



# TUSCOLA COUNTY

## Board of Commissioners

### BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 28, 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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8:00 AM Call to Order -Vice-Chairperson Bardwell  
Prayer - Commissioner Koch  
Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Lutz  
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Local Units of Government

**Bardwell**

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Caro DDA/TIFA  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
MAC 7th District  
MAC Workers Comp Board  
MAC Finance Committee  
NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)

Local Units of Government Activity Report

**Young**

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

**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  
MEMS All Hazard  
Local Units of Government Activity Report  
Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

**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

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Prayer - Commissioner Young

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: Matt Koch

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Steve Anderson

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Cody Horton, Debbie Babich, Jon Ramirez, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Steve Root, Isaac White, Tim Green, Bob Baxter, Barry Lapp, Shannon Beach, Register Marianne Brandt, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Mike Slade

At 8:02 a.m., there were a total of 11 participants attending the meeting virtually.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2023-M-212

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-213

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the August 31, 2023 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

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

None

**Consent Agenda**

2023-M-214

that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the September 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Sheriff's Office 2022 Annual Report -  
Move to receive and place on file the Sheriff's Office 2022 Annual Report as presented by Glen Skrent, Tuscola County Sheriff.
2. Motorola Service Agreement Renewal -  
Move that the three (3) year service agreement for Dispatch radios from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 with Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$64,959.99 be approved. Payment will be split in three installments. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
3. Bid for Painting Health Department Building -  
Move that the bid for painting the Health Department Building be awarded to Dan's Painting in the amount of \$17,946.00 for the hallways and common area and \$2,800.00 for the office areas. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

**New Business**

1. Republican and Democratic Board of Canvasser Member Appointments -  
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, CCO, explained to the Board regarding the appointment of the Canvassers.

2023-M-215

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to appoint Isaac White as the Republican Canvasser and Michael Warchuck as the Democratic Canvasser on the Tuscola County Board of Canvassers for a 4-year term beginning on November 1, 2023. Motion Carried.

2. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Program -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the request to submit a letter of intent to participate in the program.

2023-M-216

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Human Development Commission proceed with the grant application to Michigan State Housing Development Authority on behalf of Tuscola County for the CDBG Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Grant for homeowner repair funding. Motion Carried.

3. Proposed Resolution 2023-20 Opposing Solar & Wind Developments - Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented proposed resolution. Clayette Zechmeister will send the resolution to Michigan Association of Counties and to Tuscola County Legislators. Clerk Fetting will distribute to County Clerks within the State of Michigan as well as Local Clerks in Tuscola County.

2023-M-217

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt Resolution 2023-20 Opposing Solar and Wind Developments.

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

Motion Carried.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Correspondence/Resolutions**

1. Legislative Update 9-8-23 - The Michigan Association of Counties  
Clayette Zechmeister will be calling a meeting of the County's Opioid Committee to discuss the next steps.

### **Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports**

#### ***Lutz***

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Explained services with resume development is offered.

Seth *Lewis*, an employee of *DYNA Corporation*, is now on the Board.

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

**Koch**

Absent

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

**Bardwell**

- Behavioral Health Systems Board Meeting upcoming.
- Caro DDA/TIFA
- Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
- MAC 7th District
- MAC Workers Comp Board - Update provided on the number of claims that were submitted state-wide.
- MAC Finance Committee
- NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC) - Meetings upcoming.
- Local Units of Government Activity Report

**Young**

- Board of Public Works
- County Road Commission Liaison
- Dispatch Authority Board
- Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Grant was received to assist people that want to pursue a career in the medical field.
- Great Start Collaborative
- Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)
- MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee
- Region VII Economic Development Planning
- Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative



Senior Services Advisory Council  
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**Vaughan**

Board of Health  
County Planning Commission  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment -  
Full Board meets this month. Caro Dam is still being discussed.  
MAC Environmental Regulatory  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee  
NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison  
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**Other Business as Necessary**

- Senator Lauwers sent letter of appreciation regarding adoption of the Septic Code resolution.
- Health Department sent letter of appreciation regarding adoption of the Septic Code resolution.
- Clayette Zechmeister expressed appreciation of Treasurer Bennett's efforts in County investments as the growth has been very positive this year.
- Eean Lee was voted to serve on the Board of Directors for Michigan Government Management Information Sciences (MI GIMS).

At 8:41 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

**Extended Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

2023-M-218

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 a.m.  
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO

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# MINUTES

## Committee of the Whole Meeting

**8:00 AM - Monday, September 25, 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, September 25, 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

Commissioners Absent: Matt Koch

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tracy Violet, Clayette Zechmeister, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Jon Ramirez, Tyler Ray, Gregg Campbell, Carmell Pattullo, Mike Pattullo, Norm Stephens, Heidi Stark, Al Michel, Debbie Babich

Also Present Virtual: Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Bob Baxter, Don Derryberry, Debbie Babich, Matt Brown, Tim Green, Cristi Smith, Cindy Hughes, Cody Horton, Dara Hood, Greg Rynearson, Angie Daniels, Register Mariane Brandt, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Barry Lapp, Amanda Ertman, Kim Brinkman

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 19 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### County Updates

None

### New Business

1. Housing Program Updates - Brian Neuville, Deputy Director, Human Development Commission (HDC), reviewed the success of the Housing Program, Lead Abatement Program, Weatherization Program, MSHDA MI-Hope Program, and MSHDA - MICH Program. Brian also provided a recap of the new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Program as the letter of intent will be submitted today.

2. Concerns on Converting Farmland to Solar/Wind -

Mike Pattullo spoke regarding potential solar farms coming to Tuscola County as well as legislative changes that have been proposed. He is concerned with the amount of farmland that is used for solar farms.

Norm Stephens presented regarding his outreach to township officials throughout the State.

Clayette Zechmeister said the tentative date for our Legislators to attend the Board meeting is October 23, 2023.

3. Ambulance Coverage Discussion -

Jon Ramirez, Dispatch Director and Deputy Steven Anderson, Emergency Manager, presented regarding response time for ambulance services in Tuscola County.

4. Potential Multi-County Recycling Plan -

Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds, spoke in reference to the call for a plan to be submitted. He has met with neighboring counties to discuss the option of a multi-county plan. The plan will need to address where the recyclables will be handled prior to landfill. There is a request for the Board to approve discussions to continue with the other counties. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

5. Central Purchasing with MiDeal -

Renee Francisco, Financial Coordinator and Angie House, HR/Finance Assistant, was notifying the Board that the County is going to try to order from Staples instead of Office Depot as Staples is the MiDeal vendor.

6. Implementation of 2022-2 Effects on the Election Budget -

Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, CCO, will be presenting regarding the implementation of Proposal 2022-2 passed by the voters of Michigan in November of 2022. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

**Old Business**

1. Tuscola County General Development Plan -

Heidi Stark, Planning Commission, presented the proposed resolution for adoption. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

Recessed at 9:56 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

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

**Finance/Technology**

***Primary Finance/Technology***

1. Livestock Claim -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented the claim that was received from Ellington Township. The application was provided to the Township to be completed and returned to the Controller. Matter will be placed on a future agenda for Board review.
2. Road Commission Request to Transfer Millage Funds -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the request received. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. 2024 General Fund Budget Information Assumptions -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reported that all Departments have submitted budget figures for 2024. There are a couple of Elected Officials and Department Heads that have requested to present to the Board in the near future.
4. 2024 Revenue Sharing -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reviewed the projected State Revenue Sharing amounts expected.
5. General Fund Budget- Department Requests Preliminary Review -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reviewed the reports that were included in the agenda.

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

None

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

None

**Building and Grounds**

***Primary Building and Grounds***

None

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

None

**Personnel**

***Primary Personnel***

1. Refill Vacant Full-Time Help Desk Position -  
Clayette Zechmeister presented the request received. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

2. Sheriff's Department Officer Position Change -  
Clayette Zechmeister explained the request received. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. Sheriff's Department Corrections Deputy from Part-Time to Full-Time -  
Clayette Zechmeister explained the request received. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. Sheriff's Department Refill Vacant Full-Time Road Patrol Deputy Position -  
Clayette Zechmeister explained the request received. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

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

Commission Bardwell provided update as HB4438 which expands the binding arbitration to MCOLES group and is moving forward in the Legislature.

**Other Business as Necessary**

1. Update on Mosquito Abatement -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reported the end of the season is September 29, 2023. Test pools have been returned with negative results for diseases.
2. Carmell Pattullo presented the Claim Form for the Livestock Claim.

At 10:45 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

**Public Comment Period**

-Al Michel will be doing a Thanksgiving dinner giveaway this year on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. He also addressed the patrolling of downtown Caro by law enforcement. He also addressed attending an event at the Ford Plant in Dearborn.

-Jon Ramirez stated that HB4241 requires all school systems to install panic systems with a supplemental bill for funding has been introduced.

-Al Michel spoke about the Oxford school court case.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m.  
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO



**To: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**

**From: Mike Miller**

**Date: September 27, 2023**

**RE: Multicounty Materials Management Plan**

I am asking that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners allow Tuscola to work with Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer Counties on the development of a possible agreement for a Multicounty Materials Management Plan. This would be for planning only. The Board would still need to approve of any agreements with the other Counties.

As of March of this year the State has eight new laws involving recycling. The State is trying to increase the rate of recycling from 21% currently to 45% in 2030. Within these new laws is a requirement that the current Solid Waste Plans counties have for waste management, will now need to update to a Materials Management Plan.

This new plan will focus on recycling material instead of landfilling. The new plan update has not yet been called for by EGLE, but once they do counties will have 36 months to have an approved plan.

Counties are being encouraged to work with other counties to update their plans. If two counties or more agree to work together the State offers \$10,000 more in funding to each county, and only one plan needs to be developed. So multiple counties working together only need to submit one plan instead of each county submitting a plan.

Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, and Lapeer have met twice to talk about the possibility of working as a group. At our last meeting, it was decided that each of us would seek permission from our County Boards to work together.

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

From: **Jodi Fetting** <[jfetting@tuscolacounty.org](mailto:jfetting@tuscolacounty.org)>

Date: Wed, Sep 20, 2023 at 7:38 AM

Subject: Election Budget

To: Debbie Babich <[dbabich@tuscolacounty.org](mailto:dbabich@tuscolacounty.org)>

Hi,

I just wanted to give you an update:

I have some numbers together from working with the local Clerks regarding costs associated with the implementation of 2022-2 which is a constitutional amendment passed by the voters of Michigan in November of 2022.

I am working on putting those figures together and then will put them into BS&A.

I want to prepare you and Clayette, that 2022-2 implementation along with 3 statewide/federal elections and 1 potential special election next year, the budget amounts will be much higher than any other even-year election. Some of these costs will become ongoing each year as well.

Thank you in advance for your patience as I am working through the expected costs.

Have a great day!

Jodi



# 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 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 # 2023-21

### TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION TO AMEND AND ADOPT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA) authorizes the Planning Commission to prepare a Master (Development) Plan for the use, development and preservation of all lands in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission prepared a proposed updated Development Plan and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 1, 2023, and August 2, 2023, to consider public comment on the proposed updated Development Plan, and to further review and comment on the proposed updated Development Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has determined that the proposed updated Development Plan is desirable and proper and furthers the use, preservation, and development goals and strategies of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has approved the proposed 2023 County Development Plan, including all of the chapters, figures, maps, and tables contained therein, and recommends its adoption by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, based upon a review of existing land uses in the County, a review of the existing Master Plan provisions and maps, input received from the Planning Commission, and public hearings, finds that the new updated Development Plan will accurately reflect and implement the County's goals and strategies for the use, preservation, and development of lands in Tuscola County.

**Effective Date.** The Master Plan shall be effective as of the date of adoption of this resolution.

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

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

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

Resolution 2023-21 declared adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

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 September 28, 2023.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023**



Tuscola County

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

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## Heath Kunse Pigs

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Russell Speirs &lt;ellingtonsupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

Tue, Sep 26, 2023 at 9:30 AM

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

Clayette, my apologies, I should have never tried to address this yesterday as I was busy with too many other things. Maybe I can clarify better today.

- Two pigs were dead at the time of the report. Vet said the third needed to be put down.
- The fourth they treated but the vet was unsure if it would survive.
- I talked with Heath some days later and confirmed the fourth was still alive at that time... but somehow in that conversation I was under the impression it looked like it was going to be put down.
- I double checked with Heath this morning, he corrected me and confirmed **the fourth is alive (one of the 220 lbs pigs)**.
- He also reaffirmed the third was put down later on the day of the incident.
- As far as updating the math (which looks like I did incorrect yesterday and also needs to be adjusted to subtract the remaining pig)
  - 3x dead pigs (125lbs, 220lbs, 240lbs) total weight 585lbs @ 3/lbs.
    - **fair market value \$1,755**
- Can you confirm for me: does the county reimburse Heath for any of his expenses?

My apologies again as I feel I added confusion to the matter.

Russ

[Quoted text hidden]

**LIVESTOCK and/or POULTRY CLAIM FORM**  
(Act 339 of 1919, as Amended)

STATE OF MICHIGAN – County of Tuscola

The Complaint on Oath and in Writing, of HEATH KUNSE whose Post Office address is 3111 BROADWAY RD CASS CITY taken and made before me, RUSSELL SPEIRS, Supervisor of the Township of ELLINGTON in said County, on the 10 day of JULY, 2023, who being duly sworn, did say that heretofore, to-wit, on the 10 day of JULY, 2023, on lands owned or controlled by me, in the Township of ELLINGTON, and in the County aforesaid, a dog or DOGS, did then and there bite, wound, kill and necessarily destroy the following livestock (or poultry) and commit the following damages to-wit:

NAME & NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK OR POULTRY KILLED, WOUNDED OR DESTROYED BY <u>DOGS</u>	AGE of LIVESTOCK or POULTRY	WEIGHT of LIVESTOCK or POULTRY
<u>4x PIGS</u>		<u>125 LBS, 240 LBS</u>
		<u>220 LBS, 220 LBS</u>
<b>TOTAL DUE \$ <u>3,900</u></b>		

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year first above written.

Russell Speirs  
Supervisor Signature

Heath Kunse  
Claimant Signature

**DETERMINATION**

After making diligent inquiry relative to the above claim for damages, I do hereby determine that the above enumerated livestock (or poultry) were killed (wounded, damaged or necessarily destroyed) as aforesaid, and in no other manner, and after careful investigation the owner of said dog or DOGS is found to be UNKNOWN and I do hereby fix the damage, sustained by the said PIGS at \$ 3,900. And I further certify that all papers relating to the case are hereby attached; that I am not interested in the matter aforesaid and am not kin to the said HEATH KUNSE and that my fees for performing said duty and mileage allowed by Section 22, Act 339, P.A. 1919, as amended, amounting to \$ NA has \_\_\_\_\_ been paid me by the claimant.

Trustee fee.....\$4.00      NA Miles traveled at \$.10 per mile NA

Total fees \$ NA I further recommend the payment of said claim. Given under my hand this 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023

My term of office expires 2024. Received of NA

NA, \$ NA in payment of above fees under Section 22, Act 339, P.A. of 1919.

Russell Speirs  
Township Supervisor Signature

Dated at 9-25-23

From: **Tyler Ray** <[tray@tuscolacounty.org](mailto:tray@tuscolacounty.org)>  
Date: Wed, Sep 27, 2023 at 9:05 AM  
Subject: Request for new hire.  
To: Clayette Zechmeister <[zclay@tuscolacounty.org](mailto:zclay@tuscolacounty.org)>

Due to the vacancy of the Part-Time Animal Control Assistant/Kennel Attendant I would like to fill that vacancy as soon as possible.  
I will not be able to attend the meeting on Thursday, but please include my request on the agenda for action.

My proposed action would be:

Move that per the recommendation of Tyler Ray, Animal Control Director, to hire Jaime Keeler to fill the vacant part-time Animal Control Assistant/Kennel Attendant position at Step 1 rate of pay which is \$16.11 per hour with a tentative start date of October 16, 2023 or sooner, pending satisfactory background check, physical and drug test.

Thank you,  
Tyler



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# Legislative Update 9-15-23

WRITTEN BY [DEREK MELOT](#) ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2023. POSTED IN [MARKETING](#), [BLOG](#), [EVENTS](#), [LEGISLATIVE](#), [MAC NEWS](#), [NACO](#)

## Revenue Sharing Trust Fund bills clear committee with unanimous support

By a unanimous vote this week, the House Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance voted out legislation to create a Revenue Sharing Trust Fund, **a key MAC priority in 2023**.



[House Bill 4274](#), by Rep. Amos O’Neal (D-Saginaw), and [HB 4275](#), by Rep. Mark Tisdell (R-Oakland), would:

- Create a separate “Revenue Sharing Trust Fund” to receive and hold dollars solely for the purpose of fulfilling the state’s promise to local governments on revenue sharing; and
- Require that 8 percent of the revenue generated by 4 percentage points of the state’s sales tax rate be sent to that fund.

The result would be \$601.1 million in statutory revenue sharing for all local governments across Michigan based on the May Consensus Revenue Estimate for sales tax.

Counties would receive 46.14 percent of this total in the first year, or \$277 million, which would be an increase of nearly \$31 million from the current revenue sharing amounts.

“We are thrilled by the unanimous support for the bills today,” MAC’s Deena Bosworth said in a statement to a Capitol news outlet. “The support of the bills’ sponsors and the committee shows a strong commitment by this Legislature to go back to what revenue sharing was always intended to be: the sharing of the state’s revenue with local governments. These bills, if enacted, will provide predictability and certainty for counties so they can better allocate funding to the services they provide.”

MAC has long sought to create stability and fairness in the revenue sharing system by removing the statutory portion of it from the annual appropriations process.

A vote by the full House is expected by the end of September. The bills would then move to the Senate. Similar bills were introduced in the Senate this session as well, so a favorable outcome in the Senate is anticipated.

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

## Public Safety Trust Fund bills advance to House floor

Legislation to create a Public Safety Trust Fund, setting aside dollars for cities and townships that may contract with counties for law enforcement services, gained narrow approval in a House committee this week.



House Bill 4605, by Rep. Nate Shannon (D-Macomb) and HB 4606, by Rep. Alabas Farhat (D-Wayne), would carve out 1.5 percent of the first 4 percentage points of the state sales tax and dedicate those dollars for the Public Safety and Violence Prevention Fund.

This carve-out is estimated to yield \$110 million for city and township police departments that have violent crimes to contend with. The allocation to each municipality will be based on a three-year average of violent crimes and be disbursed on a proportional basis based on that municipality’s average share of reported crimes statewide.

While the bills do not directly allocate funding to a county or county sheriff, they do allow for pass-through funds if a county contracts with a municipality to provide policing services. According to preliminary survey results, many counties do not have contracts in place for these services, so MAC is seeking 5 percent of the money scheduled to be allocated to municipalities within the county to be re-allocated to the county sheriff’s office for our support and jail services.

MAC will work with the bill sponsors and advocates to address our concerns, while still supporting the overall effort of creating additional resources to address violent crime.

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

# MAC-backed PPT reimbursement plans get committee approval

A statutory mechanism to reimburse local governments for funds diverted by an expansion of the Personal Property Tax (PPT) exemption is moving to the House floor after the House Committee on Tax Policy voted out House Bills 4553-54, by Rep. John Fitzgerald (D-Kent) and Rep. Denise Mentzer (D-Macomb) respectively.



Expansion of the small business PPT exemption expansion from \$80,000 in true cash value to \$180,000 in true cash value is expected to cost local governments up to \$75 million per year.

The legislation provides a methodology and reimbursement mechanism to reimburse locals, plus make changes to the Michigan Trust Fund Act to create the Local Government Reimbursement Fund in the state Treasury. The state treasurer would then be required to deposit money and assets received under the amendments to the Use Tax Act proposed by HB 4554 or from any other source. The investment of the fund would be directed by the state treasurer, and interest and earnings from those investments would be credited to the fund. Changes to the Use Tax Act would be made to require \$75 million in use tax revenue to be deposited into the Local Government Reimbursement Fund each fiscal year, beginning with FY24.

MAC supports these bills and expects them to be enacted prior to the end of 2023.

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

## Joint committee hears testimony on Child Care Fund changes

A special joint session of House and Senate committees was held this week to take on House Bills 4624-4629, which change the Child Care Fund (CCF) reimbursement rates and outline mandated risk, mental health and detention screening tools.



MAC supports the reform legislation.

House Bill 4624, by Rep. Christine Morse (D-Kalamazoo), would codify the increase to 75 percent reimbursement for community-based services via the Child Care Fund, along with requiring the use of evidence-based practices, risk and assessment screening tools and more.

The FY24 state budget includes \$31.5 million to implement a recommendation from the Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform to statutorily increase the state CCF reimbursement rate to 75 percent from 50 percent for community-based juvenile justice services.



Currently, the reimbursement rate for residential placements and community-based services is at 50 percent. Beginning in FY24, community-based services will be reimbursed at 75 percent, while residential services will remain at a 50 percent reimbursement rate.

As one of the recommendations from the Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform, the intent of a 75 percent reimbursement rate for community-based services is to incentivize jurisdictions to utilize community-based services in lieu of incarceration.

The requirements outlined in HB 4624 will NOT be mandated until the bill is signed by the governor — implementation is likely in FY25. The changes to the Child Care Fund requiring the use of research-based practices and risk and needs assessments can increase system consistency, improve equity, and in other states, has led to reduced use of incarceration and cost saving.

To recap: The 75 percent reimbursement rate applies ONLY to community-based services. Residential placement expenses will continue to be reimbursed at 50 percent.

Additional testimony on these bills will take place next week.

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

## **Detroit-backed ‘land value’ tax plan begins legislative journey**

Legislation to allow local governments to create a “land value tax,” a concept backed by Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, was filed and reviewed by a House committee this week.



House Bills [4966](#) and [4969–70](#), by Rep. Stephanie Young (D-Detroit), [HB 4967](#), by Rep. Karen Whitsett (D-Eaton), and [HB 4968](#), by Rep. Alabas Farhat (D-Wayne), would create the Land Tax Equity Act and make complementary changes to the General Property Tax Act, the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, the Income Tax Act and the Tax Reverted Clean Title Act.

The bills were introduced the same day they were heard in the House Committee on Tax Policy.

The concept was pitched by Detroit Mayor Duggan at the Mackinac Policy Conference back in May. The bills would allow cities and local units of government to authorize a land value tax (LVT). The LVT would allow cities and local units of government to put on the ballot a measure to allow for an equivalent land tax rate to be levied on all parcels of land not specifically exempted by the bill. The intent is to reduce the property tax burden on occupied residential properties and increase the tax liability for undeveloped and blighted properties that are bringing down the area and value of the properties around them.

It is anticipated that action will be taken on the bills before the end of the year. MAC has not yet taken a position on the bills and will be working with our internal policy committee and the Legislature in coming months.

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

## MAC testifies on reimbursement for veterans exemption

In yet another attempt to secure reimbursement for counties for their losses associated with the 100 percent exemption on property taxes for disabled veterans, MAC testified this week in support of [House Bill 4894](#), by Rep. Nate Shannon (D-Macomb), [HB 4895](#), by Rep. John Roth (R-Grand Traverse), and [HB 4896](#), by Rep. John Fitzgerald (D-Kent).



In short, the bills would create a refundable income tax credit for the veterans payable to the local unit of government as the mechanism for reimbursement.

A vote was not taken on the bills this week due to some language changes necessary to bring the veterans organization fully on board. MAC anticipates movement on the bills in the next several weeks.

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

## County-opposed staffing bill gets House committee hearing

A bill to require minimum staffing levels as a mandatory subject of collective bargaining between a public employer and the representative of its employees received a House hearing this week.

The House Labor Committee took testimony on [House Bill 4688](#), by Rep. Jim Haadsma (D-Calhoun), which is opposed by MAC and the Michigan County Medical Care Facilities Council, an affiliate of MAC.



The bill would amend the Public Employment Relations Act (PERA) and specifies that “other terms and conditions of employment” would include minimum staffing levels within the bargaining unit and consider minimum staffing levels a condition of employment with respect to a bargaining representative’s collective bargaining responsibilities.

Making minimum staffing levels a mandatory topic of collective bargaining could increase staffing costs to counties. In addition to the potential for increased costs, many counties are facing staffing shortages. Implementing minimum staffing requirements when local governments are struggling

to maintain fully staffed facilities will add to the difficulties counties already face when recruiting and retaining employees.

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

## State budget provides dollars for Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System fees

The FY24 state budget includes changes to the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System (MAACS) attorney fee policy for indigent felony appeals, effective Oct. 1, 2023. Moving forward, the MAACS attorney fee vouchers will match Michigan Indigent Defense System hourly rates of \$130 to \$1142, with local costs offset by a 1:1 state reimbursement. The local obligation, under this cost share, will be \$64 to \$71 per hour, similar to existing MAACS fees of \$50 to \$75 per hour in nearly all circuit courts. Any future inflationary increases would also be offset by a 1:1 state reimbursement. For cases still pending on the October 1 effective date, attorney fee vouchers will include new rates.



State funding for private appellate representation for felony and juvenile appeals will allow for quality representation without relying entirely on local budgets. The 1:1 state match will keep local costs consistent for nearly all circuit courts, however, its success depends on participation from circuit courts and their funding units.

MAACS has requested that every circuit court contact [maacsvouchers@sado.org](mailto:maacsvouchers@sado.org) with any questions or concerns regarding the new rates or voucher process. Brad Hall, MAACS administrator, can be reached at [bhall@sado.org](mailto:bhall@sado.org).

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

## State offers learning sessions on new Materials Management Planning

Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has several opportunities to learn more about Materials Management Planning this fall. As you know, counties have been given the opportunity to draft new plans for managing solid waste and recyclables. Please consider participating in one of the following events to ensure your county is well prepared for the upcoming changes.



**Oct. 5, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Understanding and Preparing for Changes to Part 115: Materials Management Planning**

In March 2023, amendments to Part 115 of Michigan's Solid Waste Law went into effect. These amendments have provided a broader approach to handling end-of-life materials including a new Materials Management Plan (Plan). This webinar will describe how the Plan will consider management of solid waste, recyclables, organics, and other related activities. Learn about new requirements, timelines, resources, and technical assistance opportunities that pertain to the Part 115 updates.

**Nov. 14, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

### **Tools and Resources to Help Communities Navigate Materials Management**

With amendments to Part 115 of Michigan's Solid Waste Law going into effect earlier this year, now is a great time to learn what tools and resources EGLE offers to communities to assist them with their materials management programs. In this webinar, recycling specialists from EGLE will explain how they are helping Michigan communities navigate the complexities of these program changes. They will also elaborate on available technical assistance and educational services, as well as highlight grant opportunities communities can apply to for help funding successful materials management programs.

The Michigan Recycling Coalition will be hosting in-person meetings at eight different locations to connect regional stakeholders and provide up-to-date recycling program information. These events will run through September and October:

### **MRC Regional Meetings – Michigan Recycling Coalition ([michiganrecycles.org](http://michiganrecycles.org))**

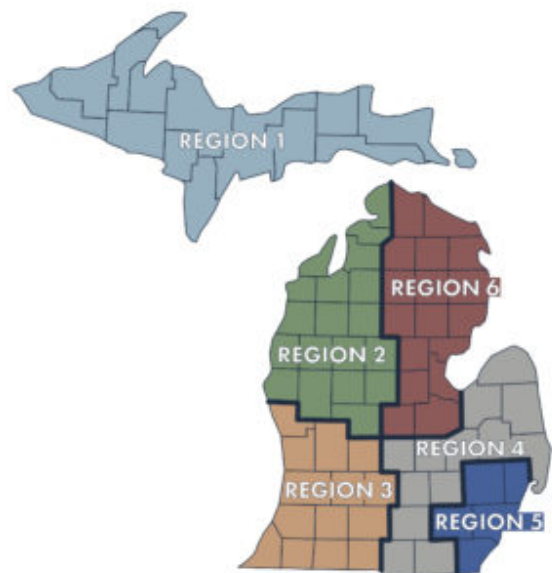
Last, but certainly not least, Christina Miller, Materials Management Planning Specialist from EGLE, will be presenting at the Michigan Counties Annual Conference on Oct. 2. Her session will cover new requirements, timelines, roles, and responsibilities, walk through scenarios, tools and resources, technical assistance opportunities and offer a better understanding of planning and its importance overall.

## **Field set for Board elections at 2023 Annual Conference**

Four seats on the MAC Board of Directors will be filled on Oct. 2 at the 2023 Annual Conference.

The commissioners who filed for seats in this cycle are:

- Region I, Seat B – Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic County (seeking 3<sup>rd</sup> term)
- Region II, Seat B – Richard Schmidt, Manistee County (seeking 3<sup>rd</sup> term)
- Region III, Seat B – Jim Storey, Allegan County (seeking 3<sup>rd</sup> term)
- At-large, Seat B – Stan Ponstein, Kent County (seeking 3<sup>rd</sup> term)



Although only one candidate filed for each of the four available seats, regional caucuses must be held, per MAC By-laws, to elect the candidate.

The 16-member Board of Directors governs MAC and sets policies for the association. Board terms are three years long and a commissioner may serve a total of three full terms (or 9 years).

### **Election procedures**

1. Only commissioners who register for the Annual Conference may participate in the regional caucuses that fill these seats.
2. Regional Board seats are filled by elections in which each COUNTY gets ONE vote. At-large seats are filled with each attending commissioner casting one vote in each caucus; the winning at-large candidate must have majorities in at least four of the six caucuses.

(If you are not sure which Region your county is in, [please consult this list.](#))

To see statements from the candidates, [click here.](#)

### **Staff picks**

- [The link between housing affordability and transportation](#)  
(Citizens Research Council)
- [Fiscal Brief: Comprehensive Transportation Fund and State Support for Local Public Transportation](#) (House Fiscal Agency)
- [Palisades plant secures purchase agreement with Wolverine](#)  
(The Herald-Palladium)
- [China authorities arrest 2 for smashing shortcut through Great Wall with excavator](#)  
(Associated Press)





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# Legislative Update 9-22-23

WRITTEN BY [DEREK MELOT](#) ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2023. POSTED IN [BLOG](#), [EVENTS](#), [LEGISLATIVE](#), [MAC NEWS](#), [MACSC](#), [MARKETING](#), [NACO](#)

## Expansion of binding arbitration clears Senate committee

Legislation to extend binding arbitration to county correctional officers has advanced this week, despite opposition from MAC and others.

[House Bill 4438](#), by Rep. Kelly Breen (D-Oakland), was approved by the Senate Labor Committee unanimously on Thursday. A substitute was adopted during the committee process to include all Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) certified law enforcement officers in binding arbitration, adding officers from universities and community colleges.



MAC has long opposed any expansion of binding arbitration to other bargaining units due to the cost of the process, the long-term liabilities associated with third-party decisions and the unequal treatment such a system provides to those bargaining units. The Michigan Public Employment Relations Act already provides for bargaining rights without tying the hands of the county in binding arbitration.

**MAC submitted a letter to committee members expressing these concerns.** However, the current Legislature has time and again demonstrated strong support for unions and collective bargaining units. HB 4438 has been referred to the Senate floor for a final vote before likely

advancing to the governor's desk for signature.

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

## MAC brokers improvements on indigent defense bills

Following key revisions brokered by MAC, legislation to expand the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission's (MIDC) work to youths has the support of counties, a MAC staffer told a special legislative hearing this week.



House Bill [4630](#), by Rep. Sarah Lightner (R-Jackson), and Senate Bill [424](#), by Sen. Sue Shink (D-Washtenaw), would have MIDC include youth indigent defense services.

In her testimony ([19-minute mark of video](#)), MAC's Samantha Gibson detailed how MAC's concerns about a compounding clause for the local share for MIDC services and disbursement rules were addressed. The compounding clause is gone, and the bills now would create the following disbursement model: 40 percent of the total annual grant amount upfront, and the remaining 60 percent of the grant will be disbursed in three equal increments.

**MAC now supports this legislation**, which is expected to be voted on in committee next week.

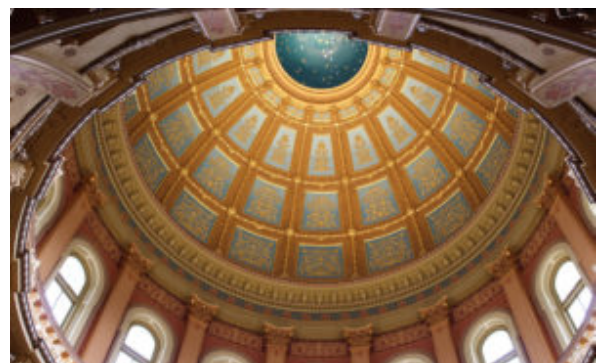
For more information, contact Samantha Gibson at [gibson@micounties.org](mailto:gibson@micounties.org).

## Lansing's a legislative blur; Podcast 83 is here to bring issues into focus

Legislative work in Lansing is accelerating and MAC's Podcast 83 team is your guide to everything going on at the State Capitol.

In their newest episode, host Stephan Currie and MAC staffers Deena Bosworth, Madeline Fata and Samantha Gibson detail the news, including:

- A huge advance on revenue sharing reform, with a House committee giving unanimous and bipartisan support to MAC's plan for a dedicated Revenue Sharing Trust Fund;
- The debate over the scope of, and reimbursement for, property tax exemptions for veterans, which are now costing local governments around \$100 million a year; and
- MAC's work to bring a reasonable approach to how Michigan regulates the siting of solar and wind energy projects.



View the full video of the episode, recorded on Sept. 18, [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 asked to send shutdown impact data

With a federal government shutdown looming, MAC and the National Association of Counties need your help in collecting information on the impact of a shutdown on local public service delivery.



NACo will share this information with members of Congress and their staff as negotiations continue on Capitol Hill.

Please share any data/anecdotes or individual letters that outline the impacts during previous government shutdowns with MAC by emailing them directly to [despins@micounties.org](mailto:despins@micounties.org).

We appreciate your assistance on this matter.

## Days dwindling to register for 2023 Annual Conference

County leaders still have a few days left to complete their online registration for the 2023 Michigan Counties Annual Conference in Kalamazoo County Oct. 1-3.

[Click here for Attendee Registration](#)

In honor of MAC's anniversary year, the annual President's Banquet will be capped by music in the ballroom of the [Radisson Hotel in downtown Kalamazoo](#).

Additional 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

Exhibitor Bingo and special raffles that will offer cash prizes to lucky attendees

The schedule of the 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.





Commissioners who attend the conference will earn 3 credit hours for MAC's County Commissioner Academy.

### *Conference Registration Prices*

- Member\* – Full Conference Rate: \$490
- Member\* – Single Day Rate: \$325
- Non-Member – Full Conference Rate: \$565
- Non-Member – Single Day Rate: \$385
- Spouse/Guest Rate: \$250

\*The following are eligible for the member rate: county commissioners, county administrators, countywide elected officials, county staffers and staffers of MAC affiliates.

### *Hotels*

The Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center is now SOLD OUT. For other hotel options in the area, visit the website of the Kalamazoo Convention and Visitors Bureau.

## **New data sources offered for opioid settlement planning**

County-level data is available to assist with opioid settlement planning from new sources. These tools and existing data sources, found under “Local Level Data” in MAC’s Opioid Settlement Resource Library, provide a strong basis for understanding local needs and the scope of the drug overdose crisis and associated areas.

- NORC at the University of Chicago and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development have created a community assessment tool detailing county-level data highlighting socioeconomic factors in relative to the opioid crisis. The National Opioid Misuse Community Assessment Tool is interactive and provides data visualizations and tables for local use.
- NORC and East Tennessee State University, funded by the HRSA Federal Office of Rural Health Policy have released the Recovery Ecosystem Index Mapping Tool. This tool looks at fourteen (14) indicators associated with a recovery ecosystem, such as the continuum of substance use disorder support and infrastructure, to assist with understanding the current landscape and needs.
- Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy and Third Horizon Strategies, funded by Elevance Health Foundation, developed another data tool to assist in planning efforts. The Opioid Abatement Needs and Investment Tool looks at five social determinants of health domains (healthcare, environment, economic, education, and social) and identifies a counties need in that area, while pointing to examples of strategies and programs to address those areas of need.



To understand more about what data local governments have access to through their local public health departments, register for our upcoming webinar, [Overdose in Our Backyard: Resources and Collaboration for Opioid Settlement Spending](#).

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

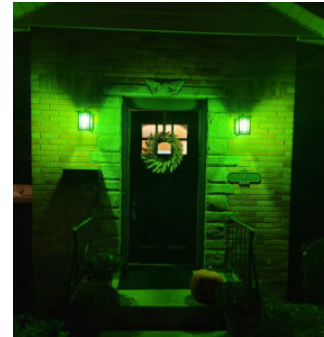
## Operation Green Light will honor nation's veterans

America's counties have a long and proud history of serving our nation's veterans, a legacy that continues to this day as we work with our federal, state and local partners to ensure that the former service members have access to the resources they need to thrive.

Once again this Veterans Day (Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023), the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the [National Association of County Veterans Service Officers \(NACVSO\)](#) invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs to join Operation Green Light and show support for veterans by lighting our buildings green from Nov. 6-12. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

To show support, counties are encouraged to use [this template](#) to pass a resolution declaring your county's participation in Operation Green Light.

For a variety of materials to publicize and support your Green Light efforts, visit [NACo's resource hub](#).

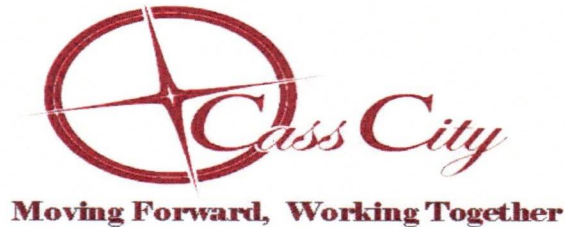


MAC Board President Stan Ponstein was among those participating in the 2022 edition of Operation Green Light.

## Staff picks

- [How cereal transformed American culture](#) (Mental Floss)
- [Pay people to move to your state or region? Maybe it's not such a bad idea.](#) (Governing)
- [Comparison of utility-scale net electricity generation types – Michigan and U.S.](#) (Senate Fiscal Agency)
- [Public buyers have several options to keep problem materials out of the waste stream](#) (American City and County)





September 21, 2023

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

Dear Board of Commissioners,

The Village of Cass City and the DDA/EDC committee are pleased to announce the launch of our economic development initiative, **Business Builders**, and we would like to invite you to our event on Thursday, November 9, 2023. It will be held at the Hills & Dales Healthcare Corporate Services Building, 6667 Main St, Cass City from 6-8pm.

The **Business Builders** program was established to build a campaign, application process, and then host an event designed to attract new businesses to the Cass City DDA District or assist an existing business to expand their products and/or services. Through a grant provided by the Tuscola County Economic Corporation, applicants will be eligible for up to \$10,000 to further the start-up or growth of their business located downtown.

Once applications are received, the entrepreneurs will be contacted and provided with a variety of local small business management resources, such as financing/loans, marketing, accounting, insurance, real estate, etc. Applicants must complete two of these professional consultations before the "pitch" event on November 9. Each will then prepare a 7-10-minute "pitch" on their business idea and the ticket holders/attendees will "vote" on the winner!

