211.7b. Filing is mandatory.

**Instructions:** This form is to be used to apply for an exemption of property taxes under MCL 211.7b, for real property used and owned as a homestead by a disabled veteran who was discharged from the armed forces of the United States under honorable conditions or his or her unremarried surviving spouse. The property owner, or his or her legal designee, must annually file the Affidavit with the supervisor or assessing officer any time after December 31 and before, or until the conclusion of, the December Board of Review.

<b>OWNER INFORMATION</b> (Enter information for the disabled veteran or unremarried surviving spouse)		
Owner's Name		Owner's Telephone Number
Owner's Mailing Address		
City	State	ZIP Code
<b>LEGAL DESIGNEE INFORMATION</b> (Complete if applicable)		
Legal Designee Name		Daytime Telephone Number
Mailing Address		
City	State	ZIP Code
<b>HOMESTEAD PROPERTY INFORMATION</b> (Enter information for the property in which the exemption is being claimed)		
City, Township or Village (Check the appropriate box and provide the name) <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> Village		
County	Name of the Local School District	
Parcel Identification Number	Date the Property was Acquired (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Homestead Property Address		
City	State	ZIP Code
<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</b> (Check all boxes that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a disabled veteran, or the legal designee of the disabled veteran, who was discharged under honorable conditions from the armed forces of the United States of America with a service connected disability.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am the unremarried surviving spouse, or the legal designee of the unremarried surviving spouse, of a disabled veteran who was discharged under honorable conditions from the armed forces of the United States of America with a service connected disability.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a Michigan resident.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I own the property in which the exemption is being claimed and it is used as my homestead. Homestead is generally defined as any dwelling with its land and buildings where a family makes its home.		
<b>AFFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY</b> (Check the appropriate box and provide a copy of the required documentation)		
<input type="checkbox"/> The disabled veteran has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100% rate (must attach a copy of the letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).		
<input type="checkbox"/> The disabled veteran is receiving or has received pecuniary assistance due to disability for specially adapted housing (must attach a copy of the certificate from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).		
<input type="checkbox"/> The veteran has been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as individually unemployable (must attach a copy of the letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).		
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>		
<i>I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided in this Affidavit is true and I am eligible to receive the disabled veteran's exemption from property taxes pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law, Section 211.7b.</i>		
Printed Name of Owner or Legal Designee		Title of Signatory
Signature of Owner or Legal Designee		Date

DESIGNEE MUST ATTACH LETTER OF AUTHORITY

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March 9, 2023

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1420 Lawson Dr.  
Howell, MI 48843

Re: Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption

Dear Mr. Baca:

This is in response to your request for an opinion on questions pertaining to the statutory disabled veterans property tax exemption, specifically as to the tax treatment of real property owned and occupied by a qualified disabled veteran who acquires the property mid-year. Your particular questions are as follows:

- a. According to MCL 211.7b, should a veteran who is qualified to receive the tax exemption according to this statute pay property tax for his or her homestead during the first year of occupancy, whether only residing there for one month or all twelve months of the calendar year [1 day or all 365 days]?
- b. If a veteran who is qualified to receive the tax exemption according to this statute and told to pay property tax during closing, who should reimburse the veteran?
- c. If the seller paid an entire year of taxes and a veteran who is qualified to receive the tax exemption according to this statute purchases and moves in mid-year, who reimburses the seller?
- d. If a veteran who is qualified to receive the tax exemption according to this statute, who already lives in the county, was exempted at the old residence, and moves to a new residence within the county, should the exemption follow

them to the new residence [whether only residing there for one month or all twelve months of the calendar year – 1 day or all 365 days]?

The answers to these questions are addressed by MCL 211.7b, updated guidance from the Michigan State Tax Commission, and applicable case law from the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Tax Tribunal. As more fully set forth below, if the veteran owned and used the property as a homestead for only part of the year, then the exemption from the collection of taxes pertains only to the portion of the year for which the statutory criteria for exemption existed.

MCL 211.7b states, in pertinent part:

(1) Real property used and owned as a homestead by a disabled veteran who was discharged from the armed forces of the United States under honorable conditions or by an individual described in subsection (2) is exempt from the collection of taxes under this act. To obtain the exemption, an affidavit showing the facts required by this section and a description of the real property shall be filed by the property owner or his or her legal designee with the supervisor or other assessing officer during the period beginning with the tax day for each year and ending at the time of the final adjournment of the local board of review. The affidavit when filed shall be open to inspection. The county treasurer shall cancel taxes subject to collection under this act for any year in which a disabled veteran eligible for the exemption under this section has acquired title to real property exempt under this section. Upon granting the exemption under this section, each local taxing unit shall bear the loss of its portion of the taxes upon which the exemption has been granted.

(2) If a disabled veteran who is otherwise eligible for the exemption under this section dies, either before or after the exemption under this section is granted, the exemption shall remain available to or shall continue for his or her unremarried surviving spouse. The surviving spouse shall comply with the requirements of subsection (1) and shall indicate on the affidavit that he or she is the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran entitled to the exemption under this section. The exemption shall continue as long as the surviving spouse remains unremarried.

(3) As used in this section, "disabled veteran" means a person who is a resident of this state and who meets 1 of the following criteria:

(a) Has been determined by the United States department of veterans affairs to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100% rate.

(b) Has a certificate from the United States veterans' administration, or its successors, certifying that he or she is receiving or has received pecuniary assistance due to disability for specially adapted housing.

(c) Has been rated by the United States department of veterans affairs as individually unemployable. (Emphasis added).

As set forth in this statute, there is an exemption from the collection of property taxes on real property that is both “used” and “owned” as a “homestead” by a disabled veteran who meets certain criteria as to disability, or his or her unremarried surviving spouse. By contrast, if the property was not owned and used as a homestead by a qualified disabled veteran, then it is not exempt from the collection of taxes for any period of time that it did not meet the statutory requirements for exemption.

In *Lockhart v Ontonagon Twp*, 2022 WL 1592173 (Mich App, May 19, 2022), the Court of Appeals affirmed the denial of a property tax exemption to the unremarried surviving spouse of a disabled veteran, because the qualified disabled veteran did not own the property during his lifetime. Rather, the property had been deeded to the spouse, and although it had been used as a homestead by the veteran and spouse, the veteran never owned the property, and thus the veteran was not “otherwise eligible” for the statutory exemption. As a consequence, the veteran’s spouse was not eligible for the exemption.

In order to qualify for a disabled veterans tax exemption, an affidavit must be filed with the local assessor each and every year for which the exemption is requested. For purposes of this opinion, it is assumed that the veteran meets the criteria for disability set forth MCL 211.7b(3).

There is no question that a qualified veteran is exempt from the collection of taxes on a homestead that is used and owned by the qualified veteran for the entire year of ownership, if the veteran actually owned and used the property for that entire year. However, if the veteran only owned and used the property as a homestead for part of the year, then the exemption from the collection of taxes pertains only to the portion of the year for which the statutory criteria for exemption existed.

If taxes are paid at the closing on a purchase of the property, the proration of taxes at closing is taken into account by the Treasurer upon a qualified disabled veteran’s claim of exemption for the tax year of the purchase. In this regard, the State Tax Commission has recently issued updated guidance:

**During the assessment year, if ownership of the property is *acquired* by a qualified disabled veteran how do the claimant and the assessor proceed?**

Disabled veterans who purchased their home mid-year are eligible for a partial refund of the current year’s summer and winter taxes they have paid for that year or an exemption from taxes they will pay for that year. Taxpayers are encouraged to provide the local city or township with a copy of the closing documents from the

purchase of their home to assist the local unit in determining their property tax obligations.

The qualified disabled veteran should follow the normal application process except that the claimant must also submit the closing statement associated with the property purchase transaction and, after the documentation is reviewed by the assessor, he or she submits the documentation to the next meeting of the Board of Review. If the Board of Review determines that the exemption should be granted, it approves the exemption.

Once the exemption is granted by the Board of Review, the assessor will need to indicate the amount of the current year's summer and winter taxes to be refunded or abated. If taxes are refunded, the refund is issued to the veteran, but the refund and/or abatement cannot exceed the amount of taxes actually allocated to him or her in the closing statement.

**What if the veteran is unable or unwilling to provide a closing statement when they sell or purchase a home? How is the property tax liability calculated?**

In the absence of the closing documents, the total taxes for the year should be divided by 12 and then multiply that number by the number of months the veteran will own the home and occupy it as their homestead.

Michigan State Tax Commission, *Disabled Veterans Exemption Frequently Asked Questions* (Feb. 2023), p 12 ("FAQ"), issued in conjunction with STC Bulletin 4 of 2023 (Feb. 14, 2023), which rescinded Bulletin 22 of 2013.

Thus, in a year in which the qualified disabled veteran acquires ownership of the homestead property, taxes are due and owing for the portion of the year prior to the veteran's acquisition of the property, and therefore must be prorated based on the number of days before and after acquisition. For example, for a qualified disabled veteran who acquired ownership of homestead property on October 20, the exemption applies to the 73 days on and after October 20 that the property met the statutory criteria for exemption, and taxes are due and owing for the 292 days prior to the veteran's acquisition.

This example corresponds with the facts of a case arising in Livingston County that was decided by the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In *Boatman v Brighton Twp*, MTT Case No. 21-000324 (2021), the qualified disabled veteran purchased the homestead property on October 20, 2020. He paid a portion of the property taxes at closing, and sought a refund of those taxes at the December Board of Review. The Board of Review approved the exemption request, and the veteran was issued a refund for the taxes paid. The Township Assessor, following the procedure

established by the Livingston County Treasurer, recalculated the taxes based upon a prorated occupancy of the property, and issued a revised tax bill, by which the veteran was exempt from property taxes for the period on and after October 20, 2020, but received a bill for taxes on the property for the prior period in that year. The veteran petitioned to the Tax Tribunal for a determination that no taxes were due for the prior period.

The Tax Tribunal held that the Township Assessor acted in accordance with the law, as directed by the State Tax Commission's guidance ("the FAQ"), in the calculation of the veteran's part-year tax assessment. The Tribunal acknowledged that MCL 211.7b(1) states, in part: "The county treasurer shall cancel taxes subject to collection under this act for any year in which a disabled veteran eligible for the exemption under this section has acquired title to real property exempt under this section." However, as determined by the Tax Tribunal:

Cancellation of the property taxes is contingent upon the disabled veteran being "eligible" for the exemption. As defined in an earlier portion of MCL 211.7b(1), the eligibility of the disabled veteran is based in part upon the property being "used and owned as a homestead." The Tribunal agrees with Respondent that a plain reading of the FAQ requires Respondent to pro rate Petitioner's taxes based upon the portion of the tax bill for which he was eligible. The Tribunal finds that the FAQ properly complies with the statute. Prior to Petitioner's ownership and use as a homestead, the property was not eligible for the exemption because, as it is undisputed, Petitioner neither owned it nor used it as a homestead at that time.

In summary, a qualified disabled veteran is exempt from the collection of taxes on a homestead that is used and owned by the qualified veteran for the entire year of ownership, but only if the veteran actually owned and used the property for that entire year. If the veteran owned and used the property as a homestead for only part of the year, then the exemption from the collection of taxes pertains only to the portion of the year for which the statutory criteria for exemption existed. Thus, taxes on property acquired mid-year are prorated.

In response to your specific questions:

- a. According to MCL 211.7b, for property owned by a veteran who is qualified to receive the tax exemption according to this statute, taxes must be paid for the property for the portion of the first year of occupancy in which the veteran neither owned nor occupied the property as a homestead, but the exemption applies for the period beginning on the date the property is owned and used by the veteran as a homestead.
- b. If a veteran who is qualified to receive the tax exemption according to this statute is required to pay property tax during closing, the closing statement should be presented with the affidavit submitted to the Board of Review, and



upon issuance of a recalculated tax bill for the property, the veteran will receive a refund of any overpayment resulting from that recalculated tax bill from the local treasurer.

