



# MINUTES

## Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, February 9, 2026

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

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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, February 9, 2026, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: Kim Vaughan

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Erica Dibble, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Briar Berss, Gregg Campbell, Laura Boyke-Hawes, Register Marianne Brandt, Carrie Tabar, Dan Lisowski, Connie Keinath, Larry Zapfe

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Steve Root, Brandon Bertram, Debbie Babich, Angie House, Jeff LeValley, Katie Robinson, Echo Torrez, Amanda Ertman, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Chad Tumblin, Bonnie Fackler, Brent Dankert, Jamie LeValley, Josh Herman, Shelly Lutz, Tom McLane, Shannon Nelson, Tanya Pisha, Cody Horton, Linda Strasz, Kandi Teddy, John Boggs, Shannon Beach, Sherry Billot, Stacey Wilcox, Suzy Smith, Alisha Proctor, Barry Lapp, Matthew Sexton, Ashley Gaudett, Pat Dennis, Mary Drier, Register Marianne Brandt, Jim Matuszak, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Tyler Ray, Billy Putman, Debbie Engelhardt, Dan Lisowski, Tricia Sharp

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 25 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### New Business

1. Stepping Up Resolution for Mental Health at the Jail - Mikayla Williams and Brittney Davis, Project Coordinators for the Center for Behavioral Health, reviewed the program details and presented a proposed resolution for adoption by the Board in order to participate in the program. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

2. Request to Promote Vicki Crumby to a Full-Time Vacant Position and Hire a Vacant Part-Time Person -  
Marianne Brandt, Register of Deeds, presented the request for staffing changes due to the retirement of long-time employee Mary Montgomery. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
3. 2026 Seasonal Employees Hire Request -  
Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, presented the proposed seasonal employees for the Mosquito Abatement Department. Matters to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. Mosquito Abatement Purchase Request -  
Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, presented the three requests to purchase materials and equipment needed for the upcoming season. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
5. Medical Care Community Funds Transfer Request -  
Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, presented the request received from the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility (MCF) for millage funds transfer. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
6. 2025 Financial Update -  
Connie Keinath, Chief Accountant, provided an overview of the 2025 year-end processes and the projected use of fund balance for 2025. The Universal Chart of Accounts transition is a 10 Phase process and Tuscola County is currently in Phase 1.

Commissioner Bardwell would like the fund balance broken out by restricted funds and non-restricted funds.

Controller/Administrator Dibble explained that the \$1.9 million deficit from the 1st draft 2026 budget was rectified by Department Revenue and Expenses adjustments as well as line-item corrections that were identified.

Controller/Administrator Dibble stated that better preliminary 2025 budget numbers will be available after the February 28, 2026 deadline to accrue numbers back to 2025. This preliminary projection will be provided to the Board in early March 2026. These numbers will be subject to adjustments based on the audit that is underway.

Commissioner Koch would like a Finance Committee meeting to be scheduled in order to review the preliminary 2025 budget reports.

## **Old Business**

None

## **Finance/Technology**

### ***Primary Finance/Technology***

None

### ***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

## **Other Business as Necessary**

None

## **Public Comment Period**

-Briar Bearss introduced himself to the Board as he is running for the 97th District House of Representative seat in 2026.

### ***On-Going and Other Personnel***

None

## **Adjournment**

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m.  
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO