



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, September 22, 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, September 22, 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, Mike Miller, Erica Dibble, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Robert Baxter, Jon Ramirez, Michael Clinesmith, Nancy Barrios

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Carrie Tabar, Chad Tumblin, Angie Daniels, Rob Wrona, Scienna Nieschulz, Shelly Lutz, Angie House, Linda Strasz, Cindy Hughes, Kandi Teddy, Tom McLane, Tanya Pisha, Katie Robinson, Ashley Gaudett, Judy Cockerill, Shannon Beach, Tricia Sharp, Kyle Nordstrom, Drain Commissioner Dara Hood, Connie Keinath, Cody Horton, Bonnie Fackler, Amanda Ertman, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Ryan Pierce, Tyler Ray

At 8:03 a.m., there were a total of 24 participants attending the meeting virtually.

New Business

1. Annual Delegation of School Plan Review and Inspection Authority -
Jared Bush, Transportation Director/Facilities Manager for Tuscola Intermediate School District, presented the request for adoption of the annual delegation for the 10 school districts located in Tuscola County. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Parks and Recreation Request to Apply for the Michigan Trailways and Greenways - Catalyst Grant -
Nancy Barrios, Parks and Recreation Vice Chair, requested to apply for grant to assist in funding the Feasibility Study for The Parcels. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

3. Board of Canvasser Appointments -
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, presented the request to appoint Board of Canvasser members as nominated by the local Party Chairs. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. Sheriff's Office Request for Seven (7) License Plate Readers (LPR's) from Flock Safety -
Ryan Robinson, Sheriff, and Robert Baxter, Undersheriff, presented the request to purchase License Plate Readers. Matter to be paid for from the Road Patrol fund balance. Approval of matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda with the presentation by the vendor to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
5. Michigan State Police (MSP) Post Door Locks and Hardware Request -
Mike Miller, Buildings/Grounds and Recycling Director, presented the request to install various door locks at the MSP Post. There were two bids received from Dave's Glass and he is recommending approving the lower bid. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
6. NetSource One Renewal Quote -
Jon Ramirez, Dispatch Director, presented the request to approve the annual renewal. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
7. Tuscola County Commissioner Financial Information -
Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, reported that the 2026 Budget process is on target and information should be provided to Elected Officials and Department Heads by tomorrow.

Old Business

None

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

Commissioner Bardwell expressed concern for a potential deficit going into 2026 as previously projected. The Commissioners were also provided a list of non-mandated services that could be impacted if the budget is in a deficit status.

On-Going and Other Finance

None

On-Going and Other Technology

Eean Lee attended the MI GMIS conference, where the importance of having an Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy was discussed. He will be forming a committee to work together to draft a proposed policy.

Building and Grounds

Primary Building and Grounds

None

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

None

Personnel

Primary Personnel

1. Sheriff's Office Request to Hire John Darling -
Robert Baxter, Undersheriff, presented the request to fill a vacant part-time Corrections Officer position. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Personnel

None

Other Business as Necessary

None

Public Comment Period

None

Adjournment

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO