

Agenda
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole – Monday, April 23, 2018 – 8:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

Finance/Technology
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Kirkpatrick and Bierlein

Primary Finance/Technology

1. **Court Administrator Explanation of Law Day**
2. **Animal Control Update (See A)**
3. **MSU-e Building Costs (See B)**
4. **Indigent Defense Funding**
5. **State Revenue Sharing**
6. **Meeting to Discuss Caro Regional Center**
7. **HDC Request for Support Letter to Pursue Grant (See C)**

On-Going and Other Finance

1. Update Regarding Potential Dental Clinic
2. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs
3. Behavioral Health 2017 Audit
4. Update Wind Turbine Revenue History and Projections
5. Work to Resolve Remaining Assessing/Taxation Disputes with Wind Turbine Companies
6. Presentation of County Treasurer Investment Reports
7. Water Rates Paid for County Facilities Along M24 and Deckerville Roads
8. Avoidance Costs from Retirement System Changes Previously Implemented
9. Solar Assessing/Taxation Information
10. Update Regarding Indigent Defense Plan
11. Medical Examiner System
12. Opioid Lawsuit Update
13. Update Regarding Airport Zoning Board of Appeals
14. Empower Deferred Compensation Proposed Contract Changes
15. Potential Personnel Property Tax Changes
16. Work on an Update to the Multi-Year Financial Plan

Personnel
Committee Leader-Commissioner Bardwell

Primary Personnel

On-Going and Other Finance

1. Reporting Relationship (Nepotism Policy)
2. Review the Potential Formation of Quarterly Meetings with County Leaders
3. Procedural Coordination with HR Director Regarding Hiring/Discharge/Payroll/Record Keeping
4. Develop a System to Keep Job Postings on the Web Site Current
5. Determine how to Gain Help for the County from the Leaders Program
6. Process and Cost to Replace County Health Department Medical Director

Building and Grounds
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Vaughan

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **Vanderbilt Park Update**
2. **Recycling Relocation Update**

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. County Property Ownership Identification
2. Review Potential Acquisition of Land from State Near Caro Regional Center
3. Update 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan
4. 2018 Budgeted Driveway, Parking Lot and Sidewalk Repairs
5. Planning for County Record Storage Needs
6. Potential Annexation of County Property to City for Water/Sewer Cost Reductions
7. Update Regarding County Record Storage Needs

Other Items Not Assigned to a Committee

1. **Review of Alternative Solutions Concerning the Caro Dam –Meeting 4/18/18 (See D)**
2. 2018 MAC Priorities
3. Cass River Greenways
4. On-Going Economic Development Activity Updates from EDC Director
5. Review County-Wide Economic Development Strategic Plan
6. Dairy Farmers of America Phase 2– Cass City
7. Road Commission Organizational Alternatives – Next Steps
8. Sunday Retail Sales of Spirits, Beer and Wine – Next Steps

Other Business as Necessary

Public Comment Period

Tuscola County Animal Control Information Regarding Potential Contracting for Service

1. Tuscola county is currently contracting with Sanilac county but is considering contracting with a different county for animal control services.....two of the three current Sanilac county animal control employees are leaving employment.....one of these employees is the director.....decisions need to be made quickly because the current director is retiring in about two months (6/25/18).....
2. Tuscola county has contracted for this service since 2004.....attached is a copy of this Contract and the County Animal Control Ordinance.....3 FTE employees serve both Tuscola and Sanilac counties.....full service 7 day per week 24 hours per day contract including shelter operation, complaints, animal bite cases, animal cruelty and enforcement of licensingpopulation of Tuscola County is approximately 53,000 and 803 square miles.....
3. In 2017, 3,941 complaint calls were received.....of these total calls 3,181 were receive at the shelter and 761 were received at dispatch.....
4. Tuscola county has an animal shelter located near Caro.....it can house a maximum of 20 dogs and 30-40 cats.....144 dogs and 155 cats were taken in at the shelter in 2017.....
5. The current director is certified to euthanize animals.....the number of animals euthanized has been reduced from an estimated 75% to less than 10% over the last 15-20 years.....according to the director this has occurred because of working closely with rescue operations and in particular Midland County who will pick up animalswhen animals have to be euthanized this is done at the Sanilac shelter using injection.....
6. Prison labor is used at the shelter to clean and feed animals with supervision from the animal shelter attendant.....no other volunteer assistance is used at this time.....
7. Licensing revenue is critical to help pay for operating costs.....5,138 licenses were issued in 2017.....licensing revenue was \$118,096 for 2016 and \$117,580 for 2017.....
8. Attached is information that shows various fees charged for dogs.....in 2015 the county allowed a three year license to be purchased.....
9. With a new contract some of the improvements the county would like to implement include: review of veterinarian services, strengthened animal shelter web page information, better public relations especially at the Shelter, and simplifying the adoption application process.....

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From: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 1:40 PM
To: 'Bardwell Thom'; 'Bierlein Matthew'; 'Kim Vaughan'; 'Kirkpatrick Craig'; 'Tom Young'
Cc: Mike Miller (Mike Miller)
Subject: County Paid Maintenance and Building and Grounds Costs for MSU-e

Commissioners

At the last Board meeting a request was made to estimate county paid maintenance and building/grounds expenses for MSU-e. Annual sewer/water, gas and electric utility bills paid over the last three years is approximately \$4,000. Using a 12 year history the average per year costs for capital improvements to maintain the building and grounds used by MSU-e is \$6,800. Janitorial services are estimated at \$1,500 per year. Snow plowing and lawn mowing are estimated at \$1,000 per year.

Including utilities, capital improvement, janitorial, snow plowing and lawn mowing annual costs paid by the county for MSU-e is approximately \$13,300.

Mike

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From: Brian Neuville <briann@hdc-caro.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 12:42 PM
To: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Subject: FW: HOME Funding Letter of Support
Attachments: HOME Funding Letter of Support.docx

Mike,

Attached is the letter I discussed with you this morning. HDC will be applying to MSHDA for a grant that will be very similar to the CDBG homeowner program that ended 12/31/17. The proposed project will provide homeowner rehab of up to \$30,000 per home for 25 homeowners across Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

Let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks,

Brian

From: Kristen Misener
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 9:39 AM
To: Brian Neuville <briann@hdc-caro.org>
Subject: HOME Funding Letter of Support

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May 1, 2018

Lori K. Offenbecher
Executive Director
Human Development Commission
429 Montague Avenue
Caro, MI 48723

RE: Letter of Support for the Human Development Commission

Dear Ms. Offenbecher,

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners appreciates the opportunity to provide a *letter of support* for the Human Development Commission (HDC) in its efforts to secure funding from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority via HOME Investment Partnership funds.

The Board of Commissioners understands that HDC is seeking funding to implement a project that provides a subsidy to help low-income homeowners make repairs to their homes. An investment like this is vital for the rural communities of Tuscola County to revitalize distressed homes and neighborhoods.

The Board of Commissioners applauds HDC's continued efforts to be responsive to the needs of our County's residents and to engage in activities that will afford residents to reach their housing goals. Please accept my best wishes for success with your application. If you should need any additional information, please contact Michael Hoagland, Tuscola County Administrator/Controller at 989-672-3700.

Sincerely,

Thomas Bardwell, Chairman
Tuscola County Board of Commissioner

From: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:50 PM
To: Drain Commissioner; Chris Olson; 'Bardwell Thom'; 'Bierlein Matthew'; 'Kim Vaughan'; 'Kirkpatrick Craig'; 'Tom Young'
Subject: Brief Update Regarding the Caro Dam

Commissioners

The following is a brief summary of the Caro Dam meeting held on April 18, 2018.

- In attendance.....Robert Mantey, Rick Lipan, Chris Olsen, Eric Fox, Craig Kirkpatrick, Kim Vaughan and Mike Hoagland.....
- The primary objective is to repair the dam so water levels can be controlled and the former water impoundment restored for recreational and environmental purposes.....there was discussion of providing access for portage around the dam.....
- The current problem is the two dam gates are not functioning resulting in the inability to control water levels behind the dam
- There were three primary methods discussed to control the water levels: 1- Install new water control gates, 2 - Install fish ladders (Frankenmuth uses fish ladders) or 3 – work to establish a special assessment district and pay for repairs with special assessments.....
- The special assessment district was not recommended to the Drain Commissioner as a good alternative for this situation.....this alternative was discussed but it was determined it would not be pursued at this time for several reasons.....in order to implement this alternative responsibility for the dam would have to change to the public sector (Dam is currently privately owned by Mr. Fox).....it would be extremely difficult to determine an assessment district and it would take years to complete.....
- The two alternatives recommended for further study are new gates and fish ladders.....preliminary estimates from Majestic Construction for two new gates is \$60,000.....there was discussion of splitting costs evenly whereby the City of Caro, Tuscola County and Indianfields Township would each pay an estimated \$20,000.....there was also discussion that these costs could be further reduced with Mr. Fox contributing certain in-kind services since he is a contractor.....one of the advantages of fish ladders is they increase grant funding potentials.....
- The next step is the County Drain Commissioner will obtain estimates to conduct a study of these two alternatives.....he will also obtain a timeline estimate to complete such a study.....if approved costs for this study would also be split evenly among the three units of government.....

Mike

Michael R. Hoagland