



# TUSCOLA COUNTY

## Board of Commissioners

### BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 17, 2023 – 8:00 AM

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

**Public may participate in the meeting electronically:**

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Join by Hangouts Meet: [meet.google.com/mih-jntr-jya](https://meet.google.com/mih-jntr-jya)

8:00 AM Call to Order - Chairperson Vaughan  
Prayer - Commissioner Vaughan  
Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Bardwell  
Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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5. Refill Vacant Full-Time Dispatch Position

6. Refill Vacant Full-Time Corrections Officer Position

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Great Start Collaborative  
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MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee  
Region VII Economic Development Planning  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative  
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### Vaughan

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

### Lutz

Board of Health  
Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
Jail Planning Committee  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
MAC Judiciary Committee  
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Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

**Koch**

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

**Bardwell**

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Caro DDA/TIFA  
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**Other Business as Necessary**

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**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, July 27, 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, July 27, 2023, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Lutz

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Koch

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, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Shannon Nelson, Grace Mosher, Angie Daniels, Cody Horton, Shelly Lutz

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Shawn Robinson, Cody Horton, Mary Drier, Debbie Babich, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Isaac White, Amanda Ertman, Nancy Cook, Mark Haney, Mitchell Holmes, Brandon Bertram, Jessica VanHove, Alicia Miller, Robert Baxter, Renee Francisco, Barry Lapp

At 8:04 a.m., there were a total of 14 participants attending the meeting virtually.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2023-M-175

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the agenda as presented.  
Motion Carried.

#### **Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2023-M-176

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 13, 2023 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

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

None

**Consent Agenda**

2023-M-177

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Matt Koch that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the July 24, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Refill Vacant Seasonal Utility Person Position -  
Move that per the request from Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, that Brittany Benjamin be hired to fill the vacant Seasonal Utility Person position at the current pay rate of \$14.00 an hour, pending approval of satisfactory background, drug and physical screening.
2. Request to Use Courthouse Lawn for Suicide Awareness Prevention Banner -  
Move to approve the request from Susan R. Holder, Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS), to use the Courthouse lawn, specifically near the West Sherman Street corner, from September 1, 2023 to September 29, 2023 for the placement of a banner for Suicide Awareness Prevention.
3. Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Officer Delegate -  
Move that Debbie Babich, Fiscal Personnel Analyst, be appointed as the Officer Delegate and Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, be appointed as the Alternate Officer Delegate to attend the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Annual Conference from September 27, 2023 through September 29, 2023.
4. Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Employee Delegate -  
Move that Skylar Thurlow, Corrections Deputy, be appointed as the Employee Delegate and Brian Harris, Lieutenant, be appointed as the Alternate Employee Delegate to attend the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Annual Conference from September 27, 2023 through September 29, 2023.

**New Business**

1. Out-of-State Travel Request -  
Honorable Amy Grace Gierhart explained the request to attend an out-of-state conference.

2023-M-178

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the request from the Honorable Amy Grace Gierhart that she and the Honorable Jason Bitzer attend the upcoming All Rise Treatment Court Institute, Judicial Practitioner Training in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Sufficient funds are available in the current Unified Court Budget. Motion Carried.

2. Child Care Fund Projected Costs and In-Home Care Parent Education and Supervised Visitation Education Program -

2023-M-179

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Fiscal Year 2024 Child Care Fund budget including both the Family Court at \$801,563.55 and the Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) at \$320,000.00 be approved and submitted to the state. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized once the form is available from the State of Michigan. Motion Carried.

3. 2023-2024 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Contract with List Psychological Services -

2023-M-180

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the contract with List Psychological Services not to exceed \$73,100.00 to provide services to children or families who have active Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Tuscola County Child Protective Services (CPS) Category I or II cases or MDHHS Tuscola County Foster Care Cases (CFC) with children under the age of 18, or Tuscola County Family Court Delinquency cases, effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

4. Lease Amendment for Dost Property, LLC -

2023-M-181

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Lease Amendment for the Dost Property storage facility be approved in accordance with Section 3 Titled Term, of the Storage Lease entered into on June 10, 2021, and the commencement date for lease payments will be August 1, 2023. All legal reviews and recommendations have been completed by our corporate counsel, Braun Kendrick. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

5. American Institute of Architects (AIA) Contract Document for the Peoples State Bank (PSB) Building -

Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds, explained the proposed contract for the project.



2023-M-182

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Contract Document for the Peoples State Bank (PSB) Building be approved. All legal reviews and recommendations have been completed by Tuscola County's Corporate counsel, Braun Kendrick. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

6. Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy (EGLE) to Submit in Round 2 of the Creating a Culture of Resilience Capacity -

2023-M-183

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve that a letter of support be sent to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) in support of the East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG) proposal being submitted for Round 2 of the Creating a Culture of Resilience Capacity 2023 Grant. The proposal is to provide multiple workshops for both municipal employees and the public on methods to mitigate damage resulting from Lake Huron flooding and erosion. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

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

2023-M-184

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz 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, Mike Miller, Shelly Lutz, Angie Daniels, Shannon Nelson, Grace Mosher, and Cody Horton are authorized to attend at 8:32 a.m. Motion Carried.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 8:47 a.m.

Recessed at 8:47 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:57 a.m.

At 8:04 a.m., there were a total of 14 participants attending the meeting virtually.

8. Budget Amendment for LaForce Security System Project (matter added) -

2023-M-185

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that additional funding of \$10,974.00 be added for security in line item 244-259-977-000 (Automatic Door Lock Badge ID) through the use of fund balance in the Equipment/Technology Fund for Tuscola County Buildings. Also, additional applications for grants be explored to cover some of these costs by Eean Lee and Shelly Lutz. Motion Carried.

9. GovOS Contract for the County Clerk's Office -

2023-M-186

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young that per the recommendation from Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer (CIO), that the 1st amendment to the Agreement for Records Management and Imaging System with Kofile for records management in the County Clerk's Office be approved. GovOS is a corporate affiliate to Kofile Technologies and the successor in interest to the agreement. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

None

**Correspondence/Resolutions**

1. Legislative Update 7-21-23 - The Michigan Association of Counties
2. Spend Your Lunch Break with Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Podcase 83
3. Ontonagon County Resolution 2023-11 State of Michigan Sanitary Code Board would like a similar resolution prepared for the next Board meeting for consideration.

**Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports**

***Bardwell***

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Meets tonight.

Caro DDA/TIFA  
Meeting cancelled.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

Tuscola County will host in October. The sanitary code was a topic discussed.

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee

Local Units of Government Activity Report

***Young***

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison  
Audit presentation was favorable.

Dispatch Authority Board

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Great Start Collaborative  
Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)  
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee  
Region VII Economic Development Planning  
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***Vaughan***

Board of Health  
County Planning Commission  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
There are many projects underway. There is a feasibility study schedule for the Caro Dam.  
MAC Environmental Regulatory  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee  
NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

***Lutz***

Board of Health  
The septic code was discussed.  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
Meets Friday.  
Jail Planning Committee  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
MAC Judiciary Committee  
MEMS All Hazard  
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Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison  
Brian Neville will present to the Board in the near future.

**Koch**

Commissioner Koch requested an updated Provision of Government Services fund balance sheet.

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government

**Other Business as Necessary**

None

At 9:12 a.m., there were a total of 18 participants attending the meeting virtually.

**Extended Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

2023-M-187

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO



# MINUTES

## Committee of the Whole Meeting

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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, Jon Ramirez, Debbie Babich, Shelly Lutz, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Martin Porzondek, Cindy Hughes, Greg Deason, Megan Bierlein, Matt Holland, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Brandon Bertram, Carrie Tabar, Cristi Smith, Amanda Ertman, Cody Horton, Mary Drier, Bob Baxter, Alecia Little, Register Marianne Brandt, Mark Haney, Renee Francisco, Mitchell Holmes, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Mike Slade, Barry Lapp, Don Derryberry

At 8:13 a.m., there were a total of 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### County Updates

None

### New Business

1. 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFA) (Audit) -  
Matt Holland, Audit Manager, Gabridge & Company, reviewed the 2022 audit. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Proposed Serve Caro on Sunday, October 22, 2023 -  
Greg Deason, Associate Pastor, Frankenmuth Bible Church, presented regarding the need for potential projects in the Caro community that they will be completing this Fall.

3. Friend of the Court (FOC) 2024 Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) Grant Agreement Changes -  
Martin Porzondek, FOC Deputy Director and Cindy Hughes, FOC Director presented regarding the necessary change to the 2024 contract. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. Smith Drain -  
Robert J. Mantey, Tuscola County Drain Commissioner, presented regarding the Smith Drain in Arbela Township. A proposed resolution was presented by the Drain Commissioner. The Board needs to decide if the project should be pre-paid or spread over 15 years. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
5. Brown & Brown of Central Michigan Enrollment Agreement -  
Shelly Lutz, Human Resource Director, presented the proposed Enrollment Agreement. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

**Old Business**

None

**Finance/Technology**

***Primary Finance/Technology***

1. Tuscola County Debt Service Report -  
Debbie Babich, Fiscal Personnel Analyst, reviewed the reports included in the agenda packet.
2. Review of Provision of Government Services Reserves -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reviewed the projects authorized for use of the Provision of Government Services (PGS) funds and the potential projects.
3. Jail Capital Improvements Fund Reserves -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reviewed the reports included in the agenda. A list of repairs for the jail needs to be made, in order of priority, due to the defeat of the jail millage.

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

Commissioner Thomas Bardwell discussed a phone call received from a resident regarding a person that is going through the justice system that is dealing with mental health issues.

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

Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, reviewed the google analytics statistics from the August 8, 2023 election.

**Building and Grounds**

***Primary Building and Grounds***

1. Use of Courthouse Steps -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented the request received from Dave Kolacz. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

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

None

**Personnel**

***Primary Personnel***

1. Refill Vacant Full-Time Dispatch Position -  
Jon Ramirez, Dispatch Director, reviewed the request. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Refill Vacant Full-Time Corrections Officer Position -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the request. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

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

None

**Other Business as Necessary**

1. Commissioner Thomas Bardwell Appointment to National Association of Counties (NACo) Rural Action Caucus (RAC) Committee -  
Commissioner Bardwell explained the appointment he received from NACo.

**Public Comment Period**

None

**Adjournment**

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

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO



Tuscola County

Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

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## Treasurer's Office Reclassification

1 message

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**Ashley Bennett** <abennett@tuscolacounty.org>  
To: Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 8:46 AM

Good morning Clayette,

Can you please add the request for the reclassification of Kayla Siegel from an Account Clerk III to an Abstract Tax Clerk at step 2? I also would like to move Estee Bitzer and Jodi Barrons from Abstract Tax Clerk step 1 to Abstract Tax Clerk step 2. This change in the Treasurer's Office will allow for the positions to be the same throughout the office and allow for the sharing of duties as their job descriptions will be identical. I would also like to eliminate the vacant Account Clerk III position that is budgeted for the 2023 year.

Thank you,  
ASHLEY BENNETT  
TUSCOLA COUNTY TREASURER  
TUSCOLA COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE  
PH: (989) 672-3895  
FAX: (989) 672-3894  
[www.tuscolacounty.org](http://www.tuscolacounty.org)



