



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, January 26, 2026

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

Commissioner Bardwell 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, January 26, 2026, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Deputy Clerk Tanya Pisha

Commissioners Present In-Person: Nancy Barrios, Thomas Bardwell, Bill Lutz, Matt Koch

Commissioners Absent: Kim Vaughan

Others Present In-Person: Tanya Pisha, Eean Lee, Erica Dibble, Steve Anderson, Shelly Lutz, Billy Putman, Jen Putman, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Carrie Tabar, Karly Creguer, Cody Horton

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Mike Miller, Debbie Babich, Brandon Bertram, Commissioner Kim Vaughan, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Ashley Gaudett, Bonnie Fackler, Linda Strasz, Register Marianne Brandt, Stephanie DuSute, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Angie House, Connie Keinath, Angie Daniels, Amanda Ertman, Echo Torrez, Brent Dankert, Chad Tumblin, Jim Matuszak, Pat Dennis, Cody Horton, Judge Nancy Thane, Tricia Sharp, Barry Lapp, Jamie LeValley, Laura Boyke-Hawes, Lori Offenbecher, Shelly Lutz, Steve Root, Sherry Billot, Shannon Beach, Amy Prill, Kandy Teddy, Shannon Nelson, Katie Robinson, Tyler Ray, Matthew Sexton, John Boggs, Dan Lisowski, Jeff LeValley, Tim Green, Drain Commissioner Dara Hood, Alisha Proctor, Sally Minehart, Josh Herman, Scienna Nieschulz, Larry Zapfe

At 8:14 a.m., there were a total of 41 participants attending the meeting virtually.

New Business

1. Jail Door Request -

Mike Miller, Buildings/Grounds and Recycling Director, requested to have jail door #5 replaced as it is nonfunctional. This door is used as an emergency exit for the inmates. A quote was received from Pauly Jail Building in the amount of \$39,935.00. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

2. Tuscola County Behavioral Health System (TBHS) Board Appointment -
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, presented the appointment request for the TBHS Board of Directors. This request does come at the recommendation of the TBHS Board Chair. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. Medical Examiner Provider Discussion -
Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, provided the current Independent Provider Agreement between Tuscola County and Provider, William Morrone. The current agreement has expired. Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, will get an updated proposal from Provider, William Morrone, and bring it back to the Board.
4. Staffing Discussion at Central Dispatch -
Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, requested to fill the vacant full-time Supervisor position. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
5. Amendment to the 2026 Extension Services Agreement with Michigan State University Extension -
Karly Creguer, District 10 Director MSU Extension, presented the 2026 County MOA Amendment Proposal for Staffing and Financial Summary to the adjustments that were made. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

Old Business

1. Amish Bridge Easement Request -
Commissioner Nancy Barrios attended a special meeting on January 16, 2026, at the Tuscola County Road Commission where they discussed possible different road connections, confirming there are no alternate routes. At the meeting, a request was made for additional data regarding the travel pattern the Amish currently use, proposed travel pattern and where the Amish live in relation to those patterns.
2. Road Commission Ballot Language -
Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, will reach out to legal counsel regarding the creation of new language for transitioning the Tuscola County Road Commissioners from elected to appointed. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
3. Controller/Administrator Division of Duties Discussion -
Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, presented drafts for the division of the County Controller and County Administrator roles. Packet included in the agenda. The Board will review the draft. Erica was asked to provide a job description for the Human Resource Director and Chief Accountant and bring back to the board.
4. Update on Status of Flashing Stop Signs and Rumble Strips at 6 Dangerous Intersections -
Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, submitted a purchase order for the flashing stop signs. She is waiting for confirmation and a shipping date. An account was set up for the rumble strips, and she is waiting for an invoice.

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, provided a handout that provided a summary of how the 2026 budget was balanced.

On-Going and Other Finance

None

On-Going and Other Technology

Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, is currently reviewing annual contracts.

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

None

Public Comment Period

Billy Putman will reach out to MDOT to see if a permit is required for the installation of the flashing stop signs.

Adjournment

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Tanya Pisha
Deputy Clerk