After our **Business Builders** event is held, and as part of the grant agreement, we will prepare a module for this program that any community in Tuscola County can modify and use for their own promotion.


We hope you can attend as our guest (no ticket necessary). Please RSVP to me at (989) 872-2911 or email at [ccmanager@casscity.org](mailto:ccmanager@casscity.org).

Sincerely,

Debbie Powell  
Village Manager

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# BUSINESS BUILDERS OF CASS CITY

## WE'RE GROWING AND LOOKING FOR ENTREPRENEURS!

Have an idea? Looking to start a business? Already started a business and want to expand? This opportunity could bring you to the next level! Applicants will be eligible for up to \$10,000 to further the start-up or growth of their business in the Cass City DDA District .

For information, contact Melanie Radabaugh,  
Director of Community Development at 989-872-2911 or  
[mradabaugh@casscity.org](mailto:mradabaugh@casscity.org).

### HOW TO APPLY

- APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, OR CODE BELOW OR [WWW.CASSCITY.ORG](http://WWW.CASSCITY.ORG).
- ONCE VERIFIED, APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO BUILD THEIR PITCH.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023
- RESOURCE MEETINGS MUST BE COMPLETED BY: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

PITCH COMPETITION THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9  
HILLS & DALES HOSPITAL CORPORATE SERVICES BUILDING  
6667 MAIN ST, CASS CITY



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ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY  
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PHILLIP D. ROOS  
DIRECTOR

September 13, 2023

Dear Interested Party:

Pursuant to Act 451, Section 5511, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, Air Quality Division's Pending New Source Review Application Report is enclosed. This report lists all of the pending applications submitted for sources within your county.

The Pending New Source Review Applications Report includes the following information: county, city, date received, applicant's name, site address, application permit number, and a brief description of the nature of the source or process.

Please note that this information is updated weekly and is also available on the Internet. A list is available on the Permits to Install Internet page at <https://www.michigan.gov/air>. Click the "Permits" tile, click the first link under "Michigan Permit System" entitled "Permits to Install (PTI) / New Source Review (NSR)," and click the fifth bullet under "Application / PTI Information" entitled "Pending PTI Application List." You may obtain information on sources located in neighboring counties by accessing the above list or by contacting me. **If you prefer to receive this report electronically, please provide an email address.**

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Laura Gramza  
Permit Section Secretary  
Air Quality Division  
517-230-4404  
GramzaL@Michigan.gov

Enclosure

**EGLE Air Quality Pending Permit to Install (PTI) Applications**

County: TUSCOLA

<u>City</u>	<u>SRN</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>APP No.</u>	<u>Received</u>
CARO	N6996	1551 EMPIRE DRIVE	POET BIOREFINING	APP-2023-0198	7/31/2023
<b>Application Reason:</b> ADDITION OF FERMENTATION TANK AND REMOVE LANGUAGE OF OPERATING SCENARIO					
REESE	P1000	135 S BRADLEYVILLE ROAD	QUALITY ROASTING, LLC	APP-2023-0153	6/13/2023
<b>Application Reason:</b> NEW SOYBEAN PROCESSING EQUIPMENT					

## Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners

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Ron Store

### RESOLUTION # 2023-15 OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENTS

**Whereas** Executive Directive 2020-10 aims to achieve 100 percent carbon neutrality in Michigan by 2050; and

**Whereas** industry leaders have pledged to reduce carbon emissions to help achieve this goal; and

**Whereas** efforts to expand renewable energy projects will continue to increase in this state; and

**Whereas** the governor has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole regulating authority for solar and wind projects to expedite these efforts; and

**Whereas** by granting the Michigan Public Service Commission this authority, local control will be preempted; and

**Whereas** should local control be preempted, a county, township, city or village would be unable to determine the location, size, setback distance, decibel level or any other criteria for a solar or wind facility; and

**Whereas** should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use, or maintenance of a solar or wind facility; and

**Whereas** if a county already has a solar or wind policy, practice, regulation, rule or ordinance on record it would be null and void; and

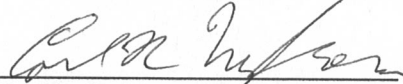
**Whereas** all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning; and

**Whereas** this proposal grants far more regulating authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission than for any other energy source; and

**Whereas** the Michigan Association of Counties opposes any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

Adopted September 19, 2023

  
Carl R. Nykanen, Board Chair

**SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the governor of the State of Michigan has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole regulating authority for solar and wind projects; and

**WHEREAS**, by granting the Michigan Public Service Commission this authority, local control will be preempted; and

**WHEREAS**, should local control be preempted, a county, township, city or village would be unable to determine the location, size, setback distance, decibel level or any other criteria for a solar or wind facility; and

**WHEREAS**, should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use, or maintenance of a solar or wind facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Sanilac County is experienced in renewable energy development as well as the effect on local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023-2028 Sanilac County Master Plan identified renewable energy as a high priority for land use policy development; and

**WHEREAS**, Sanilac County has studied the effects of renewable energy development on local communities as well as the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments have historically played a critical role in zoning and land use, ensuring that renewable energy projects are compatible and respectful of their local residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Sanilac County identified the need for and developed a 2023 renewable energy guidebook to assist local units of government with renewable energy policy; and

**WHEREAS**, local units of government provide opportunity for public input and discourse with a high level of accessibility to local residents; and

**WHEREAS**, local control over zoning allows local residents to consider unique geographical, environmental, and social factors when determining siting and regulation of wind and solar projects that the Michigan Public Service Commission may not consider; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to preempt local control and declare the Michigan State Public Service Commission the regulating authority for wind and solar projects may have unintended consequences including potential negative impacts on local communities, property values and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning; and



**WHEREAS**, this proposal grants far more regulating authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission than for any other energy source; and

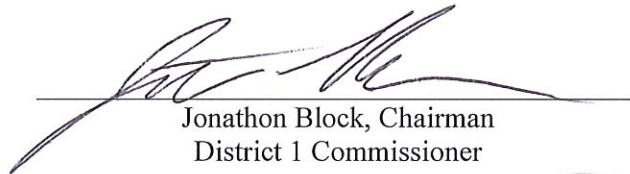
**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) opposes any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power.

**WHEREAS**, Sanilac County joins MAC in opposing any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power.

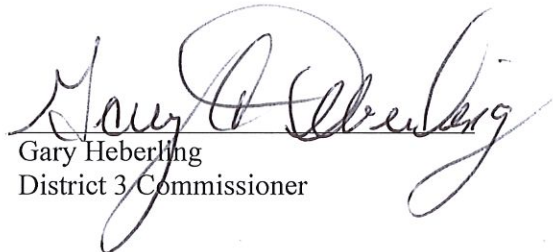
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that **SANILAC COUNTY** opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

**BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that the Board directs their staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the County's elected representatives in the Michigan Legislature and the United States Congress, to the Governor of Michigan and all 83 counties, along with the Michigan House and Senate Energy Committee Chairpersons.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be spread upon the proceedings of the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

  
Jonathon Block, Chairman  
District 1 Commissioner

  
Roger Ballard  
District 2 Commissioner

  
Gary Heberling  
District 3 Commissioner

  
Bill Sarkella  
District 4 Commissioner

  
Christine Lee  
District 5 Commissioner

  
Evans Ehardt  
District 6 Commissioner

  
John Moody  
District 7 Commissioner

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION 23-21**

**OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR  
SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENTS**

**Whereas** Executive Directive 2020-10 aims to achieve 100 percent carbon neutrality in Michigan by 2050; and

**Whereas** industry leaders have pledged to reduce carbon emissions to help achieve this goal; and

**Whereas** efforts to expand renewable energy projects will continue to increase in this state; and

**Whereas** the governor has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole regulating authority for solar and wind projects to expedite these efforts; and

**Whereas** by granting the Michigan Public Service Commission this authority, local control will be preempted; and

**Whereas** should local control be preempted, a county, township, city or village would be unable to determine the location, size, setback distance, decibel level or any other criteria for a solar or wind facility; and

**Whereas** should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use, or maintenance of a solar or wind facility; and

**Whereas** if a county already has a solar or wind policy, practice, regulation, rule or ordinance on record it would be null and void; and

**Whereas** all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning; and

**Whereas** this proposal grants far more regulating authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission than for any other energy source; and

**Whereas** the Michigan Association of Counties opposes any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that **ST. CLAIR COUNTY** opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

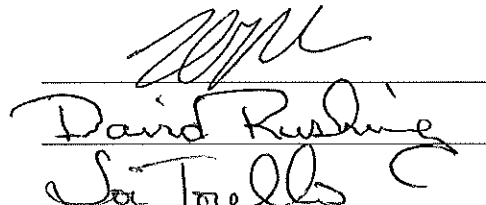
**Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2023**

Reviewed and Approved as to Form by:

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Gary A. Fletcher  
County Corporation Counsel  
1411 Third Street, Suite F  
Port Huron, MI 48060





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### Resolution on Solar/Wind Siting

OSCEOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION #2023-0015

### OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENTS

**Whereas** Executive Directive 2020-10 aims to achieve 100 percent carbon neutrality in Michigan by 2050; and

**Whereas** industry leaders have pledged to reduce carbon emissions to help achieve this goal; and

**Whereas** efforts to expand renewable energy projects will continue to increase in this state; and

**Whereas** the governor has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole regulating authority for solar and wind projects to expedite these efforts; and

**Whereas** by granting the Michigan Public Service Commission this authority, local control will be preempted; and

**Whereas** should local control be preempted, a county, township, city or village would be unable to determine the location, size, setback distance, decibel level or any other criteria for a solar or wind facility; and

**Whereas** should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use, or maintenance of a solar or wind facility; and

**Whereas** if a county already has a solar or wind policy, practice, regulation, rule or ordinance on record it would be null and void; and

**Whereas** all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning; and

**Whereas** this proposal grants far more regulating authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission than for any other energy source; and

**Whereas** the Michigan Association of Counties opposes any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCEOLA COUNTY** opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

**Adopted this 19 day of September, 2023.**

STATE OF MICHIGAN    )

COUNTY OF OSCEOLA    )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Osceola, 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 19th day of September, 2023, the original of which is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed by official signature on this 19th day of September 2023.



Tracey Cochran, Osceola County Clerk

**RESOLUTION**

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners  
Huron County  
Michigan

WE, the LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, Executive Directive 2020-10 aims to achieve 100 percent carbon neutrality in Michigan by 2050; and

WHEREAS, industry leaders have pledged to reduce carbon emissions to help achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, efforts to expand renewable energy projects will continue to increase in this state; and

WHEREAS, the governor has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole regulating authority for solar and wind projects to expedite these efforts; and

WHEREAS, by granting the Michigan Public Service Commission this authority, local control will be preempted; and

WHEREAS, should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine the location, size, setback distance, decibel level or any other criteria for a solar or wind facility; and

WHEREAS, should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use, or maintenance of a solar or wind facility; and

WHEREAS, if a county already has a solar or wind policy, practice, regulation, rule or ordinance on record it would be null and void; and

WHEREAS, all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning; and

WHEREAS, this proposal grants far more regulating authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission than for any other energy source; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties opposes any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power; and

WHEREAS, Huron County joins MAC in opposing any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power; now

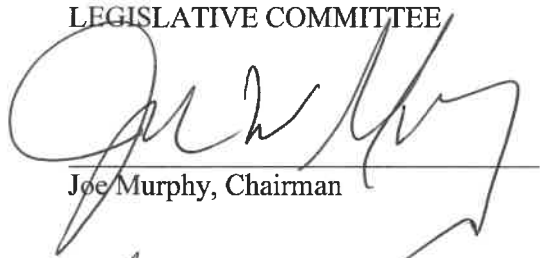
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that HURON COUNTY opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Huron County's elected representatives in the Michigan Legislature and the United States Congress, to the Governor of

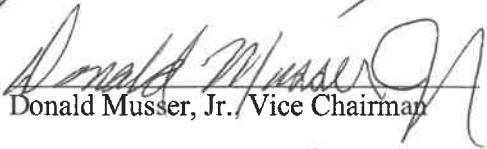
Michigan, the Michigan Association of Counties, all counties of Michigan, and the Michigan House and Senate Energy Committee Chairpersons.

Respectfully submitted,

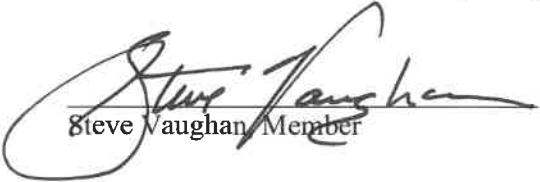
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE



Joe Murphy, Chairman



Donald Musser, Jr., Vice Chairman



Steve Vaughan, Member

Dated: September 26, 2023

VOICE / ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT
SAMI KHOURY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	DONALD MUSSER, JR.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MICHAEL H. MEISSNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	JOE MURPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TODD TALASKI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MARY E. BABCOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEVE VAUGHAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

RESOLUTION:  ADOPTED                       DEFEATED                       TABLED