Title TREASURER DEPUTY Abstract Tax Clerk Abstract Tax Clerk Account Clerk III Account Clerk III  
 2023 Step N/A N/A Step 2 Step 2 Step 4 Step 1  
 MERS DIVISION 33 33 33 33 33 33

percentage to fund

	Bennett	Nelson	Blitzer	Barrons	Siegel	TBD	Add. Cosis	TOTALS
<b>101-253</b>								
Wages	\$ 69,267.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 69,267.67
703-000								
Wages	\$ -	\$ 51,950.75	\$ 37,596.00	\$ 37,596.00	\$ 34,729.50	\$ 33,793.50		\$ 195,665.75
704-000								
Health Ins. Incentive	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
704-020								
STD	\$ -	\$ 343.69	\$ 248.72	\$ 248.72	\$ 229.76	\$ 223.57		\$ 1,294.46
704-030								
LTD	\$ -	\$ 150.66	\$ 109.03	\$ 109.03	\$ 100.72	\$ 98.00		\$ 567.44
704-030								
Unused Sick Payout	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
704-040								
Salaries - P/T/Temp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
705-000								
Overtime	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
706-000								
Work Comp	\$ 713.46	\$ 535.09	\$ 387.24	\$ 387.24	\$ 357.71	\$ 348.07		\$ 2,728.81
710-000								
Health & Dental Ins.	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 1,417.44	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 17,800.00		\$ 90,417.44
711-000								
FICA	\$ 5,298.98	\$ 3,974.23	\$ 2,876.09	\$ 2,876.09	\$ 2,656.81	\$ 2,585.20	\$ 7.65	\$ 20,275.05
715-000								
Life Ins.	\$ 55.56	\$ 55.56	\$ 55.56	\$ 55.56	\$ 55.56	\$ 55.56		\$ 333.36
717-000								
Retirement	\$ 3,463.38	\$ 2,597.54	\$ 1,879.80	\$ 1,879.80	\$ 1,736.48	\$ 1,689.68		\$ 13,246.68
718-000								
POB/retirement	\$ 2,802.48	\$ 2,802.48	\$ 2,802.48	\$ 2,802.48	\$ 2,802.48	\$ 2,802.48		\$ 16,814.88
718-100								
Total Per Employee	\$ 99,401.53	\$ 63,827.44	\$ 63,754.92	\$ 63,754.92	\$ 60,469.02	\$ 59,396.06	\$ 1,607.65	\$ 412,211.54

**PROPOSED 2023  
BUDGET CHANGES**

Title TREASURER      DEPUTY      Abstract Tax Clerk      Abstract Tax Clerk      Abstract Tax Clerk  
 2023 Step N/A      N/A      Step 2      Step 2      Step 2  
 MERS DIVISION      33      33      33      33

Percentage to fund

	Bennett	Nelson	Blitzer	Barrows	Stadel	Add. Costs	TOTALS
<b>101-253</b>							
Wages 703-000	\$ 69,267.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 69,267.67
Wages 704-000	\$ -	\$ 51,950.75	\$ 37,596.00	\$ 37,596.00	\$ 37,596.00		\$ 164,738.75
Health Ins. Incentive 704-020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
STD 704-030	\$ -	\$ 343.69	\$ 248.72	\$ 248.72	\$ 248.72		\$ 1,089.85
LTD 704-030	\$ -	\$ 150.66	\$ 109.03	\$ 109.03	\$ 109.03		\$ 477.75
Unused Sick Payout 704-040	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Salaries - PT/Temp 705-000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Overtime 706-000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Work Comp 710-000	\$ 713.46	\$ 535.09	\$ 387.24	\$387.24	\$ 387.24		\$ 2,410.27
Health & Dental Ins. 711-000	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 1,417.44	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 17,800.00		\$ 72,617.44
FICA 715-000	\$ 5,298.98	\$ 3,974.23	\$ 2,876.09	\$ 2,876.09	\$ 2,876.09	\$ 7.65	\$ 17,909.13
Life Ins. 717-000	\$ 55.56	\$ 55.56	\$ 55.56	\$ 55.56	\$ 55.56		\$ 277.80
Retirement 718-000	\$ 3,463.38	\$ 2,597.54	\$ 1,879.80	\$ 1,879.80	\$ 1,879.80		\$ 11,700.32
POB/retirement 718-100	\$ 2,802.48	\$ 2,802.48	\$ 2,802.48	\$ 2,802.48	\$ 2,802.48		\$ 14,012.40
Total Per Employee	\$ 99,401.53	\$ 63,827.44	\$ 63,754.92	\$ 63,754.92	\$ 63,754.92	\$ 1,607.65	\$ 356,101.38



Tuscola County

Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

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## Indianfields Twp Intergovernmental Agreement 2022

1 message

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**Ashley Bennett** <abennett@tuscolacounty.org>  
To: Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>


Tue, Aug 15, 2023 at 2:45 PM

Good afternoon,

Can you please add the request for approval from the board of commissioners to proceed with the collection of 2023 winter taxes for Indianfields Township? I am providing last year's intergovernmental agreement in case there are any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
ASHLEY BENNETT  
TUSCOLA COUNTY TREASURER  
TUSCOLA COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE  
PH: (989) 672-3895  
FAX: (989) 672-3894  
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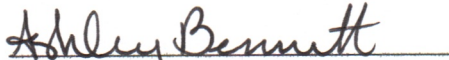
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
INDIANFIELDS TOWNSHIP & TUSCOLA COUNTY TREASURER  
TO COLLECT TAXES

Indianfields Township, a general law township, as authorized by the Board of Trustees on its Special Meeting dated October 29, 2022 approved entering into the following Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Tuscola Treasurer. Tuscola County, as authorized by the Board of Commissioners at its meeting dated 10/12, 2022, approved entering into the following Intergovernmental Agreement with Indianfields Township.

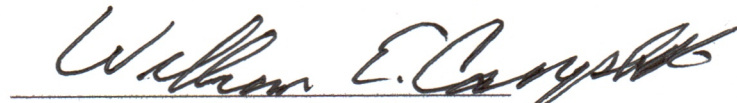
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- 1) Tuscola County Treasurer and Indianfields Township Board of Trustees agree to have the Tuscola County Treasurer collect taxes for the 2022 Winter Tax Season. The Winter Tax season runs between December 1, 2022 and February 28, 2023.
- 2) The scope of the Tuscola County Treasurer services would encompass the mailing of tax bills, issuance of receipts, tax bond costs, and labor costs for the 2022 Winter Tax Season. The Tuscola County Treasurer and Indianfields Township assess these costs to correspond to the administration fee, which will be retained by the Tuscola County Treasurer.
- 3) Tuscola County is not to assume payment of assessing and tax roll maintenance fees during the effective term of this agreement.
- 4) Tuscola County Treasurer and Indianfields Township agree that upon completion of the 2022 Winter Tax season, and once the final settlement regarding the 2022 tax collection season is performed, this Intergovernmental Agreement is deemed terminated effective February 28, 2023

TUSCOLA COUNTY TREASURER

  
Ashley Bennett

INDIANFIELDS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

  
William Campbell

CHAIRMAN, TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 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 Re: Smith Drain Notes, Series 2023 2023-18**

**WHEREAS**, proceedings have been taken by the Tuscola County Drain Commissioner for the construction of improvements to the Smith Drain (the “Project”), pursuant to a petition filed with the Drain Commissioner under the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Drain Code of 1956, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to defray the cost of the Project, the Drain Commissioner is expected to authorize and provide for the issuance by the Smith Drain Drainage District (the “Drainage District”) of notes (the “Notes”) in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$700,000, in anticipation of the collection of an equal amount of special assessments against property and public corporations in the Drainage District, said special assessments to be duly confirmed by the Drain Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Notes are to be designated “Smith Drain Notes, Series 2023,” will bear interest at a rate of not to exceed 6.0% per annum and will mature not later than June 1, 2038; and

**WHEREAS**, the Drain Commissioner deems it advisable and necessary to obtain from this Board a resolution consenting to the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County on the Notes; and

WHEREAS, the Project is necessary to protect and preserve the public health and therefore it is in the best interest of the County of Tuscola that the Notes be sold.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA:**

1. Pursuant to the authorization provided in Section 434 of the Drain Code of 1956, as amended, provided that the Notes are issued within the parameters set forth above, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, by a two-thirds vote of its members elect, does hereby irrevocably pledge the full faith and credit of the County of Tuscola for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, and does agree that in the event that the property owners or public corporations in the Drainage District shall fail or neglect to account to the County Treasurer of the County of Tuscola for the amount of any special assessment installment and interest, when due, then the amount thereof shall be immediately advanced from County funds, and the County Treasurer is directed to immediately make such advancement to the extent necessary.

2. In the event that, pursuant to said pledge of full faith and credit, the County of Tuscola advances out of County funds, all or any part of said installment and interest, it shall be the duty of the County Treasurer, for and on behalf of the County of Tuscola, to take all actions and proceedings and pursue all remedies permitted or authorized by law for the reimbursement of such sums so paid.

3. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute a certificate of the County to comply with the continuing disclosure undertaking of the County with respect to the Notes pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 issued under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, if necessary, and amendments to such certificate from time to time in accordance with the terms of such certificate (the certificate and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate"). The County hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as the same may be in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, be and the same hereby are rescinded.

ADOPTED: Yeas: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution 2023-18 declared adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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Kim Vaughan, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN    )  
                                  ) SS  
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA    )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of the County of Tuscola, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members elect of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, held on August 17, 2023, the original of which is on file in my office.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was given, and the meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

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

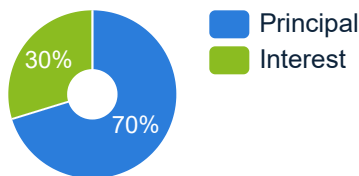
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Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, CCO  
Tuscola County

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# Amortization Calculator

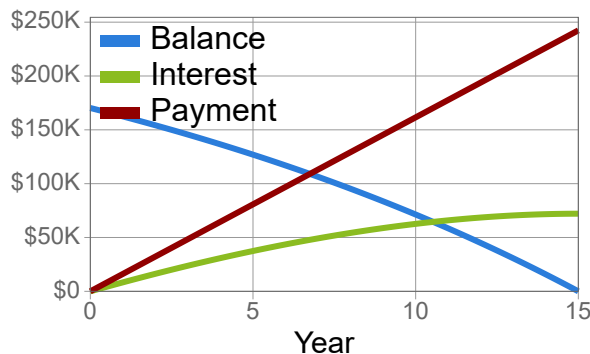
Loan amount   
 Loan term  years  months  
 Interest rate   
 **Optional: make extra payments**

Monthly Pay: \$1,346.50



Total of 180 monthly payments	\$242,370.02
Total interest	\$72,098.02

## Amortization schedule



**Annual Schedule**    [Monthly Schedule](#)

Year	Interest	Principal	Ending Balance
1	\$8,335.96	\$7,822.04	\$162,449.96
2	\$7,935.77	\$8,222.23	\$154,227.73
3	\$7,515.10	\$8,642.90	\$145,584.83
4	\$7,072.92	\$9,085.08	\$136,499.74
5	\$6,608.11	\$9,549.89	\$126,949.85
6	\$6,119.52	\$10,038.49	\$116,911.36
7	\$5,605.93	\$10,552.07	\$106,359.29
8	\$5,066.06	\$11,091.94	\$95,267.35



9	\$4,498.58	\$11,659.42	\$83,607.93
10	\$3,902.06	\$12,255.94	\$71,351.99
11	\$3,275.02	\$12,882.98	\$58,469.02
12	\$2,615.91	\$13,542.09	\$44,926.92
13	\$1,923.07	\$14,234.93	\$30,691.99
14	\$1,194.78	\$14,963.22	\$15,728.77
15	\$429.23	\$15,728.77	\$0.00

by Calculator.net

# Amortization Calculator

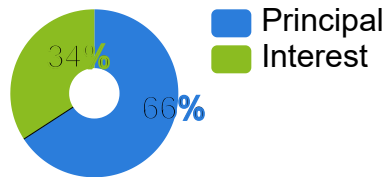
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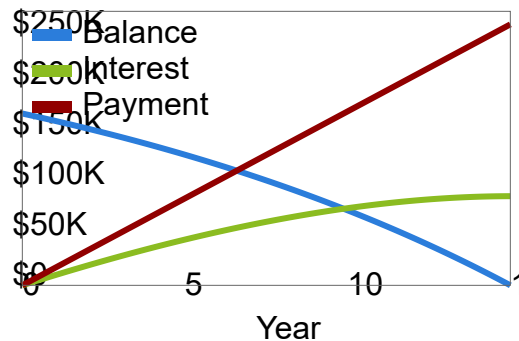
**Optional: make extra payments**

Monthly Pay: \$1,436.85



Total of 180 monthly payments	\$258,633.34
Total interest	\$88,361.34

## Amortization schedule



**Annual Schedule**    Monthly Schedule

Year	Interest	Principal	Ending Balance
1	\$10,019.85	\$7,222.37	\$163,049.63
2	\$9,574.39	\$7,667.83	\$155,381.80
3	\$9,101.46	\$8,140.77	\$147,241.03
4	\$8,599.35	\$8,642.87	\$138,598.16
5	\$8,066.28	\$9,175.95	\$129,422.21
6	\$7,500.33	\$9,741.90	\$119,680.32
7	\$6,899.47	\$10,342.76	\$109,337.56
8	\$6,261.55	\$10,980.67	\$98,356.88

9	\$5,584.28	\$11,657.94	\$86,698.95
10	\$4,865.25	\$12,376.97	\$74,321.97
11	\$4,101.86	\$13,140.36	\$61,181.61
12	\$3,291.39	\$13,950.83	\$47,230.78
13	\$2,430.94	\$14,811.28	\$32,419.50
14	\$1,517.41	\$15,724.81	\$16,694.68
15	\$547.54	\$16,694.68	\$-0.00

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Tuscola County

Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>

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**BOC**

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**Robert Baxter** <rbaxter@tuscolacounty.org>

Tue, Aug 15, 2023 at 10:07 AM

To: Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>, Shelly Lutz <lutzs@tuscolacounty.org>

Raquel Fuller was given a job offer pending a background, physical and drug test. She will be filling a vacant Corrections position and will be starting at step 1 at \$19.73 per hour.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
LANSING

ELIZABETH HERTEL  
DIRECTOR

August 2, 2023

Dear Court, County, and Tribal Partners:

Based on the consensus established by the Governor's Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform, a package of legislative bills was introduced in June. These bills incorporate significant changes to the Child Care Fund (CCF), including an increase in the reimbursement rate for in-home care/community-based programming to 75 percent (out-of-home care remains the same at 50 percent). Tied to this increased in-home reimbursement rate are a set of requirements for counties to implement evidence-based programs and practices, and associated quality assurance and data collection activities, starting in fiscal year (FY) 2025.

In anticipation of these bills being signed into law by the Governor, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is pleased to announce that the FY2024 Executive Budget supports the ongoing efforts needed by counties and tribes to implement these requirements in a timely and effective manner, by increasing the 75 percent reimbursement rate for in-home care programs effective October 1, 2023.

While the new Task Force requirements and associated MDHHS oversight will not be in place until FY2025, the department encourages counties and tribes to use this funding to begin to advance the broad goals of the recommendations and legislation, including:

1. Increasing the diversion of lower-risk youth from court involvement.
2. Expanding intensive, evidence-based, community-based and/or culturally appropriate alternatives to detention and longer term out-of-home placements.
3. Increasing the availability and quality of community-based services to meet the needs of youth under system supervision.

Once the legislation is enacted, MDHHS will provide detailed guidance for counties and tribes on the new CCF requirements, including a timeline and key milestones for planning, and implementation activities.

I look forward to MDHHS continuing this vital work alongside our county and tribal partners, investing in a juvenile justice system that prioritizes the best outcomes for our youth and families. It is our hope that this increased funding will help you continue providing the services necessary to achieve our collective goal.

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As always, MDHHS greatly appreciates your work in protecting our most vulnerable children and families.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Hertel

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c: MDHHS Office of Juvenile Justice Reform  
MDHHS Children's Services Administration  
MDHHS Bureau of Financial Operations



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July 27, 2023

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

Dear Tuscola County Board of Commissioners;

On behalf of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, Thank You so much for your generous allotment of \$30,000 to the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation we received this month, along with the \$120,000 you have allotted for your budget year.

Because of your donation and ongoing commitment, the Tuscola County EDC has been able to secure \$3.3 million dollars of additional public and private investment to develop businesses and projects in Tuscola County. This allocation helps support job growth in Tuscola County and will help to retain jobs and business operations in the local area. This will provide the Tuscola EDC with resources to continue to counsel businesses and to help to facilitate companies and entrepreneurs to locate into Tuscola County and to help in expanding local agri-business growth and opportunities. The Tuscola County EDC continues to work with businesses in Tuscola County on programs providing working capital, including the payment of utility bills.

In times like this, we are reminded of how interconnected we all are and how important it is that we continue to support each other. The Tuscola County EDC has been working with small businesses as we have been able to provide much needed financial assistance during these difficult post-COVID challenges. Thank you for your financial support and continued generous contribution. You are the reason we are making a positive impact in our community. Without you, none of this is possible.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Erickson  
Executive Director  
(989) 673-2849



## Tuscola County

This report provides an overview of the benefits of Tuscola County's membership with MAC. County entities are also eligible for all benefits in a MAC membership.

**Tuscola County 2023 fees for service: \$9,231.89**

### MAC Program Participation

In return for these fees for service, Tuscola County and its entities utilize a variety of cost-saving services and programs:

- **Nationwide 457** — State-of-the-art retirement planning with more than \$1 billion of Michigan public funds under management
- **Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Fund** — Nonprofit pool that offers members an average 35 percent dividend on their premium payments

The county is also eligible for any of the following programs, free of charge, through its MAC membership:

- **Abilita** — Telecommunication consulting services, with average savings of 29 percent
- **American Fidelity** — Employer cost-savings solutions and supplemental insurance benefits
- **Blue Cross Blue Shield** — Health insurance with one-stop customer service
- **COBRA Administration** — Free administration and compliance with all COBRA regulations
- **CoPro+** — Collaborative purchasing with bulk pricing and shareholder rewards; CoPro also offers direct procurement consulting services
- **Grant Services** — Since 2005, this program has helped counties gain almost \$6 million in grant money
- **HealthBridge** — Supplemental insurance program covers copays, deductibles, coinsurance for participating members
- **Lincoln Financial** — 10 percent discount on current life and disability insurance rates as a MAC member
- **Opioid Settlement Funds Planning and Capacity Building** — Technical assistance for strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, strategy determination, spending plan development, policy analysis or other needs

For information on any services coordinated through our Service Corp., please contact us at [scurrie@micounties.org](mailto:scurrie@micounties.org) or 517-372-5374.

### Revenue Sharing

**Contact MAC at (800) 336-2018 for more information on program participation**



Each year, MAC works to educate lawmakers on the importance of appropriating full formula funding for county revenue sharing. Your county's amounts have been:

- Fiscal 2023 — \$1,240,550.75
- Fiscal 2022 — \$1,170,295.72
- Fiscal 2021 — \$1,147,452.44

For information on MAC's governmental affairs initiatives, contact Deena Bosworth at [bosworth@micounties.org](mailto:bosworth@micounties.org) or 517-372-5374.

## MAC Boards, Committees

The following county officials participate:

- Bill Lutz, Judiciary & Public Safety Committee, member
- Matthew Koch, Finance & General Government Committee, member
- Thomas Bardwell, Finance & General Government Committee, member

If you are interested in serving on a MAC committee, contact Deena Bosworth at [bosworth@micounties.org](mailto:bosworth@micounties.org) or 517-372-5374.

## MACPAC Donors

The following county officials donated to MACPAC in 2022:

- None

To donate to MACPAC, visit [www.micounties.org](http://www.micounties.org) or contact Derek Melot at [melot@micounties.org](mailto:melot@micounties.org) or 517-372-5374. A list of current-year donors can be seen in MAC's bimonthly magazine, *Michigan Counties*.

## Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Fund

The following county entities received a premium dividend from this nonprofit, county-run fund in the most-recent plan year:

- Tuscola County & Tuscola Health \$34,697.00



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# Legislative Update 8-4-23

WRITTEN BY [DEREK MELOT](#) ON AUGUST 4, 2023. POSTED IN [BLOG](#), [EVENTS](#), [LEGISLATIVE](#), [MAC NEWS](#), [MARKETING](#), [NACO](#)

## Governor signs FY24 budget with key county priorities

Michigan will expend \$81.7 billion its fiscal 2024 budget year starting Oct 1 after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed enabling legislation this week. The budget includes a variety of county benefits and 2023 MAC legislative priorities.

County-related items from the FY24 budget include:

- A \$17.6 million increase to county revenue sharing, bringing the total to \$263.4 million ([click here to see county-by-county estimated payments](#))
- \$6.6 billion for transportation work
- \$1.1 billion for environmental work (with about a third of it coming from the state General Fund)
- Reimbursements for counties from the Child Care Fund at 75 percent, moving up from the current 50 percent and securing one of MAC's key priorities for 2023
- \$72 million for Michigan Indigent Defense Commission grants to cover costs associated with [Standard 8 adopted by the commission](#)
- \$19.3 million for foster care per diems, representing an 8 percent increase



- \$25 million for an increase to Essential Local Public Health Services
- \$76 million for implementing the provisions of Proposals 1 and 2 from 2022 that alter legislative term limits, transparency standards and election procedures, with \$30 million of that figure set aside for grants to incentivize early voting efforts via multi-jurisdictional efforts

For more information MAC's work on the state budget, contact Deena Bosworth at [bosworth@micounties.org](mailto:bosworth@micounties.org).

## Registration for 2023 Annual Conference opens Aug. 7

Please join MAC and your fellow county leaders in Kalamazoo County Oct. 1-3 for the 2023 Michigan Counties Annual Conference to celebrate MAC's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Registration opens on Aug. 7 and is online only. Visit [MAC's conferences page](#) starting Monday to begin your registration process.

In honor of MAC's anniversary year, the annual President's Banquet will be capped by music and dancing in the ballroom of the Radisson Hotel in downtown Kalamazoo.

Among the highlights for this year's event are:

- A two-part, two-day dive into the details of Public Act 51, the state's road funding formula via workshops held on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning
- Plenary sessions on affordable housing and bridging generational differences in the workplace,
- MAC's Annual Business Meeting, during which members will review and approve MAC's policy platforms for the coming year
- MAC Board elections, with four seats to be filled via decisions of regional caucuses on Oct. 2 (see item below)

The schedule of conference is carefully crafted to respect members' weekly schedule, with conference registration opening around noon Sunday and events concluding prior to hotel check-out on Tuesday morning.

Additional details and full pricing schedules will be available on Aug. 7.

For conference-related questions, contact Director of Member Events Tammi Connell at [connell@micounties.org](mailto:connell@micounties.org).



## FY24 state budget eliminates court fee paid by trial courts

Counties will be relieved of an annual fee paid to the state court system starting Oct. 1, the State Court Administrative Office announced in a letter on Aug. 1. Michigan's FY24 state budget, signed this week by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, eliminates the Judicial Information Services (JIS) user fee for case management systems via ongoing state support to cover the bills.



Previously, all trial courts were assessed a JIS user fee. Since the establishment of JIS systems more than 30 years ago, locals have paid between \$4 million and \$6 million annually in user fees, the state court office said. Therefore, counties will see significant cost savings with the elimination of this fee.

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

## Deadline approaching on participating in Walgreens settlement

Local governments have until Sept. 6 to participate in the Walgreens opioids settlement, a fact highlighted by Attorney General Dana Nessel in an Aug. 3 letter urging such participation.



Michigan's Walgreens settlement requires that Michigan join the Walgreens National Opioids Settlement. The settlement allows 278 local units of government in Michigan — called subdivisions in the settlement agreement — to participate. The Department of Attorney General has a full list of eligible subdivisions on its website.

Eligible subdivisions that have not completed participation forms may email the Department for additional instructions before the September 6 deadline to participate and receive direct payments.

For more information on this issue, contact Amy Dolinky at [dolinky@micounties.org](mailto:dolinky@micounties.org).

## MCMCFC awarded \$5.9M in workforce stabilization grant

The Michigan County Medical Care Facilities Council (MCMCFC), a MAC affiliate, will be using nearly \$6 million in new state funding to improve recruitment and training of staff to better serve the residents of medical care facilities.

Last week, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced MCMCFC was one of six applicants to receive a Workforce Stabilization Grant. Of the \$67 million in funding available, MCMCFC was awarded \$5.9 million.



House Bill 4016, sponsored by Rep. Angela Witwer (D-Eaton), was signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in March. This bill allocated the \$67 million in grant funding and outlined the application process, as well as how the workforce stabilization money would be awarded to applicants.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2023, county-owned nursing homes will be implementing strategies to positively affect recruitment, retention, long-term care working training and career development with the grant funding provided by MDHHS.

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

## **CRC report: Michigan's health challenges growing**

A new report from the nonprofit, nonpartisan Citizens Research Council of Michigan says Michigan has become a less healthy state since 2008.

CRC and its research partner Altarum released Health Challenges and Opportunities, the third in a series of five papers. The research series, Michigan's Path to a Prosperous Future: Challenges and Opportunities, addresses a

variety of recent statewide trends, from population change to health outcomes to infrastructure quality, many of which are progressing unfavorably, and how Michigan can support a more prosperous, thriving future.



“The research shows that Michigan is losing its competitive edge and stagnant population growth is a major contributing factor,” CRC said in its release. “Michigan is in the bottom third of many national rankings, including 34th in household income, 36th in K-12 educational outcomes, and dropped from 32nd in health outcomes in 2008 to 39th today. This stands in contrast even to neighboring Midwestern states, who have experienced on average better overall health outcomes over the last two decades. And as the state’s population continues to age, challenges to Michigan’s overall health outcomes are expected to intensify. ...

“Socioeconomic status and geography are considerable factors determining health outcomes and Michigan ranks 37th out of 50 states in social and economic factors, such as the rate of children living in poverty, residents experiencing food insecurity and residential segregation,” the release stated. “People living in Michigan’s rural communities, such as parts of the northern Lower Peninsula and much of the Upper Peninsula, have little to no access to health providers to meet needs such as primary, maternity, prenatal and behavioral health care. ...

“We need to take a whole society approach to understanding the root causes of health by strengthening Michigan’s public health system, and investing in research, education and policies regarding social determinants of health outcomes,” said Eric Lupher, president of the Citizens Research Council.”

MAC is a supporter of CRC’s work. To learn more about the council, visit [its website](#).

# SW Michigan county officials graduate from NACo academy

MAC congratulates the April 2023 NACo Leadership Academy graduates from Michigan. They join more than 10,000 graduates and current participants from across the country benefiting from the 12-week online program enabling existing and emerging county leaders to achieve their highest potential.



- Dean Kapenga, board vice chair, Allegan County
- Jennifer Rentfrow, finance director, Cass County
- Jenny James, deputy administrator, Kent County
- Lyn Holoway, human resources manager, Allegan County
- Rebekah Curran, commissioner, Ottawa County

The September cohort for the High Performance Leadership Academy is just around the corner. Prioritize leadership development today and deliver results for your team and county. Scholarships are available.

## Staff picks

- Fish sticks, buffer zones and natural shorelines all combat the negative effects of seawalls (Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy)
- Report: Emergency dispatch centers are facing a staffing crisis (American City and County)
- New budget will help Michigan courts improve access, efficiency statewide (Legal News)
- Our bears are real, a Chinese zoo says, denying they are 'humans in disguise' (Associated Press)





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# Legislative Update 8-11-23

WRITTEN BY [DEREK MELOT](#) ON AUGUST 11, 2023. POSTED IN [BLOG](#), [EVENTS](#), [LEGISLATIVE](#), [MAC NEWS](#), [MACSC](#), [MARKETING](#), [NACO](#)

## Board approves 2023-24 platforms for final member review



The MAC Board of Directors reviews policy platforms during its summer meeting on Aug. 9, 2023.

The MAC Board of Directors, at its summer meeting, reviewed the association's policy platform drafts for 2023-24 and approved them for final review by the membership at the 2023 Annual Conference.

MAC's advocacy work is guided by these policy platforms, which are developed through meetings of MAC's six policy committees each year:

- Agriculture and Tourism
- Environmental and Natural Resources
- Finance and General Government
- Health and Human Services
- Judiciary and Public Safety
- Transportation and Infrastructure

The next step in this annual process **will begin on Friday, Aug. 25** when the policy drafts post to the [MAC website](#) for member review. According to the by-laws, MAC members may offer amendments in two ways:

- Submit an amendment to the MAC offices at least five (5) days prior to the opening day of the MAC Annual Conference (or Sept. 26 this year); or
- Submit an amendment from the floor during the Annual Business Meeting on Oct. 3.

Please note that amendments submitted in advance require a majority vote on the floor for approval, while amendments submitted on the floor during the session require a 2/3 vote of members attending.

For any questions on the platforms, contact Deena Bosworth at [bosworth@micounties.org](mailto:bosworth@micounties.org).

To submit an amendment, email the finished text to [despins@micounties.org](mailto:despins@micounties.org).

## Podcast 83 episode focuses on 2023 Annual Conference details

Details about the 2023 Annual Conference in Kalamazoo County are the focus of a [special episode](#) of Podcast 83, MAC's podcast about all things related to Michigan's 83 counties.

Guest Tammi Connell, MAC's director of member events, provides a rundown of the conference mechanics, including the timeline for registration, when to show up at the conference venue, the Radisson Hotel in downtown Kalamazoo, and even what music you can expect to hear at the Gala following the traditional President's Banquet on the night of Monday, Oct. 2.





Deena Bosworth, MAC's director of governmental affairs, provides more conference details, including on this event's workshops for county leaders, including a special two-day dive into the exceedingly complicated – and important – road funding formula found in Public Act 51.

View the full video of the episode, recorded on July 28, [by clicking here](#).

For additional details on the Annual Conference, [click here](#).

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

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

## MAC creates resolution template for Overdose Awareness Day and National Recovery Month

August and September highlight a time to recognize the lives lost to drug overdose and celebrate recovery from substance use disorders.

Overdose Awareness Day is recognized internationally on Aug. 31 annually to raise awareness of drug overdose, stigma associated with overdose deaths and acknowledge grief experienced by families and friends remembering those lost and injured as a result of drug overdose. To find out more information, you can visit <https://www.overdoseday.com/>.



