

Agenda
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole – Monday, February 6, 2017 – 8:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

Finance
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Bierlein

Primary Finance

1. **County Treasurer Investment Report (See A)**
2. **Bonding for Health Department Pension Obligations – Bond Rating 1/26/17**
3. **HUD Proposal for Home Owner Assistance Regarding Foreclosure Prevention (See B)**
4. **Termination of Concierge Contract**

On-Going and Other Finance

1. Jail Planning Committee
2. Millage Renewal Planning
3. Monitor Wind Turbine Development and Assessing/Taxation Dispute
4. Evaluate Benefit/Costs of CDBG Programs
5. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs
6. Audit Comment Regarding Bank Account

Personnel
Committee Leader-Commissioner Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. **Health Department Model of Quality Management/Employee Relations**
2. **Notice of Vacancies on Region VII Area Agency**
3. **Resolution of Appreciation (See C)**
4. **Sheriff Hiring Incentive Proposal**

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Initiate Turnover and Wage Survey to Minimize Vulnerability to Loss of Critical Positions
2. Present County Health Department Model of Quality Management/Employee Relations
3. Update Personnel Policies with Federal Changes such as ACA, Exempt/non-Exempt Employees
4. Develop Parameters for 2017 Labor Negotiations
5. Review Re-Establishment of Judicial Committee Meetings
6. Review Formation of Quarterly Meetings with Senior Leaders and Road Commissioners
7. Develop a Method to Communicate County Concerns to State Senator and Representative

Building and Grounds
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Vaughan

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **Update Regarding Dairy Farmers of America in Cass City**
2. **Matching Funds for Vanderbilt Park Grant**
3. **Jail Plumbing, Electrical and Window Rebidding**

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. Update 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan
2. Continue Work with Jail Planning Regarding Potential Jail Renovation and Additional Jail Bed Space for Holding Cells and Potential Revenue Generation
3. Implement 2017 Budgeted Capital Improvement Projects
4. Fire Safety Planning
5. Security/Safety Committee – Methods to Enhance Security – Next Steps

Other Business as Necessary

Public Comment Period

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Proposal to Continue as a Tuscola County Outside Contractor for Foreclosure Prevention

Purpose of the Request

The Human Development Commission (HDC) offers free, confidential foreclosure prevention counseling for county residents who are facing (or threatened with) the loss of their single, largest asset – the family home – due to mortgage and/or property tax delinquency.

HDC would like to continue as an outside contractor for Tuscola County to help homeowners, in particular land contract holders, avoid foreclosure due to delinquent property taxes. In fiscal year 2016 (October 2015 through September 30, 2016), HDC's foreclosure staff counseled 13 county residents that had delinquent property taxes. Two of the 13 (15.3%) were land contract holders.

How Funds Would Be Expended

HDC has continued interest in accessing funds from the county's *Delinquent Tax Property Sales Proceeds* account as payment for foreclosure prevention counseling. The county would be the "payer of last resort" after all other funding sources like the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and NeighborWorks are billed. It is HDC's experience that land contract holders with delinquent property taxes are the most challenging customers to obtain counseling funds for, as many funders do not consider these customers to be homeowners.

Foreclosure prevention counseling would include an assessment of the homeowner's financial capabilities and a review of options (e.g., Step Forward, The Michigan Hardest Hit Funds® Program; Poverty Exemption Letter to Township; etc.) to avoid foreclosure due to delinquent property taxes. Counseling services would also include referrals to other resource agencies that may help the homeowner with such needs as employment, health care, and nutrition.

Amount of Funds Requested

HDC requests financial consideration of \$2,000 - \$3,000 for calendar year 2017. This funding request would serve eight-to-twelve households, using "payer of last resort" funds.

Other Information

HDC is a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency that provides education and counseling services for homebuyers and homeowners in the "thumb" area. In addition, the agency has adopted the National Industry Standards for Homeownership Education and Counseling, which is a set of guidelines for quality homeownership and counseling services that includes a Foreclosure Intervention Specialty.

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Resolution

Honoring Deputies Steve Roland and Jonathon Ramirez

Whereas, on January 11, 2017 Sheriff Deputies Steve Roland and Jonathon Ramirez assisted a motorist whose vehicle was stranded on the M24 road side and Gun Club Roads near Caro and,

Whereas, the police report of the incident stated that the officers called a tow truck to move the vehicle from the road side and waited for the truck to arrive and,

Whereas, what was not in the police report but of tremendous significance is these officers paid for the cost of the towing with their own money because the family was a bit down on their luck and did not have the ability to pay and,

Whereas, the family was so appreciative of these officers paying the towing cost that they called the Sheriff Department to explain the compassionate action taken by these two County Road Patrol Officers in helping them with their difficult situation.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that on behalf of the citizens of Tuscola County, the County Board of Commissioners want Deputy Roland and Deputy Ramirez to know that your thoughtful personal financial sacrifice in helping your fellow citizens was noticed and brought a big smile to our faces for your heartfelt action and,

Be It Further Resolved that this action demonstrates what a great crew of Sheriff Road Patrol Deputies, Corrections Officers and Courthouse Security Officers we have in Tuscola County. Thank you officers for caring beyond expectations. We appreciate your service and we are honored to have you working for Tuscola County.

Date _____

Thomas Bardwell, 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 approved by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting on February 9, 2017.

Date _____

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk