



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, March 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, March 23, 2026, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: Thomas Bardwell

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Erica Dibble, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Connie Keinath, Carrie Tabar, Amanda Ertman, Deb Cook, Dane Porter, Drain Commissioner Dara Hood, Alecia Little, Stephanie DuSute, Larry Zapfe

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Debbie Babich, Brandon Bertram, Lori Offenbecher, Angie Daniels, Bonnie Fackler, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Brent Dankert, Kristy Sutherland, Matthew Sexton, Shelly Lutz, Tanya Pisha, Katie Robinson, John Boggs, Tom McLane, Echo Torrez, Cody Horton, Angie House, Ashley Gaudett, Laura Boyke-Hawes, Kristi Phipps, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Krystaria Skakle, Tim Green, Tyler Ray, Amy Prill, Shannon Beach, Sherry Billot, Kyle Nordstrom, Barry Lapp, Shelby Austin, Dan Lisowski, Alecia Little

At 8:08 a.m., there were a total of 30 participants attending the meeting virtually.

New Business

1. Health Department's 2025 Maner Costerisan Audit Findings on Financial Statements and Funding -
Dane Porter, CPA Senior Manager, provided an overview of the 2025 Audit performed for the Health Department. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Drain Commissioner's 2025 Annual Report -
Dara Hood, Drain Commissioner, presented the annual report for the Drain Commissioner's office. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. Sheriff's Department Annual Report -
Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

4. Opioids Settlement -

Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, reviewed the information provided by legal counsel regarding the proposed settlement. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

Old Business

1. Medical Examiner Request for Proposal (RFP) -

Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, presented that the RFP has been finalized and will be posted on Tuesday with a return date of April 10, 2026.

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

1. 2025 and 2026 Financial Overview -

Connie Keinath, Chief Accountant, stated that the fund balance for the end of 2025 appears to have a slight increase. That amount is considered a soft close and is unaudited at this time. Connie stated this was the trend of revenues versus expenditures, in which 2025 is trending to the positive. Also, she reviewed the expenditures for the County over the past 10 years.

On-Going and Other Finance

None

On-Going and Other Technology

Eean Lee presented to the MiGIMS group regarding Tuscola County's disaster recovery plan. Michigan State University Extension (MSUe) will be hosting an emergency disaster training at the People's Building.

Building and Grounds

Primary Building and Grounds

1. Review of Proposed Lease for the Michigan State Police (MSP) Building -

Mike Miller, Buildings/Grounds and Recycling Director, stated that the proposed lease does have the language removed that would have allowed the State to purchase the building after 1 year. The proposed lease is in the final review steps by the State of Michigan. There is no action by the Board at this time.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

None

Personnel

Primary Personnel

1. Mosquito Abatement New Hire Request -
Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, presented the request to fill a vacant seasonal technician. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Proposed New Hire for the Controller's Office Vacant Accountant Position -
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, interviews have taken place and a candidate has been selected. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

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 8:43 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO