

**DRAFT – Agenda**  
**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**Committee of the Whole – Monday, August 25, 2014 - 7:30 A.M.**  
**HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI**

**Finance**

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Trisch and Kirkpatrick

**Primary Finance**

1. **DHS Child Care Fund Budget Amendment Request (See A)**
2. **Abused, Neglected and Delinquent Children Financial Information**
3. **Potential Board Meeting Date/Time Changes**
4. **On-Line Services and IT Accomplishments (See B)**
5. **Continued Service Consolidation with Sanilac County for Animal Control**
6. **Update Regarding Potential Acquisition of State Property**
7. **Expediting GIS Implementation by Expanding Finances from Beneficiaries**
8. **Shane Group V. BCBSM Settlement (See C)**
9. **County Hiring Freeze Policy**

**On-Going Finance**

1. SCMCCI Indirect Costs/Lease
2. Next Steps County Solid Waste Management Plan Update
3. Jail Grant Research – Meeting with Eric Koan
4. NG911 Multi-County Equipment Purchase
5. New Lease for State Police Building
6. Shared Equalization Director Huron/Tuscola 4-Year Extension
7. Potential Zimco Contract Changes
8. HDC Request to use Foreclosure Funds
9. 2015 Budget Development
10. Oil Shale Mining Assessing/Taxation – MAC Involvement
11. Register of Deeds Recording of Wind Project Land Transactions
12. Jail Law Suit
13. Wolverine Update
14. Indigent Dental Program

**Personnel**

Committee Leader-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Trisch

**Primary Personnel**

**On-Going Personnel**

1. Draft Court and Non-Union Personnel Policies – Labor Attorney Conducting Review – New HR to Review
2. Union Negotiations
3. Advertise to Fill Vacancy on County Parks and Recreation Commission

**Building and Grounds**  
Committee Leader-Commissioners Allen and Bierlein

**Primary Building and Grounds**

On-Going Building and Grounds

1. Cass River Greenway
2. Dead Ash Trees Roadway Problems
3. Review of Multi-County Approach to Recycling and Need for a Plan
4. Implementation of Mosquito Abatement Facility Upgrades

**Other Business as Necessary**

1. Preventative Child Care Meeting - August 28, 2014 3:00 P.M. - Technology Center
2. Canadian Nuclear Waste Site **(See D)**

**Public Comment Period**



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
**Department of  
Human  
Services**

Tuscola County DHS  
1365 Cleaver Rd.  
Caro, MI 48723  
www.michigan.gov

## Memo

Tel: 989 673-9208  
Fax: 989 673-9209

To: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
From: Irene Bazan Waller, Director  
By Karen Southgate, Program Manager  
Subject: 2013-2014 Child Care Fund Line Amendment

Date: 8/20/14

Tuscola County DHS is respectfully requesting approval from the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to move \$5,056.80 from the **In-Home Care** Child Care Fund Line to the **Independent Living** Child Care Fund Line.

Due to an increased number of foster youth moving toward Independent Living, it has become necessary to move \$5,056.80 from the In-Home Care Child Care Fund Line to the Independent Living Child Care Fund Line. This move is necessary to ensure that Tuscola County receives the full 50% reimbursement from the State of Michigan for the care of these youth.

In order to move these funds, DHS is in need of the approval and signatures from Thomas Bardwell, the Chairperson of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners; the Honorable Kim David Gaspie, Presiding Judge; and Irene Bazan Waller, Director of Tuscola County DHS.

**Attachment 1:** Hand Revised DHS 2091 County Child Care Budget Summary showing 2013-2014 budget summary

**Attachment 2:** Amended 2013-2014 County Child Care Budget Summary showing the amendment – signature needed

**COUNTY CHILD CARE BUDGET SUMMARY**  
 Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS)  
 Child and Family Services

<b>County</b> Tuscola	<b>Court Contact Person</b> Long, Sheila (Washtenaw)	<b>Telephone Number</b> 989-672-3810	<b>E-Mail Address</b> slong@tuscolacounty.org
<b>Fiscal Year</b> October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014	<b>DHS Contact Person</b> Southgate, Karen (Tuscola)	<b>Telephone Number</b> 9896739130	<b>E-Mail Address</b> southgatek@michigan.gov

TYPE OF CARE	ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES		
	DHS	COURT	COMBINED
<b>I. CHILD CARE FUND</b>			
<b>A. Family Foster Care</b> .....	\$400,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$462,000.00
<b>B. Institutional Care</b> .....	\$425,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$675,000.00
<b>C. In Home Care</b> ..... <i>\$77,367.20</i>	\$82,424.00	\$283,086.62	<i>360,458.82</i> \$365,510.62
<b>D. Independent Living</b> ..... <i>\$20,056.80</i>	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	<i>25,650.80</i> \$20,000.00
<b>E. SUBTOTALS</b> .....	\$922,424.00	\$600,086.62	\$1,522,510.62
<b>F. Revenue</b> .....	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$60,000.00
<b>G. Net Expenditure</b> .....	\$892,424.00	\$570,086.62	\$1,462,510.62

<b>COST SHARING RATIOS</b>	County 50%/State 50%
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**II. CHILD CARE FUND**

Foster Care During Release Appeal Period

	\$	\$0.00
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<b>COST SHARING RATIOS</b>	County 0%/State 100%
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**III. JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES FUND**

Basic Grant .....

\$	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
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BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATION

**THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE PARTICIPATED IN DEVELOPING THE PROGRAM BUDGET PRESENTED ABOVE. We certify that the budget submitted above represents an anticipated gross expenditure for the fiscal year: October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014**

<b>Presiding Judge</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>County Director of DHS Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Chairperson, Board of Commissioner's Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>And/Or County Executive Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

The Family Independence Agency will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, political beliefs or disability. If you need help with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are invited to make your needs known to an DHS office in your county.

**AUTHORITY:** Act 87, Publication of 1978, as amended.  
**COMPLETION:** Required  
**PENALTY:** State reimbursement will be withheld from local government.

**Notes**

**Edit Date Saved By**

**Comments**

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*Attachment 1*

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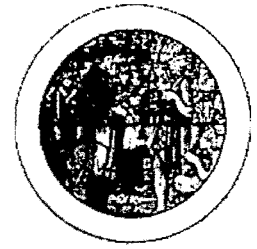
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- Anonymous Crime Tips
- Dog Licensing
- Requests For Proposal (Bids)
- BS&A Property Tax Query
- Land Record Search
- Twp Tax Maps
- County Directory
- NACo Card
- Delinquent Tax Payment
- Online Forms

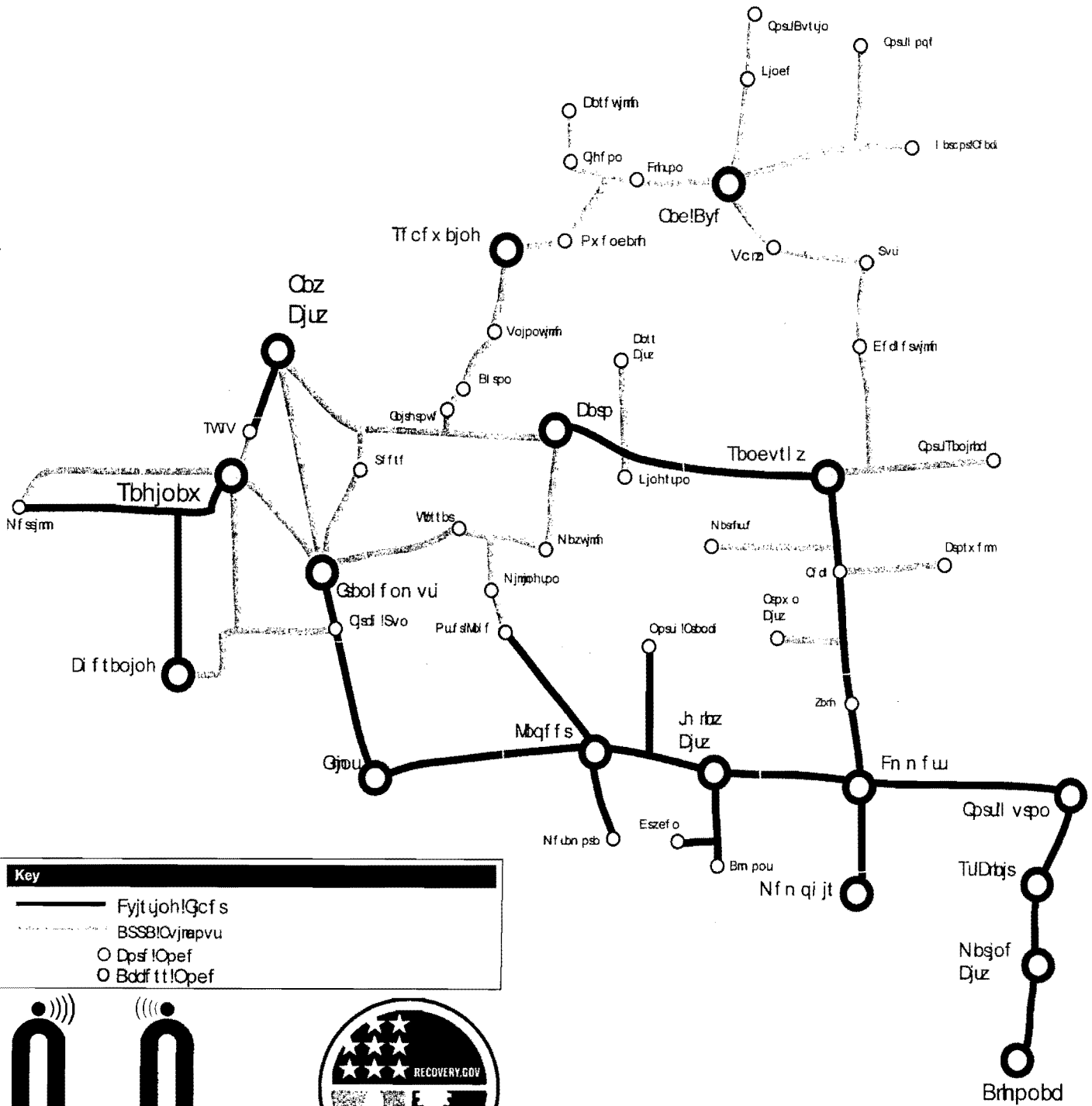
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# Air Advantage Fiber-Optic Network Infrastructure



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# Tuscola County IT Director

## Previous Accomplishments

- Transition previous Directors responsibilities to Zimco.
- Assume all technology responsibilities of Tuscola County Sheriff's Office.
- Work with County Controller to develop department budget in alignment with County's best interest.
- Reduce physical server count by 50% by leveraging VMWare technologies.
- Renovate technology installations in Courthouse and Annex buildings with corresponding department moves.
- Facilitate technology disaster recovery in flooding of Courthouse.
- Remove homegrown content filtering solution and implement enterprise solution, reducing amount of viral infections and increasing department reporting.
- Work with State of Michigan and Department of Defense to implement penetration testing of entire network.
- Work with FBI in malicious software investigation on internal network.
- Facilitate radio tower migration of all radio wave equipment to new tower installation at Sheriff's office.
- Update acceptable use policy to address previous issues and reflect current practices.
- Replace radio technology from ISD to fiber optic connection with Air Advantage.
- Replace radio technology to Purdy building with fiber optics from Air Advantage.
- Engineer and install remote presence solution for Board Room.
- Restructure Property Tax Query online services to stable solution.
- Installed State of Michigan 2 form factor authentication for Law Enforcement Network compliance.
- Migrate Annex telephone solution to leverage existing VOIP system from Purdy and fiber connections.
- Add Juvenile Probation department to digital imaging application (OnBase).
- Pioneer and lead InSync technology committee.
- Facilitate the migration of County webpage to current solution, including analytics for internal assessment.
- Increase online services to County's webpage by 35%.



## Ongoing Projects

- Migrate Sheriff and Court phone solutions to leverage existing VOIP and fiber connections.
- Monitor budget burn rate and adjust support as necessary.
- Replace all Windows XP workstations with current technologies.
- Remove old Watchguard subnet and firewall connections while coordinating changes with State of Michigan to ensure network continuity.
- Research emerging technologies to ensure practices are in alignment with County's best interest.
- Identify security risks and adjust policies/practices to protect County Data.
- Migrate Clerk vital imaging solution to new provider.
- Identify processes to utilize existing and potential technologies to make departments more efficient.
- Increase online service offerings.

## Future Projects

- Share support services with local agencies to provide support of current and future technologies (Police Departments, Fire Departments, MSUE, Road Commission, etc).
- Become central data center for any State/Local agency.
- Provide Software as a Service (SaaS) in efforts to reduce licensing costs across standardized applications.
- Work with local ISP (Air Advantage) to provide LAN services for local entities (Public and Private).
- Use all combined efforts to make Tuscola County's Information Services Department self sufficient, self funded, and revenue generating.

# Shane Group v. BCBSM Settlement

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## Important Dates

### September 24, 2014

Deadline to request exclusion from the Settlement or to object to the Settlement

### November 12, 2014 at 2:00 pm

Fairness Hearing

### November 16, 2014

Deadline to submit a claim for benefits

## Home

### If You Paid For Medical Services at a Michigan Hospital from January 1, 2006 to June 23, 2014, You May Be Eligible for Payment.<sup>1</sup>

There is a Settlement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan ("BCBSM") concerning its contracts with general acute care hospitals in Michigan. **Your legal rights are affected whether you act or do not act.** You do not need to be a BCBSM customer to be eligible for the Settlement.

The lawsuit alleges that BCBSM had clauses in its contracts with some Michigan General Acute Care Hospitals that violated federal and state antitrust laws and inflated prices for medical care at certain Michigan hospitals. BCBSM denies all wrongdoing and liability but has concluded that it is in its best interests to settle the litigation to avoid the expense, inconvenience, and interference with ongoing business operations.

You may review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and the [Detailed Notice](#) for more details on who is eligible for benefits under this Settlement and what steps members of the Settlement Class need to take to receive benefits under this Settlement.

On **November 12, 2014**, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan will hold a hearing to decide whether to give Final Approval to the Settlement. Payments will be issued to Settlement Class Members with valid claims after the Court grants "Final Approval" and after any appeals are resolved. If an appeal is lodged, resolution can take time. Please be patient.

This website will be updated periodically with new developments in the Settlement.

<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms have the same meanings as those used in the Settlement Agreement, a copy of which may be found on this website.

**NOTICE:** This website provides a summary of the Settlement and is provided for informational purposes only. In the event of any discrepancy between the text of this website and the original text upon which it is based, the text of the original document shall prevail.

Questions? Contact the Settlement Administrator at (877) 846-0588 or [info@MichiganHospitalPaymentsLitigation.com](mailto:info@MichiganHospitalPaymentsLitigation.com)



Written Testimony on the  
Proposed Nuclear Waste Dump  
By State Representative Terry Brown

All of us who live in Michigan's Thumb recognize that the Great Lakes are a natural treasure, providing billions of dollars in tourism, recreation and business, drinking water for millions, and a beautiful environment for all of us to enjoy. Many of our residents believe, as I do, that we must be aware of new threats coming our way and remain vigilant in protecting these wonders of the natural world, not only for us, but also for future generations. Over the past year I have been hearing more and more about a proposed nuclear waste repository in Ontario that is located less than a mile from Lake Huron. Concerns are mounting that radioactive material could leak from the site.

As a member of the International Great Lakes Legislative Caucus, I have had the opportunity to study storage of nuclear waste along the Great Lakes. As national and international policy is developed, my studies have helped me to understand the complexity of dealing with material that can retain its radioactivity for 100,000 years or more.

Simply put, Ontario Power Generation has not made a convincing case for its burial plan. As a Review Panel, you cannot – based on the information that OPG has provided you – conclude that this proposed repository will actually contain the radionuclides for the very, very long time periods the hazard demands. As a Great Lakes legislator, I cannot conclude that this project will not harm the Great Lakes.

Since the hearing ended in October, you have received almost a thousand pages of additional information from Ontario Power Generation and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNCS), mostly in response to questions you have posed during the hearing or since the hearing. But the new information is not convincing. In fact, in some cases, the new reports only increase concerns about the project and its harmful effects.

For example, a self-described “independent expert group” hired by Ontario Power Generation to assist in responding to your Information Requests points to the immensity of the Great Lakes and has acknowledged that leakage from the proposed Deep Geologic Repository is possible, but goes on to say that the radioactive waste will be diluted by the immense waters of the Great Lakes. This group of experts estimated that the amount would be “small” in comparison to the large volume of water that is in the great lakes, or even the rainfall.

I take issue with this argument, for three reasons:

- There is no level of radioactive release into the Great Lakes that is acceptable, particularly given that it will be added to a radiological burden already imposed on the Lakes
- The amount of radioactive release could actually be much higher than this group's calculation, particularly given all the unknowns with this proposal
- Dilution is not the solution

We have heard from such experts as Kevin Powers from the Ontario Power Generation (OPG), Mark Jensen of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), and David Pstrak, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

In a meeting I attended at St. Clair County Community College I spoke to Dr. Gordon Edwards, a prominent Canadian nuclear scientist and president of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility about the current

plans by OPG to bury nuclear wastes from 20 nuclear reactors in Ontario in a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) less than a mile from Lake Huron, just across the lake from the Thumb.

Dr. Edwards calls on citizens from the Great Lakes region to speak out boldly against this project. He suggests that by burying these radioactive toxic wastes, which will remain “hot” for thousands of years, they are simply abandoning the waste. He suggests that science has not developed a solution for making these materials safe and if plans proceed they will become inaccessible if a problem develops.

In April, the Detroit Free Press reported that, according to Dr. Frank Greening, a nuclear scientist who once worked for Ontario Power Generation, the materials to be stored in the proposed Canadian underground site are “hundreds of times more radioactive than was told to Canadian government officials considering the site.”

The issues raised by Dr. Greening’s review of the waste inventory and the OPG response are reason enough alone to say “stop”. At this point, OPG cannot – or will not – say definitively what wastes are destined for their proposed underground caverns, what the quantity or what the radioactivity will be, or how they will deal with future problems. How can they say that they know how to solve a problem when they cannot even say with any accuracy what the size or nature of the problem is?

The paper also reported there was “a February accident at a similar underground nuclear waste storage facility in New Mexico that left workers on the surface exposed to radiation.” An accident or leak at this site, right on Lake Huron, would be devastating! But such an accident and radioactive leak has occurred at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, the very project which Ontario Power Generation has repeatedly pointed to as their example of a successfully operating deep geologic repository.

Dr. Edwards describes the concept of "Rolling Stewardship" of nuclear wastes, as an intergenerational plan to keep the wastes well packaged, constantly monitored, and easily retrievable for many generations to come until a genuine solution is found to permanently eliminate the toxicity of these man-made radioactive pollutants.

Simply stated, I believe it is a terrible idea to create a nuclear waste dump within a mile of our Great Lakes. In an effort to let the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission’s Joint Review Panel know what their closest neighbors think of their plans I was proud to cosponsor House Concurrent Resolution 7 to urge Congress to oppose the construction of this underground nuclear waste repository right across the water in Ontario. I will continue to speak out against this proposal as this is a risk we can’t afford to take with our Great Lakes.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Friday, Aug. 15, 2014

Contact: Rep. Terry Brown  
Phone: (517) 373-0476

## **Rep. Brown Provides Testimony Against Nuclear Waste Site**

*Lawmaker speaks out against contamination of Lake Huron waters*

PIGEON – The Canadian Deep Geologic Repository Joint Review Panel has accepted written testimony from state Representative **Terry Brown** (D-Pigeon) warning against a proposed nuclear waste repository in Ontario less than a mile from Lake Huron. In his testimony, Brown voiced concerns that radioactive material could leak from the site – as it did from a similar facility in New Mexico – and contaminate the lake.

“I am pleased that our regional perspective on this potentially dangerous nuclear waste site will be heard,” said Brown. “Michigan’s Great Lakes are key to our state’s identity, and they are one of our greatest treasures. We must keep them clean and beautiful. As a

legislator, and voice for Thumb-area residents, I vow to fight hard to see that our lakes are protected.”

In the Legislature, Brown has co-sponsored a resolution urging Congress to oppose the construction of the waste site and asking Ontario Power Generation to find a new way to contain the waste. According to the Detroit Free Press, the Great Lakes are the source of drinking water for 24 million people in the U.S. and allow for Michigan’s \$2 billion fishing economy, \$4 billion boating economy and \$18 billion tourism economy.

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**BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**8/12/2014**

**RESOLUTION**

BY: VAUGHN J. BEGICK, 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS, A Canadian power company is proposing to develop an underground nuclear waste facility near Kincardine, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, The proposed facility would be situated less and one (1) mile from the Lake Huron Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, Storing low and intermediate level waste so close to Lake Huron, which constitutes 21% of the world's fresh water supply, jeopardizes the fragile ecosystem and is a risk that cannot be afforded; Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes the development of an underground nuclear waste facility near Kincardine, Ontario because of the risk of polluting the Great Lakes and upsetting the ecosystem; Be It Further

RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan Counties, our State and Federal Legislators and the Province of Ontario.

VAUGHN J. BEGICK  
3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT  
BAY COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Begick - Opposition to Underground Nuclear Waste Facility - Ontario

MOVED BY COMM. Begick

SUPPORTED BY COMM. Duranczyk

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
MICHAEL J. DURANCZYK	✓			KIM J. COONAN	✓			MICHAEL E. LUTZ	✓		
ERNIE KRYGIER	✓			THOMAS M. HEREK	✓						
VAUGHN J. BEGICK	✓			DONALD J. TILLEY	✓						

VOTE TOTALS:

ROLL CALL: YEAS \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS \_\_\_\_\_ EXCUSED \_\_\_\_\_  
VOICE: ✓ YEAS 7 NAYS 0 EXCUSED 0

DISPOSITION: ADOPTED  DEFEATED \_\_\_\_\_ WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_  
AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ CORRECTED \_\_\_\_\_ REFERRED \_\_\_\_\_