- c. If the seller paid an entire year of taxes and a veteran who is qualified to receive the tax exemption according to this statute purchases and moves in mid-year, there should be a proration of the taxes between the parties at the closing, such that the seller would be credited at closing for any taxes paid for the period after the closing date. The veteran who credited the seller would then proceed to submit the closing statement with the affidavit to the Board of Review, after which a recalculated tax bill would be issued, with any refund of overpayment resulting from that recalculated tax bill going to the veteran.
- d. If a veteran who is qualified to receive the tax exemption according to this statute, who already lives in the county, was exempted at the old residence, and moves to a new residence within the county, the veteran may claim the exemption for the new residence, but only as to the period beginning on the date when the veteran owned and used that specific property as a homestead.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

COHL, STOKER & TOSKEY, P.C.



Timothy M. Perrone

TMP/gmk

cc: Jennifer Nash, Livingston County Treasurer

Nathan Burd, Livingston County Administrator

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**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 17, 2023**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT  
OF THE US CONSTITUTION AND THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION**

**Introduced by Commissioner Droscha**

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution of the United States of America, ratified in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, states “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”, and

**WHEREAS**, Article 1, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution (1963) provides that “Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state”, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of this Board to reaffirm its commitment and support of the Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan including all amendments which protect Eaton County citizens’ individual rights; and

**WHEREAS**, each Eaton County Commissioner, as provided by Article IX, Section 1, of the Michigan Constitution (1963), took such an oath to support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Michigan Constitution, and

**WHEREAS**, a “Constitutional County” is defined as a place of refuge for the law-abiding citizen in regards to the citizens’ rights under The Constitution of the United States of America and Michigan Constitution including but not limited to the Second Amendment right to Keep and Bear Arms, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Eaton, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a “Constitutional County”, and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this board affirms its support for the Eaton County Sheriff and the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney and acknowledges and respects their respective oaths of office. This board strongly encourages their utmost discretion in the exercise of their duties in enforcing any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation that is contrary to the rights established by The Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Michigan Constitution, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board will not authorize or appropriate new funds, resources, employees, contractors, buildings, detention centers or offices for the sole purposes of

enforcing any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation that restricts the rights of any law-abiding citizen affirmed by the Second Amendment or Article 1, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, nor be used to aid any state or federal agency in infringing or restricting such rights, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board respectfully requests the Michigan Legislature, the United States Congress, and other agencies of State and Federal government to vigilantly preserve and protect those rights by rejecting any provision, statute, law, rule, order or regulation that may infringe, have tendency to infringe or place any additional burdens on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan House Representatives Gina Johnsen and Angela Witwer, Michigan State Senator Sara Anthony, U.S. Representatives John Moolenaar and Alissa Slotkin, U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, Eaton County Sheriff Tom Reich, Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, all county department directors and all the other 82 county board of commissioners in the State of Michigan.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Commissioners Barnes, Mulder, Droscha, Hansen, Lautzenheiser, Holmes, Rogers and Mott. Nays: Commissioners Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Toomey. Motion carried.

**COUNTY OF EATON )  
STATE OF MICHIGAN ) SS.**

**I, Diana Bosworth**, Clerk of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at its meeting held on May 17, 2023 and is on file in the Eaton County Clerk's Office.

