



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, February 23, 2026

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, February 23, 2026, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Erica Dibble, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Angie House

Also Present Virtual: Amanda Ertman, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Kristy Sutherland, Matthew Sexton, Melanie Radabaugh, Connie Keinath, Shelly Lutz, Estee Bitzer, Billy Putman, Matthew Bierlein, Angie House, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Tanya Pisha, Register Marianne Brandt, Cody Horton, Laura Boyke-Hawes, Shannon Beach, Tom McLane, Bonnie Fackler, Tim Green, Brad Bourbina, Judge Nancy Thane, Kyle Nordstrom, Josh Herman, Carrie Tabar, Brandon Bertram, Shannon Nelson, Chad Tumblin, Brent Dankert, Barry Lapp, Jim Matuszak

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

New Business

1. Request for the Use of the Courthouse Lawn for the 36th Annual Caro Chamber of Commerce Cars & Crafts -
Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, explained the request received from the Caro Chamber of Commerce. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Appointments to the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Board of Directors -
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, presented the request for the reappointment of Daniel Grimshaw, Kenneth Partridge and Karen Snider to the Board. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. Region VII Advisory Council Appointment -
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, presented the request for appointment of Jackie (Jack) Campbell to the Council. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

4. Tuscola County Advisory Council on Aging Request for Funds for a Senior Dinner Dance -

Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, presented the request for \$2,500.00 for the Senior Dinner Dance. The Board authorized \$2,500.00 in 2025 and it was paid from the Senior Millage Fund. The Board would like a review of the Senior Millage Fund to determine if there is enough in the fund balance to support the request. Matter to be placed on Thursday's Agenda.

5. Opening of Controller's Office Copier Bids -

Mike Miller, Building/Grounds and Recycling Director, opened the bids received.

1. Marco, Dearborn, Michigan - Konica Minolta C361 - Purchase \$3,851.07; 60-Month Lease \$77.79/month and Supply Contract \$36.10/month.
2. JTF Business Systems, Springfield, Virginia - Xerox Altraline - Purchase \$12,595.00; 60-Month Lease \$225.00/month.
3. Toshiba Business Solutions, Troy, Michigan - a. Toshiba E Studio 331AC - Lease \$92.73/month or Purchase \$3,125.88 and a Service Fee of \$22.22/month. b. Lexmark C4342 - Lease \$111.44/month or Purchase \$3,490.91 and a Service Fee of \$22.22/month.
4. Applied Innovations, Southfield, Michigan - Ricoh IMC 3510 - 63-Month Lease. \$142.09/month or Purchase \$6,458.78 with a Maintenance Agreement of \$18.40/month.
5. Gary Gal, Bloomfield, Michigan - Konica Minolta C361i - Purchase \$4,074.41; 36-Month Lease - \$152.02/month; 48-Month Lease - \$119.91/month; State of Michigan Lease Rate 48-Month - \$108.78/month or 60-Month - \$90.04/month.
6. Visual Edge IT, Saginaw, Michigan - 63-Month Lease \$178.27/month; Dollar Buyout Monthly Cost \$191.64; Purchase \$6,525.00; Maintenance Fee \$35.11/month.
7. Galaxy Office Machines, Caro, Michigan - Ricoh Aficio IMC 3510 - Retail \$20,595.00; Government Price - \$8,895.00; 60-Month Lease \$199.00/month; Service Contract of \$0.01/copy for Black and White and \$0.06/copy for Color billed quarterly.
8. Innovation Office Technology Group, Livonia, Michigan - a. Sharp DP70C36 - 60-Month Lease \$242.08/month; 48-Month Lease \$292.72/month; 39-Month Lease \$337.18/month; Purchase \$12,351.00; Service Contract \$16.65/month b. Sharp MX3571 - 60-Month Lease \$135.00; 48-Month Lease \$163.00; 39-Month Lease \$187.50; Purchase \$6,299.00; Service Contract \$16.65/month.

Director Miller to review the bids received with assistance from Eean Lee with a recommendation to be brought back to the Board. There were specifications for the copier included in the RFP. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

6. Review of Proposed Lease for the Michigan State Police (MSP) Building -
Mike Miller, Buildings/Grounds and Recycling Director, reviewed the proposed lease as the rental rates have been agreed upon although MSP would like to have new carpet installed. The State would pay for the cost and Director Miller would be the project manager. The lease has been reviewed by legal counsel although there is language that legal counsel has concern about regarding the State having the authority to purchase the building after 1-year with no negotiation option by the county. The proposed lease is a 10-year lease with two 5-year extensions allowed. The Board would like legal counsel to review the proposed lease as the county would like to have a negotiation option in the event the county is not interested in selling the building to the State.
7. 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) -
Steve Anderson, Emergency Services Director/Interim Dispatch Co-Director, presented the proposed grant agreement in amount of \$10,500.00. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
8. Justice AV Solutions (JAVS) Quote for Circuit Court -
Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, explained the need to replace the viewing screens used by jurors currently. The Board would like grant opportunities researched as a funding source. Matter to be brought back to the Board when more information has been gathered for regarding funding of the project.

Old Business

1. Amendment to Motion 2026-M-041 Regarding the Promotion of Vicki Crumby to a Full-Time Vacant Position in Register of Deeds Office -
Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, explained the previous motion did not include the title, the step level or the hourly rate of pay and will need to be amended to include that information. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

None

On-Going and Other Finance

None

On-Going and Other Technology

Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, presented on the growth and need for Data Center expansion. He also presented on potential concerns for communities. The advancement of AI was also discussed. Both of these topics will continue to be discussed as more information is learned about them.

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

None

Adjournment

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Nancy Barrios to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO