



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, August 11, 2025

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723

Commissioner Vaughan called the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723, on Monday, August 11, 2025, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: John Goodchild, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, Matt Koch

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Tanya Pisha, Erica Dibble, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Jon Ramirez, Julie Majeske, Sheila Canady, Larry Zapfe, Shelly Lutz

Also Present Virtual: Mary Drier, Amanda Raymond, Angie Daniels, Angie House, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Clayette Zechmeister, Cody Horton, Curtis Elenbaum, Debbie Babich, Echo Torrez, Estee Bitzer, Karlee Romain, Kyle Nordstrom, Shelly Lutz, Amanda Ertman, Bonnie Fackler, Ashley Gaudett, Katie Robinson, Toni James, Judy Cockerill, Linda Strasz, Shannon Beach, Carrie Tabar, Stacey Wilcox, Barry Lapp, Scienna Nieschulz, Sherry Billot, Tricia Sharp, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Rob Wrona, Renee Francisco, Brinley Weippert, Alecia Little, Kandi Teddy, Bob Baxter

At 8:18 a.m., there were a total of 34 participants attending the meeting virtually.

New Business

1. Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Overview of Proposed Changes - Julie Majeske, Chief Executive Officer and Sheila Canady, Chief Operating Officer, presented regarding the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) PIHP Contract Procurement. TBHS is also asking for support in adopting a resolution opposing the downsizing of regional districts for Inpatient Health Plans. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

2. Mosquito Request for a Purchase Agreement -
Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, reviewed the proposed contract agreement with Valent BioSciences, LLC for the 2026 and 2027 season. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Director Zapfe thanked his staff for their hard work during the month of July in order to keep up with the demand. Denmark Township, Fairgrove Township and Indianfields Township has had positive tests for the West Nile Virus and more treatment efforts is taking place in these areas.

3. Recycling 2024 Annual Report -
Mike Miller, Buildings/Grounds and Recycling Director, presented the 2024 Recycling Annual Report. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. New Hire Request for Help Desk -
Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, presented a request to fill a current vacant position. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Old Business

1. Dispatch Potential Ballot Language -
Jon Ramirez, Dispatch Director, presented proposed language although he would prefer to approve the language after contract negotiations. Matter to be placed on the agenda for first Committee of the Whole meeting in January 2026.
2. Interim Pay and Step-Up Pay for Human Resource Director and Human Resource/Finance Assistant -
Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, presented motion 2024-M-355 that referenced the discontinuation of the Step-up pay for Shelly Lutz and Angie House. The motion states that the pay is decreased at the time a Controller/Administrator is hired. Erica Dibble confirmed this was effective August 4, 2025.

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

1. Finance Report through July 31, 2025 -
Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, reviewed the revenue and expenditure financial report through July 31, 2025 for all departments. The reports do not reflect all of the expected revenue. Board discussed the need to have projections updated for 2026 and 2027. Board would like to have follow-up on projections for the financial status of the County.

On-Going and Other Finance

None

On-Going and Other Technology

None

Building and Grounds

Primary Building and Grounds

None

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

None

Personnel

Primary Personnel

None

On-Going and Other Personnel

None

Other Business as Necessary

1. Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) Annual Conference - Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, reported that the conference will be held October 16-17, 2025. The Board discussed whether sending an employer representative and an employee representative should be considered.

Judy Cockerill stated that as the Union President she feels it is important to have an employee representative attend the MERS Conference.

Board would like an email sent to all employees to have nominations and a vote of who to send to the conference.

Public Comment Period

None

Adjournment

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by John Goodchild to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO