#### **DRAFT - Agenda**

## Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole Thursday, June 24, 2010 – 8:00 A.M. Annex Board Room (207 E. Grant Caro, Mi.)

#### Finance

Committee Leaders-Commissioner Peterson and Bardwell

#### **Primary Finance Items**

- 1. Behavioral Health Audit Presentation 8:00 A.M.
- 2. Circuit/Family Court Copy Machine Proposal (See A)
- 3. Grant Writer Services Next Steps
- 4. Policy Development-Confidential Information on Copiers and Fax Machines (See B)
- 5. Tire Recycling-Mosquito Abatement Proposal (See C)
- 6. 911/Dispatch Update
  - Telephone Surcharge Lawsuit
  - Updating on Rebanding
  - Contract Change for Moving to the MPSCS with Motorla
  - Request to Add Another Camera for Rear of Dispatch Building
  - CAD to CAD Fund Released 25% Match
- 7. Jail Prisoner Overcrowding Alternatives
  - House Arrest Services Re-Contacted Tether Program (See D)
  - Evaluation of Housing More Prisoners in Tuscola Jail
  - Jail Diversion Program
- 8. Binding Arbitration Update (See E)
- 9. Closed Session for Labor Negotiations Strategy Session 9:30 A.M.

#### Secondary/On-Going Finance Items

- 1. Treasurer Bank Statement Reconciliation
- 2. North Star Bank Court Related Payment Methods
- 3. LEIN Fees Paid
- 4. Emergency Services
- 5. Scheduling of Allied Information Systems Request for Presentation
- 6. Juror Card Presentation Scheduled for July 15, 2010

#### Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioners Peterson and Roggenbuck

#### **Primary Personnel Items**

Secondary/On-Going Personnel Items

- Incorporate County Personnel Policies and Other key Personnel Information on the County Web Site
- 2. Circuit/Family Court Personnel Policies
- 3. MERS Bridged Benefits Valuation

#### **Building and Grounds**

Committee Leader-Commissioners Petzold and Kern

#### **Primary Building and Grounds Items**

- 1. Airport Zoning Update
  - Comments Received from Tuscola Airport Authority (See F)
- 2. Niland Building

Secondary/On-Going Building and Grounds Items

- 1. Office Space Planning
- 2. Farmers Market Update
- 3. Vanderbilt Park

#### Correspondence/Other Business as Necessary

- 1. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Application
- 2. Energy Grant Update
- 3. Other County Resolutions

#### **Public Comment Period**

**Closed Session – If Necessary** 

#### Other Business as Necessary

#### Notes:

Except for the Statutory Finance Committee, committee meetings of the whole are advisory only. Any decision made at an advisory committee is only a recommendation and must be approved by a formal meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

If you need accommodations to attend this meeting please notify the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator's Office (989-672-3700) two days in advance of the meeting.

This is a draft agenda and subject to change. Items may be added the day of the meeting or covered under other business at the meeting.

#### **Statutory Finance Committee**

- 1. Claims Review and Approval (Outstanding Invoice from Last Meeting)
  - Livestock Claim



#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

#### 54<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FAMILY COURTS

COURT ADMINISTRATOR 440 NORTH STATE STREET CARO, MICHIGAN 48723-1594 Phone: (989) 672-0075 Fax: (989) 672-2169

Honorable Patrick R. Joslyn Circuit Judge

Mary Lou Burns
Court Administrator/Friend of the Court

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**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners** 

FROM:

Mary Lou Burns Milb

RE:

Copier Machines - Circuit/Family/Probate Courts

DATE:

June 18, 2010

The photocopier leases from 2005 expire this month. After five years, these machines start breaking down and jamming up more frequently so that it is necessary to call for repairs.

Attached is a summary of photocopier proposals. The requests were sent to three businesses and only two responded.

This is a request for approval of leases for two photocopiers, one for Circuit Court and a second one that is housed in Probate Court and shared between the Family and Probate Courts.

The best lease prices are from Galaxy Office Machines, which is locally owned and operated here in Caro.

The other bid from Toshiba has an irrevocable, non-cancelable lease agreement and if you do not continue with Toshiba, you must pay the shipping costs to return the machine to Minnesota. We had issues with this same leasing company at the Friend of the Court office and I would like to stay away from Toshiba due to the contract terms and these hidden costs.

To outright purchase the two used machines, Toshiba wants \$2,757.00, which is too much for the 2010 court budgets. To purchase the two new machines from Galaxy would be \$12,790.00; however, those costs were not requested in the 2010 budget.

My request is to approve the lease of the two new machines through Galaxy with a \$1.00 buyout at the end of the lease.

There is sufficient funding in the 2010 budgets to cover the lease for both Circuit/Family and Probate courts. The cost is a difference of \$4,250 between the purchase and the lease, however, it would be spread over the course of five years and we may be able to recoup that by the buyout at the end of the lease if the photocopiers remain in a usable condition.

I will be in Lansing on 06/24/2010 for training and unable to attend the next committee meeting. If you have questions, you can call me prior to that date.

Thank you.

# Copier Bid Analysis 54th Judicial Circuit Family Courts

	\$800 for two machines shipping to return machine to Minnesota		\$1,250 rebate "Cash for everything" only for month of June 2010 Includes all parts, labor and supplies except paper & staples Irrevocable /noncancelable agreement ship machine	Both have scanning capability buyout	except paper & staples  Both have scanning capability
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Both proposals include: Document Feeder, Cabinet, Finisher, Collating and Stapling Features



#### Mike Hoagland

From:

Steven Lark [SLark@TuscolaCounty.org]

Sent:

Thursday, June 17, 2010 3:17 PM

To:

MHoagland@TuscolaCounty.org; 'Renee McLane'; 'Kate Neese'

Cc:

'Mary Lou Burns'

Subject:

Copier/fax machine hard drivers

Here are my thoughts.

- 1. If you are leasing the copier/fax machine, then the leasing company owns the hard drive too. All you can ask for is to have the leasing company 'data cleanse' the hard drive. I am not so sure that a leasing company will allow you to return a machine off of lease minus the hard drive.
- 2. The IT department has no idea who has copiers or fax machines. We are not and have never been involved in departmental decisions to acquire or return/dispose this type of equipment. So, the copier/fax ownership responsibility currently resides with the departments that use this equipment. With that said, its the departments responsibility to assure that 'their data is cleansed' from copier/fax hard drives prior to disposal. Who does the cleaning of the hard drives and how that happens can be figured out in time. The IT department can do it if asked to do it.
- 3. Please note that the county IT department performs 'data cleansing' on PC hard drives prior to their disposal. We use a DOD (department of defense) software tool to clean the data off of the hard drive.
- 4. Having a formal policy on this matter sounds like a good start. I can help in this matter.

----Original Message-----

From: Mike Hoagland [mailto:MHoagland@TuscolaCounty.org]

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 2:32 PM

To: Renee McLane; Steven Lark; Kate Neese

Cc: Mary Lou Burns

Subject: FW: I found something for you to do today. LOL

Renee, Steven, Kate

Could you give me your thoughts on the issue described below and work together to develop a draft policy to address the situation.

Thank you.

Michael R. Hoagland Tuscola County Controller/Administrator 207 E. Grant St. Caro, MI 48723

(989) 672-3700 Phone

## (989) 672-4011 Fax mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org E-mail

----Original Message-----

From: Mary Lou Burns [mailto:mburns@54jcc.org]

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 9:24 AM

To: mhoagland

Subject: I found something for you to do today. LOL

Seriously though, yesterday I learned that equipment like fax machines and photocopiers have "hard drives" in them. Those hard drives retain information from docuements that are processed in that machine and in the wrong hands persons can obtain information that may be confidential.

This rather concerns me because I had no knowledge about that and maybe a lot of other dept heads don't know that either. I was told that prior to leases for certain equipment is signed, there should be a provision that the hard drive is removed prior to return of the equipment and/or disposal and sent to the IT dept.

I'm thinking that a county wide policy on that would be a good idea to protect from any unforeseen lawsuits down the road.

Maybe Renee could google and see what she could find or you have another resource available through MAC.

Food for thought!

Mary Lou Burns Court Administrator/Friend of Court 54th Judicial Circuit/Family Courts 2nd floor Courthouse 440 N State St Caro MI 48723

Phone: (989) 672-0075



#### **Draft Letter**

#### Re: Proposal for Tire Disposal and Mosquito Abatement

#### Local Official

The purpose of this letter is to inquire to determine how many local units of government in Tuscola County are interested in partnering with the county to increase tire collection. The program objectives are to reduce the number of unsightly tires from the landscape and in the process reduce significant breeding locations for mosquitoes.

Currently, the Tuscola County Recycling operation provides a tire recycling program at the Recycling Center in Caro. Residents can bring tires to this facility during normal business hours. In order to help defray the cost of renting trailers and tire disposal recycling charges a handling fee for this program. This tire recycling program will remain in operation. Although this program has been successful, county officials are seeking methods to ratchet-up the number of tires collected and reduce mosquito breeding locations.

The proposed new program is intended to increase tire collection by making trailers available in local units of government. The County would finance the new program using Mosquito Abatement funds available from the public approved Mosquito Abatement millage. Other area County mosquito abatement programs use Mosquito Abatement millage funds for tire collection. Since each trailer costs \$1,200 to rent there would be a limit of 10 trailers per year. This program would save the individual from the travel time and costs of going to the Recycling Center in Caro.

The local unit of government is responsible to provide the labor (volunteer or paid) to coordinate loading of the trailer. By state law this type of tire collection is limited to residential tires (no commercial or business tires). Verification that a Tuscola County resident is using the trailer would be the responsibility of the local unit of government. To make the program available to as many people in the county as possible and comply with state requirements there is a limit of 7 tires per vehicle. It would be the responsibility of the local unit of government to advertise through all appropriate methods to make the public aware of the day and time the trailer is available. A more detailed outline of the new program as currently envisioned is explained in the attached proposal.

If there is interest the county would like to launch this program in the next few weeks. Please indicate if you are or are not interested by calling the Tuscola County Controller's Office at 989-672-3700 or emailing mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org and simply explain if you are or are not interested. If you need additional information please contract your county commissioner or call the Controller/Administrator's office at the number above. A response by July 16, 2010 would be appreciated.

Thank you for your review and consideration of this matter.

#### DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

#### PROPOSAL FOR TIRE DISPOSAL AND MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

#### **Current Tire Disposal Program**

Tuscola County Recycling currently provides an on-going tire recycling program where residents can bring tires to the facility during normal business hours. The cost to rent one trailer is \$1,200. There are several trailers that are rented during the year. In order to help defray the cost of renting a trailer for tire storage/disposal, residents are charged a fee according to the type and number of tires. Revenues generated by the program have been sufficient to cover costs of renting trailers. In addition to the county program, appreciation is expressed to local unit of government officials who have conducted satellite tire collection programs in the past for their residents.

#### **Problem**

The current program has been successful. However, there are still huge numbers of tires throughout the county. Not only are tires unsightly, they also are a major contributor to mosquito breeding by holding water which provides an ideal mosquito breeding location. For many parts of the county, the driving distance to the Recycling Center in combination with the cost of disposal is reducing the number of tires that could be collected.

#### **Proposal**

It is the belief of both Tuscola County Recycling and Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement that providing satellite tire collection centers and working in conjunction with local units of government, the number of tires that are collected could be significantly increased. Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement in conjunction with Tuscola County Recycling, would like to work collaboratively to provide annual tire collections throughout the County. These collections would take place at various local units of government throughout the County and would be open to any and all local governments that are interested. However, only ten collections would be held through this program each calendar year. The program will provide residents with the opportunity to properly dispose of and recycle their tires without having to haul them to the Tuscola County Recycling Center in Caro.

The County Recycling Center current tire recycling vendor, Environmental Rubber, is willing to provide a 53-foot semi trailer for each satellite collection. Environmental Rubber has requested one week's advance notice before the local unit of government tire collection event so that they will have a trailer available. By law, the tire collection trailer may stay at the local units designated site for only one day, so an effective advertising program would be necessary to make sure local residents use the trailer.

#### **Proposal Parameters**

- 1. Local units of government must provide the County with the exact location of where they want the tire collection trailer delivered, the date of when they want the tire collection trailer delivered and the times when residents are allowed to bring tires.
- 2. Labor to load the tire collection trailer is the responsibility of the local unit of government. The County will not be liability for any injuries that may occur and a waiver holding the county harmless must be signed prior to the collection event.

- 3. By law, tire trailers are allowed to stay at the designated location for one day.
- 4. Mosquito Abatement will pay for the rental of one trailer and disposal of the tires for one local unit of government per year because it is an important component of the overall mosquito abatement program. (Other county mosquito abatement programs in Michigan finance tire disposal programs as important method used for mosquito control).
- 5. Tuscola County Recycling will assist the local unit of government in coordinating with our local tire recycling contractor (Environmental Rubber).
- 6. Collection is limited to household and residential tires only no commercial or business tires allowed per the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment. Handling commercial tires requires additional paperwork and special permitting.
- 7. Any Tuscola county resident is allowed to use any satellite collection center. Local units of government are strongly urged to require proper identification from any resident participating in their collection. This will limit out of county residents from taking advantage of a Tuscola County funded program.
- 8. Residents are limited to bringing seven tires per vehicle. This is a state statute per the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.
- 9. It will be the responsibility of the local unit of government to advertise regionally and notify residents of the date of the program and other conditions that must be followed.
- 10. Only one trailer will be provided to each local unit of government. Local units may opt to have another trailer delivered at their own expense.
- 11. For financial purposes, the program is limited to ten local units of government per year. The County will insure that all local units of government have an opportunity to utilize this program, but depending on demand this may take several years. For the first year, priority will be given to those local units of government that are the farthest distance from the County Recycling Center in Caro. All local units of government will be entitled to use this program on a rotating basis.
- 12. The program is open to all local units of government located within Tuscola County.
- 13. Tuscola County Recycling will continue to accept residential tires for a fee year-round at their facility located at 1123 Mertz Road in Caro, Michigan.

#### Next Steps if Board Desires to Proceed

Potential next steps would include Board of Commissioner approval to submit a letter to all local units of government in the county making inquiry of their interest in this proposal. If there is sufficient interest expressed by local units of government, then the next step may be to prepare draft agreements for signature that defines specific responsibilities. After agreements are signed, implementation of the program could begin.

Note: Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement and Tuscola County Recycling is County owned and operated millage funded programs.



#### Mike Hoagland

From: Mike Hoagland [MHoagland@TuscolaCounty.org]

Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 4:07 PM

**To:** Tom Ugval (tugval@housearrest.com)

Cc: Clayette Zechmeister (Clayette Zechmeister); Lee Teschendorf (sheriff@tuscolacounty.org); Mary Lou

Burns; Donna Fraczek (Donna Fraczek); Mark Reene; Mari Young (Mari Young); Amanda Roggenbuck (aroggenbuck@tuscolacounty.org); 'Jerry Peterson'; 'Tom Bardwell (tbardwell@hillsanddales.com';

Tom Kern (commishkern@gmail.com)

Subject: Tether Program Assessment

Mr. Ugval

Let me start by re-introducing myself. My name is Michael Hoagland. I am the Controller/Administrator for Tuscola County, Michigan. You gave a presentation to the Board of Commissioners several months ago. The Board requested that I contact you to seek your assistance in conducting an assessment regarding the potential of implementing a tether program. We have never had a tether program but are trying to determine if one would be viable. We are not sure of the factors that need to be considered in determining the benefit/cost and viability of a program which is how we feel you could help. Please give me a call so we can discuss this further. Also please feel free to contact the following key county officials involved with corrections who would be able to provide statistics and other key information needed to help determine the potential of implementing a tether program. We would like your assistance in guiding an evaluation as soon as possible.

County Commissioner - Tom Kern <a href="mailto:commissioner">commishkern@gmail.com</a> - 989-551-2775
County Sheriff - Leland Teschendorf <a href="mailto:sheriff@tuscolacounty.org">sheriff@tuscolacounty.org</a> - 989-672-3999
Circuit/Family Court Administrator - Mary Lou Burns <a href="mailto:mburns@54jcc.org">mburns@54jcc.org</a> - 989-672-0075
District Court Administrator - Donna Fraczek <a href="mailto:fraczekd@tuscolacounty.org">fraczekd@tuscolacounty.org</a> - 989-272-3807

Also, if the county decided to implement a program do you know if there are grant funding sources for equipment or other costs for a program.

Thank you.

Michael R. Hoagland Tuscola County Controller/Administrator 207 E. Grant St. Caro, MI 48723

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#### Mike Hoagland

From: Tom Hickson [hickson@micounties.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 9:46 AM

Subject: Vote on SB 1072 Thursday

#### HOUSE TO LIKELY VOTE ON P.A. 312 "REFORMS" THURSDAY

This Thursday, the House is likely to attempt to take a vote on Senate Bill 1072, legislation which inadvertently could add 911 dispatchers to the list of groups eligible for guaranteed binding arbitration. MAC has been opposing this legislation as a costly expansion of Public Act 312 of 1969, and has also been seeking an amendment to correct the error in the bill.

Rep. Lee Gonzales (D-Genesee County) and Rep. Joe Haveman (R-Ottawa County) have cosponsored an amendment that will take care of counties with regards to the 911 civilian dispatcher issue. At this time, it has been an uphill battle with House Leadership to even allow a vote on this amendment. We are very thankful of the help Reps. Gonzales and Haveman have provided to us, and we urge the House to allow a vote on this amendment to fix this bill!

We urge you to let your legislator know that without this amendment, the bill must be defeated.

Attached is the information packet on this legislation and House Bill 6154, which would expand binding arbitration to deputy corrections officers. HB 6154, to our knowledge, is not scheduled for a vote this week. You can find the link to talking points, resolutions and our press release here: <a href="http://micounties.org/LegislativeInformation/Resources/tabid/152/Default.aspx">http://micounties.org/LegislativeInformation/Resources/tabid/152/Default.aspx</a>

Interestingly, this bill was supported by the Business Leaders of Michigan, who as of yesterday have withdrawn their support. MML and MTA are also opposing the legislation as well as the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce and many other trade organizations.





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June 10, 2010

Tuscola Township c/o Tod Fackler, Supervisor PO Box 1702 Vassar, MI 48768

Dear Tuscola Township Board,

The Tuscola Area Airport Authority board of directors has received Tuscola Township's resolution on proposed airport zoning that was reviewed at last month's board meeting. The Airport Authority board would like to respond to each part of your resolution, as stated in this letter which was reviewed at the June board meeting.

### Resolution - Whereas, the status of a proposed crosswind runway for the Tuscola Area Airport has not been verified by documentation;

**Follow-up** - The proposed crosswind runway has been planned for by the Airport Authority and by Mead & Hunt, which is an engineering firm that specializes in airport planning and construction management, and has prepared a 10-year plan for the Tuscola Area Airport that includes the crosswind runway which is well-documented at the local and State level. The proposed runway was discussed at the annual planning meeting with MDOT and federal officials over the past several years. Prior to being submitted to MDOT, the 10-year plan is reviewed by the Airport Authority board. All meetings of the board are open to the public. Before the runway could be built, the airport would have to provide justification for the runway being needed, and funding would have to be secured from federal, state and local sources. The current crosswind runway is a turf runway, and cannot be safely used by larger airplanes.

## Resolution - Whereas, the classification of the Tuscola Area Airport has not verified as to the amount and type of air traffic currently using the Airport; and

**Follow-up** - The Tuscola Area Airport has conducted a survey of the pilots who have used the airport. Many businesses, such as Poet Biorefining and United Parcel Service, use the airport on a regular basis. A UPS plane drops off many packages at the airport every Saturday morning. Attached is a list of 57 known businesses that have used the airport over the past few years. This has given the Airport Authority feedback on the people and air traffic that uses the airport. The Airport Authority bookkeeper has on file fuel sheets of pilots who have bought fuel at the airport. These documents include aircraft numbers, and the types of aircraft. Records also exist of the type of aircraft that the hangar renters own.

The 15,000 annual operations that you may have heard of (an operation is defined as one take off or landing) is an estimate based on information gathered by and provided to the Michigan Department of Transportation. This means there is an estimated average of 20 planes using the airport on a daily basis. On some days, there are less than 20 planes, and on others such as during crop spraying season, there are more than 20 planes (40 operations) using the airport.

## Resolution - Whereas, the proposed Ordinance for the Tuscola Area Airport involves a cumbersome and unduly restrictive permitting process for zoning area covered by the Ordinance.

**Follow-up** - The proposed 10-mile radius hazard area for the ordinance is a standard radius set by the Michigan Aeronautics Commission. Since the proposed ordinance will allow for variances to be approved locally, the ordinance is actually a helpful tool that will promote responsible Wind Energy development that will be less restrictive than believed. The ordinance would allow the County to work hand in hand with the State and Federal guidelines that are in place. This is a standard zoning ordinance that is much less cumbersome than some of the other options that are available. The Airport Authority did not request, and did not support the County-wide



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hazard area that was recommended by the County Planning Commission. Many wind turbines, after proper review, could be built within the 10-mile radius hazard area from the airport.

## Resolution - Whereas, the proposed Ordinance covers an area not proportionate to the size and use of the Tuscola Area Airport; and

**Follow-up -** The Tuscola Area Airport has been and will continue to be a powerful economic development tool for the entire County. Over 57 businesses utilize the airport, and a large number of County residents have benefited directly or indirectly from the airport and its many uses. It is beneficial for the 10-mile radius zoning ordinance, which is the standard set by the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Michigan Aeronautics Commission. If the airport was located close to a body of water, or if it was closer to a County line with a neighboring County, then the hazard area could be less than 10 miles. The size of the hazard area is not considered to be used as a "build or no-build guide" for tall structures. A large number of wind turbines could be built within the 10 mile radius hazard area from the airport.

## Resolution - Whereas, the future expansion of the Tuscola Area Airport is limited due to the location of the State of Michigan Highway, M-81 and the natural topography of the site of the Airport.

**Follow-up** - The 10-year plan has taken into consideration the location of State Highway M-81, and land on the north side of M-81 was purchased several years ago. Runway 5-23 has been built to its maximum length, but the current crosswind runway could easily be expanded and lengthened. The Airport Authority has worked very closely with MDOT to plan for future expansion, as it is justified and needed. The State of Michigan has provided over \$4 million in monies over the last 15 years to expand the service of the airport. If the natural topography or M-81 was a serious obstacle to any expansion at the Tuscola Area Airport, the State of Michigan would not have provided the resources to allow the airport to expand and grow. The monies would have been invested in other airports in other counties.

## Resolution - Whereas the proposed ordinance may have an adverse impact on the development of wind energy in Tuscola as a whole.

Follow-up - All areas of the local economy, including wind energy, will benefit from an effective and orderly airport zoning plan. A large number of wind turbines could be built within the 10 mile radius hazard area from the airport. Firms like Consumers Energy have stated that their request is that the ordinance not be more restrictive than the State and federal regulations in place. It has been stated at public meetings that an airport zoning ordinance could be used as a planning tool for wind energy companies which work all the time with agencies such as the Michigan Aeronautics Commission and the Federal Aviation Administration

Tuscola County includes many of the businesses that use the Tuscola Area Airport. The services provided by the airport help enterprises to provide products and services to their customers throughout Tuscola County. Transportation and freight services like the Tuscola Area Airport are beneficial in helping to provide a very positive revenue stream to commercial, manufacturing, agri-business, service and retail businesses. This does not have an adverse effect on wind development, but helps wind development by having established businesses in Tuscola County utilize the energy that the wind turbines will provide. A supply and demand model is useful in thinking that population, businesses and positive revenue streams will provide the incentive to develop wind energy now and into the future.



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Resolution - Whereas, the development of wind energy would be a potential source of revenue for Tuscola County and local units of government located in within Tuscola County.

Follow-up - The Tuscola Area Airport is cognizant of the fact that wind energy will have a potentially positive revenue source for Tuscola County's local municipalities and townships. The 10-mile zoning ordinance will help the County and local governments realize the potential revenue in wind energy development. With such an ordinance, wind turbines will be built in locations that are safe for all parties concerned. The Tuscola Area Airport Authority sees that a resource like the airport will actually be a strong contributor to the growth of all business and industry in Tuscola County

The Tuscola Area Airport Authority is pleased to provide Tuscola Township with this more detailed and specific information that we hope is helpful to your board. If you have any questions, please call Assistant Board Secretary Jim McLoskey at 989-673-2849.

Sincerely,

Turseda Anea Alexand Authority Board
The Tuscola Area Airport Authority Board

cc: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Indianfields Township Juniata Township

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