Dated: May 25, 2023

By  Deputy Clerk



Introduced by the County Services Committee of the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2023 AS  
LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH IN INGHAM COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION #23 – 229**

WHEREAS, Ingham County recognizes the economic and cultural benefits of diversity and seeks to create a welcoming environment for all residents, including the LGBTQ Community; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County Resolution #13-368 commits to equal opportunity and nondiscrimination for all persons inclusive on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy states that employment opportunity should be given without regard to gender identity or gender expression; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County Resolution #19-057 ensures accessibility to gender-segregated facilities on property operated by Ingham County based on gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, Ingham Community Health Center was the only community health center in Michigan to receive top designation from LGBTQ-inclusive healthcare by the Human Rights Campaign in 2018; and

WHEREAS, June is celebrated nationally and worldwide as LGBTQ Pride Month in commemoration of the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion in New York City; and

WHEREAS, the realities of COVID-19 have caused the LGBTQ Community and its allies to reimagine the way Pride is celebrated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners designates the month of June, 2023 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the County of Ingham.

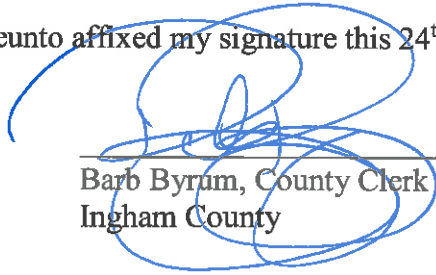
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners request that the Clerk of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners forward copies of this resolution to the other 82 Counties in Michigan, as well as the Ingham County Delegation of the State Legislature.

**COUNTY SERVICES: Yeas:** Celentino, Peña, Grebner, Sebolt, Lawrence, Maiville, Ruest  
**Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Approved 05/16/2023**

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 May 23, 2023, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.



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Barb Byrum, County Clerk  
Ingham County

**COUNTY OF OTTAWA**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ottawa, Michigan, held at the Fillmore Street Complex in the Township of Olive, Michigan on the 23rd day of May, 2023 at 6:30 PM local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Roger Belknap, Rebekah Curran, Allison Miedema, Kyle Terpstra, Gretchen Cosby, Douglas Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Lucy Ebel, Joe Moss.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Roger Bergman.

It was moved by Commissioner Allison Miedema and supported by Commissioner Sylvia Rhodea that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, America is an exceptional nation made up of a beautiful people, who share a history of triumph over adversity; our freedom won through the sacrifice and blood of patriots, and our nation built on the strength of America's founding documents; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States and our brave men and women have boldly protected the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for nearly 250 years; and

WHEREAS, we stand in remembrance of those who fought and died to defend and protect us, so that we can all live in freedom, and we are forever indebted to these men and women who demonstrated the greatest love for our country and grieve with their families; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and honor the service, sacrifices, and contributions of veterans and military families for what they have done and what they continue to do every day to support our great nation; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to the next generation of Ottawa County citizens who serve in the United States Armed Forces— the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard, and they continue a legacy of unyielding patriotism, and represent the best of America; and

WHEREAS, as Ronald Reagan expressed, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free;” and

WHEREAS, the people of Ottawa County have a deep love for America, and we are a people jealous for liberty, which is essential for protecting our communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, as reminded by John F. Kennedy, “As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we honor the fallen, thank our veterans, and the men and women currently serving in the armed forces for their sacrifice and service to our great nation from the time of America's birth and into the future, and we are indebted to America's heroes of freedom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we join the contagious spirit of those who have dedicated and given their lives for freedom; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, at this moment of national importance, we commit to the defense of the rights and virtues of our nation and its founding, preserving freedom and hope for future generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Michigan Senators Mark Huizenga, Roger Victory, and Rick Outman, Michigan Representatives Nancy DeBoer, Luke Meerman, Brad Slagh, Rachelle Smit, and Greg VanWoerkom, to the Clerk of each county in the State of Michigan, and all Ottawa County department directors.



YEAS: Commissioners: Roger Belknap, Rebekah Curran, Allison Miedema, Kyle Terpstra, Gretchen Cosby, Douglas Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Lucy Ebel, Joe Moss.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTENTIONS: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED:



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Joe Moss, Chairperson  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners



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Justin F. Roebuck  
Ottawa County Clerk/Register



**COUNTY OF OTTAWA**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ottawa, Michigan, held at the Fillmore Street Complex in the Township of Olive, Michigan on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023 at 6:30 PM local time.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Gretchen Cosby, Douglas Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Kyle Terpstra, Allison Miedema, Rebekah Curran, Lucy Ebel, Roger Belknap, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss.

**ABSENT:** Commissioners: Roger Bergman.

It was moved by Commissioner Sylvia Rhodea and supported by Commissioner Allison Miedema that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) swore an oath to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Michigan, which protect the natural, God-given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The Constitutions guarantee freedom of religion, speech, and assembly, the right to bear arms, due process of law, as well as provide other protections; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, as part of the Bill of Rights, instructs that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances”; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protects the right to keep and bear arms, affirming that “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed”; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution (1963) provides that “Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state”; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that “No person shall ... be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law,” and Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that “...nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law”; and

WHEREAS, “The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects certain fundamental parental rights, including the right of parents to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children, to direct the upbringing and education of their children, the right to make medical decisions on behalf of their children, and, in conjunction with the First Amendment, to guide the religious future and education of their children”; and

WHEREAS, constitutional freedoms are not suspended in times of crisis or everyday life, at the whim of elected officials, unelected health officials, or for the benefit of government bureaucracy or private institutions; and

WHEREAS, the people of Ottawa County overwhelmingly spoke with their vote to restore and protect the constitutional rights of the people as a first priority of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners, as reflected in the county’s new vision statement of “Where Freedom Rings”; and

WHEREAS, the Board is resolved to preserve freedom and constitutional rights in our beautiful county for future generations of all who live here; and

WHEREAS, a “Constitutional County” is a place of refuge for a law-abiding citizen in regards to the citizens’ rights under the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Michigan; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board declares Ottawa County, Michigan to be a “Constitutional County” and resolves to protect the individual freedoms of the people of Ottawa County, as outlined in the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Michigan, to include freedom of speech, religion, and assembly, the right to keep and bear arms, and the right to due process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will not authorize or appropriate funds, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, or offices for the purpose of enforcing any statute, law, rule, order or regulation that restricts the rights of any law-

abiding citizen affirmed by the United States Constitution, nor be used to aid any state or federal agency in infringing or restricting such rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board affirms its support for the Ottawa County Sheriff and the Ottawa County Prosecuting Attorney acting in a constitutional manner and acknowledges and respects their respective oaths of office. The Board strongly encourages them to continuously act in a constitutional manner, as is consistent with their oath of office, and, in the exercise of their duties, not enforce any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation that is contrary to the rights protected by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board respectfully requests that the Michigan Legislature, the United States Congress, and other agencies of the State and Federal government vigilantly preserve and protect these rights by rejecting the passage of or revoking any provision, statute, law, rule, order or regulation that may infringe, have potential to infringe, or place any additional burdens on the rights of law-abiding citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan Senators Mark Huizenga, Roger Victory, and Rick Outman, Michigan Representatives Nancy DeBoer, Luke Meerman, Brad Slagh, Rachelle Smit, and Greg VanWoerkom, U.S. Congressional Representatives Bill Huizenga, Hillary Scholten, and John Moolenaar, U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, Ottawa County Sheriff Steve Kempker, and Ottawa County Prosecuting Attorney Lee Fisher; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to all Ottawa County department directors, to the Clerk of each county in the State of Michigan, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the Michigan Association of Counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution shall be affixed to the wall of the board room of the Board as a promise to the people of Ottawa County and as a permanent reminder to elected officials and county employees that the constitutional rights of the people of Ottawa County shall be preserved and protected as the first priority.

YEAS: Commissioners: Gretchen Cosby, Jacob Bonnema, Kyle Terpstra, Allison Miedema, Rebekah Curran, Lucy Ebel, Roger Belknap, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss.

NAYS: Commissioners: Douglas Zylstra.

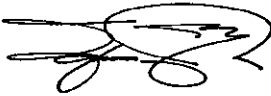
ABSTENTIONS: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED:



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Joe Moss, Chairperson  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners



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Justin F. Roebuck  
Ottawa County Clerk/Register