Recovery Month is recognized nationally throughout the month of September to promote new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the strength and resilience of the recovery community and highlight the providers and communities that support recovery from substance use disorders. To find out more information, visit <https://www.samhsa.gov/recovery-month>.

MAC has created [a template](#) overdose awareness day and recovery month proclamation which counties can customize to highlight their commitment to addressing stigma and overdose, honoring the lives lost, celebrating those in recovery and sharing that recovery is possible.

For more information on MAC's services regarding the opioid crisis, contact Amy Dolinky at [dolinky@micounties.org](mailto:dolinky@micounties.org).

## Fees and fines are focus of next 'Fiscally Ready' webinar

"Nuts and Bolts: Fees, Fines, Purchasing and Receipting" is the theme for the next "[Fiscally Ready Communities](#)" webinar hosted by the Michigan Department of Treasury and Michigan State University Extension.

Registration is now open for this free webinar series, which is offered on these dates:

- Aug. 17, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET
- Sept. 11, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. ET

- Oct. 11, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. ET
- Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ET

The training is designed to assist appointed and elected officials.

This webinar will include a deep dive into best practices related to fees, fines, purchasing, receipting, and more. It will cover what they are, why such policies are necessary, how they contribute to local fiscal health, and how to get started on implementation.



For more information, contact Eric Walcott at [walcott3@msu.edu](mailto:walcott3@msu.edu).

## Transportation asset conference set for Sept. 26

Registration is now open for [the 2023 TAMC Asset Management Conference](#), to be held Sept. 26, 2023, in Grand Rapids.



The conference is sponsored by the state's Transportation Asset Management Council. Kelly Jones of Ingham County is the MAC representative on that panel, which reports to the Michigan Infrastructure Council and the State Transportation Commission.

Among topics to be discussed at the conference are:

- Tips & Recommendations on How to Build a Quality Chip Seal
- Michigan Infrastructure Council Update
- National State of Practice on Local Asset Management
- 2022 PASER Data Analysis and Update

Check out the [full agenda](#).

Registration fee is \$65 per person and all sessions are in-person only. Deadline to register is Sept. 17.

## Staff picks

- [A \(Pennsylvania\) county tries again to count the rural homeless \(Governing\)](#)
- [After study finds PFAS in 45% of American water samples, Michigan officials consider next steps \(Michigan Advance\)](#)



**Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners**  
**Resolution 2023-32**  
**MICHIGAN HOUSE BILLS 4526-4528**  
**Opposition to Legislation Preempting Local Control**

**WHEREAS**, legislation preempting local control over sand and gravel mining was introduced this week in the House with House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills aim to eliminate local control of aggregate mining operations and place the regulating authority in the hands of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), usurping all local authority including all local zoning, administration, and ordinance over the industry; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments support access to aggregate materials necessary to fix our roads and are uniquely positioned to know what is best for their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the current process allows for local governments to balance these needs along those with their entire community, protecting the interests and safety of their residents, students, business, and property owners.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State House of Representatives to oppose House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528 which would silence local voices on aggregate operations in our community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners supports the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), Michigan Municipal League (MML), and Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) in their joint statement in this preemption of local control.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Representatives and Senators, Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy, the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

**PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE** of the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held Wednesday, July 19, 2023, in Kalkaska, Michigan.

**Motioned by Baldwin. Supported by Comai.**

Yeas: Baldwin; Comai; Bicum; Sweet; Fisher. Nays: None Absent: Crambell and Sieting.

This Resolution is declared adopted.

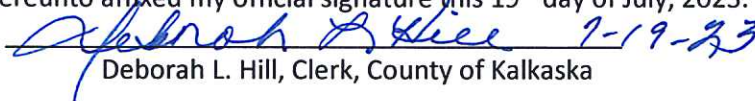
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date 7-25-2023

Chair of Board of Commissioners, Kohn Fisher

County of Kalkaska  
State of Michigan

I, Deborah L. Hill, the undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Board of Commissioner of the County of Kalkaska, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of said County held on 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

 \_\_\_\_\_ 7-19-23  
Deborah L. Hill, Clerk, County of Kalkaska

**Kalkaska County**  
**Opposition to SB299 & 300, HB4479 & 4480**  
**Resolution 2023-33**

Whereas, there are currently pending in the Michigan Legislature certain bills, SB 299, SB300, HB 4479 & HB 4480, which would impose statewide regulations for the implementation of and maintenance of septic systems; and

Whereas, these bills as presently drafted, would require inspection of all systems every five years and would impose much greater expenses and work hours on local public health departments; and

Whereas, the bills would dramatically increase the requirements for septic inspectors and make it much more difficult for local health departments to find, hire & retain qualified personnel; and

Whereas, the current legislation does not provide a permanent, secure funding mechanism to cover these increased costs, which will invariably be shifted to our local health departments, and

Whereas, the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners recognizes the critical importance of protecting the Michigan's water resources, including groundwater, lakes & streams, and other surface waters, but concludes that the bills do not provide a sustainable or financially feasible solution in areas that do not have the benefit of municipal sanitary systems; and

Whereas, soil types vary considerably throughout Michigan making it difficult to establish generalized "one size fits all" rules for septic systems.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners opposes SB299, SB300, HB 4479 and HB4480 as introduced and urges the Michigan Legislature to consider the costs to local health departments before adopting changes to the septic provisions of the Michigan Public Health Code.

Therefore, Be it Further Resolved, that this resolution shall be forwarded to the ten constituent counties within the DHD #10, members of the Michigan Legislature, and to other stakeholders.

Motion by Baldwin. Supported by Comai. Roll call vote:

Yeas: Baldwin, Comai, Bicum, Sweet, Fisher. 5 yeas.

0 Nays: 2 Absent, Crambell and Sieting.

Resolution declared approved:

Kohn Fisher Date 7-25-2023

Chair of Board of Commissioners, Kohn Fisher

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on July 19<sup>th</sup> 2023, in Kalkaska MI, with a quorum present.

Deborah Hill Date 7-19-23  
Deborah Hill, Kalkaska County Clerk