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July 30, 2009

Ms. Susan Rogers, Chairman
Missaukee County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 800
Lake City, Michigan 49651

Dear Ms. Rogers:

The locally-approved Amendment to the Missaukee County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan Amendment) received by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on March 23, 2009, is hereby approved.


The Plan Amendment adds the following criteria to the Plan's siting review procedure:

- The active work area for a new transfer or processing facility or an expansion of an existing transfer or processing facility shall not be located closer than 50 feet from adjacent property lines or road rights-of-way; 500 feet from lakes, perennial streams, or wetlands; or 250 feet from domiciles or public schools existing at the time of submission of the application.
- The active work area for other types of new facilities or expansions of existing facilities shall not be located closer than 500 feet from adjacent property lines, road rights-of-way, lakes, perennial streams, or wetlands; or 1,000 feet from domiciles or public schools existing at the time of submission of the application.

The DEQ has determined that the Plan Amendment complies with the provisions of Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and its administrative rules.

The DEQ would like to thank Missaukee County for its efforts in addressing its solid waste management issues. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rhonda Oyer Zimmerman, Chief, Solid Waste Management Unit, Storage Tank and Solid Waste Section, Waste and Hazardous Materials Division, at 517-373-4750.

Sincerely,


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Director
517-373-7917

cc: Senator Michelle McManus
Representative Joel Sheltroun
Ms. Linda Hartshorne-Shafer, Missaukee County
Mr. Jim Sygo, Deputy Director, DEQ
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March 19, 2009

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I am forwarding for your review the amendment to Missaukee County's Solid Waste Management Plan. The changes to the plan are as follows:

The following section will replace the existing language in the 1997 Plan Update:

PAGE III-26 SELECTED SYSTEM SITING REVIEW PROCEDURES

Page III-26 Selected System Siting Review Procedures" replaces criteria # 1 and #2 under the same heading in the plan:

Page III-26 SELECTED SYSTEM SITING REVIEW PROCEDURES

1.
 - A. The active work area for a new transfer or processing facility (*as defined in Part 115 of P.A. 451, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act*), or expansion of an existing transfer or processing facility shall not be located closer than 50 feet from adjacent property lines or road rights-of-way.
 - B. The active work area for a new transfer or processing facility or expansion of an existing transfer or processing facility (*as defined in Part 115 of P.A. 451, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act*) shall not be located closer than 500 feet from lakes, perennial streams, or wetlands.
 - C. The active work area for other types of new facilities or expansion of existing facilities (*as defined in Part 115 of P.A. 451, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act*) shall not be located closer than 500 feet from adjacent property lines, road rights-of-way, lakes, perennial streams or wetlands.

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- A. The active work area for a new transfer or processing facility or expansion of an existing transfer or processing facility (*as defined in Part 115 of P.A. 451, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act*) shall not be located closer than 250 feet from domiciles or public schools existing at the time of submission of the application.
- B. The active work area for other types of new facilities or expansion of existing facilities (*as defined in Part 115 of P.A. 451, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act*) shall not be located closer than 1000 feet from domiciles or public schools existing at the time of submission of the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Hartshorne-Shafer".

Linda Hartshorne-Shafer

MISSAUKEE COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 12, 2007

- I. Call to order 10:10am
- II. Introduction of attendees: Linda Hartshorne-Shafer/Missaukee County Planning Office, Richard Leszcz/Wexford County Landfill, Tony Furlich/Industrial Waste Generator (Chairman), Matthew Gunnerson/Best Trash Removal, Frank Palatka/DHD 10 Missaukee, Lan Bridson/Missaukee County Commissioner, Marilyn Myers/Butterfield Township, Dan Waller/Missaukee County Commissioner, Richard Kramer/Planning Commission, Sherry Blaszak/Missaukee Conservation District. Absent: Dan Molitor, Craig Fisher
- III. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting (November 14, 2007) - Motion by Matt, supported by Lan. Approved.
- IV. Additions to Agenda: None
- V. Communications/Handouts - None
- VI. Unfinished Business - Review amended siting criteria distances in Solid Waste Management Plan.

Dan W. - Allows Waste Management and other companies to take advantage of decreased distances

Rick K. - What is the advantage to the county?

Matt - Could build a Class B Transfer Facility but volume wouldn't support the operation

Sherry - Are there other private enterprise recycling facilities in Michigan? (Yes)

Rich L. - Problem with funding center w/ refuse - won't pay for operation. Wexford funds recycling on the bottom line. Put center in, utilize for transfer of waste - need to capture enough waste to pay for center. If Mat closes, no provisions to cover county. Wexford County wants to help Missaukee with recycling. Possibly schedule meeting between Wexford and some representatives of Missaukee Solid Waste Committee/Missaukee County Board (Chairs, secretaries, etc). Involves capital, Matt would need support of Solid Waste Committee and Board of Commissioners. Wexford prices are up due to landfill contamination issues, etc (not management - related). Wexford wants to bring more waste to facility, does not want Missaukee facility to close. Meeting with John Divozzo, Mike Solomon of Wexford County?

Lan, Dan W. - Board of Commissioners voted yesterday to keep recycling center open but will charge \$5.00 drop fee (per load) for cardboard, plastic (# 1 and # 2), and glass. Kiwanis will continue with the newspaper, junk, magazines at no charge to customer.

Tony - Can county stipulate that all recyclables go to private haulers? No - recyclables can go anywhere. Solid Waste covered by P.A. 451, Part 115. Cannot dictate that waste go to any particular hauler.

Lake City waste goes to Mt. Pleasant. Linda will check with Scott Conradson about how to direct that waste be directed to a particular place (further amend the plan, reciprocity, etc?).

Rich L. - Wording to the effect that solid waste would "stay in the county with the exception of in emergency situations."

Matt - Just wants recyclables, not solid waste. Costs are going up at landfill, need to offer recycling along with solid waste to benefit the customer.

Sherry - What about wetlands?

The word "wetlands" will be added to item # 1 B and # 1 C to afford the same protection to wetlands, lakes, and perennial streams.

Rich K. - How far will Matt's facility be from road? Approximately 300 feet. Matt will need to provide site map.

Motion by Lan to approve the amendment pending the addition of the word "wetlands" in items # 1 B # 1 C of amendment. Supported by Marilyn. All in favor - none opposed.

VII. New Business - None

VIII. Adjourn - Motion by Lan, supported by Marilyn. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Minutes submitted by Linda Hartshorne-Shafer

Linda Hartshorne-Shafer

Missaukee County Board of Commissioners
Lake City, Michigan
Regular Meeting

May 13th, 2008 @ 10:00 A.M.

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Rogers.

Roll Call: – All present.

Prayer offered by Com Vivian and Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of April 15, 2008 read and approved.

Motion by Bridson, supported by Zuiderveen to amend the Agenda to add Kari Hughston. Carried.

Sheriff Bosscher gave his monthly report and requested the following motions on seal coating and heart monitors.

Motion by Bridson, supported by Waller to approve the bid of Mid-Michigan Steel Coating and Stripping in the amount of \$1,650.00 to seal coat the EMS parking lot from Fund 210. Carried.

Motion by Whipple, supported by Vivian to approve the bid of CPR Connection for 3 Phillips Heart Monitors in the amount of \$43,280.00 to be paid from Fund 210. Carried.

Carol Palmer, District Court Administrator, reported on April collections compared to last year.

Barbara Hancock, County Treasurer, reported on the April financials, Building Department finances, Law Library deficit and requested a tax resolution.

Motion by Zuiderveen, supported by Bridson to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution Imposing 2008 Property Tax Levy pursuant to Public Act 357
Of 2004, and Notice of Certification of County Allocated Tax Levy
Resolution 2008-8**

WHEREAS, Missaukee County is authorized under the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended, to levy and collect County Allocated property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act has been amended by Public Act 357 of 2004, being MCL 211.44a, to require all Michigan Counties to impose a summer tax levy,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Public Act 357 of 2004, the Missaukee County allocated tax shall be levied and collected on July 1, 2008, in the amount allocated after application of the "Headlee" Millage reduction fraction, 4.9005 mills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of each city, village and township in Missaukee County is directed to account for and deliver to the County allocated tax collections for 2008 in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 357 of 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution constitutes certification of the levy of the county allocated tax and authorized collection of the County allocated tax on July 1, 2008, at the amount allocated after the application of the "Headlee" Millage reduction fraction of 4.9005 mills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall deliver a copy of this Resolution by first class mail to the Treasurer of each city and township in the County of Missaukee.

Roll Call: YEA: Waller, Rogers, Vivian, Hughston, Zuiderveen, Bridson, Whipple

NAY: None Carried

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Missaukee, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of May 2008, the original of which resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 13th day of May, 2008.

Carolyn Flore, Missaukee County Clerk

Linda Hartshorne-Shafer, Planning-EMD Director, requested the 2007 Amendment to the Missaukee County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Motion by Bridson, supported by Vivian to approve the 2007 Plan Amendment to the Missaukee County Solid Waste Management Plan as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

7 YEAS; Vivian, Hughston, Zuiderveen, Bridson, Whipple, Waller, Rogers.

0 NAYS CARRIED

Finance Committee

Motion by Zuiderveen, supported by Bridson to pass the following resolution. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2008-9
NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH**

WHEREAS, tax dollars are scarce and should be reserved for important public policy efforts which demonstrate results, and

WHEREAS, Medicaid is the single largest source of funding for America's public mental health system, and

WHEREAS, in its FY 2008 budget proposal, the Administration proposed \$13 billion in cuts to Medicaid through legislative changes and an additional \$12.7 billion in administrative changes. Among these administrative changes, the administration reaffirmed plans for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to issue a regulation to clarify the services that are allowable and can be claimed as rehabilitative services under Medicaid. CMS' proposed rules include those that will reduce Medicaid recipients' access to rehabilitative services, case management, school-based transportation and outreach services, graduate medical education payments and hospital clinic services, and

WHEREAS, Medicaid rehabilitative services and Targeted Case Management combine to produce more than 50 percent of all federal funding for community-based services for people with mental illnesses and other disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2009 has generated outrage on all sides, from states and counties with revenue shortages to nonprofits working for low-income populations, and

WHEREAS, these regulations would undermine the federal-state Medicaid partnership by reducing federal payments and shifting costs to state and local governments, would have a detrimental effect on access, quality, and delivery of services for Medicaid beneficiaries including those with complex mental and behavioral health needs, children in foster care, and people with developmental disabilities, and would further strain local health systems in a moment of national economic vulnerability, and

WHEREAS, rehabilitative services are designed to assist in the recovery of children and adults with serious mental illness. These services, which help people with mental illness improve or maintain their functioning, are key to allowing people with mental illness reduce their dependence on inpatient services and emphasize recovery, and

WHEREAS, cost estimates made by the states to the U.S. House Oversight Committee are three times higher than the estimates of CMS in publishing the Rules and would have significant cost to Michigan and the 18 Michigan Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans including Northern Lakes Community Mental Health. These include Public provider rules - Cost to MI: \$1.25 billion over 5 years. Cost to PIHPs \$60 million annually. Rehabilitation services - Cost to MI: \$1.75 Billion over 5 years. Provider tax/GME/school-based services - Cost to MI \$780 million over 5 years. Targeted case management - Took effect March 3, 2008. Cost to MI: 254 million over 5 years, and

WHEREAS, cost estimates from the Michigan Department of Community Health reflect a projected annual loss of \$324,976,708 statewide and to Northern Lakes Community Mental Health (dba Northwest Community Mental Health Affiliation) of \$6,729,546 of Medicaid for individuals with a Developmental Disability who are not on the Habilitation Supports Waiver should CMS 2261-P rule on the coverage of Medicaid Rehabilitation Services be implemented, and

WHEREAS, there are neither county, state or other Medicaid funds that can be used to pay for these vital community support services which would result in significant loss of services and jobs, and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2008 Representatives John Dingell (D-MI) and Timothy Murphy (R-PA) introduced The Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008 (H.R. 5613) to delay through April 1, 2009 implementation of seven cost-cutting Medicaid regulations issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and

WHEREAS, bipartisan legislation (The Economic Recovery in Health Care Act -S. 2819) to delay several controversial Medicaid regulations was introduced on April 3, 2008 by Senators John Rockefeller (D-WV), Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and Edward Kennedy (D-MA) which parallels H.R. 5613. The Protecting Medicaid Safety Net Act, introduced in the House in mid-March by House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell (D-MI) and Representative Timothy Murphy (R-PA), and

WHEREAS, both bills would delay until April 2009 seven Medicaid regulations that will otherwise drastically limit critical services and supports for people with disabilities by reducing access to rehabilitative services, case management, school-based transportation and outreach services, graduate medical education payments and hospital clinic services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Northern Lakes Community Mental Health wants to reaffirm its position that cutting Medicaid benefits is not simply about a bottom line; rather, it is about people; sick children and adults who will no longer be able to get the proper care they need, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Northern Lakes Community Mental Health joins many others, including the National Association of Counties in supporting H.R. 5613, and