



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, April 13, 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, April 13, 2026, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Deputy Clerk Tanya Pisha

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

Commissioners Absent: Matt Koch

Others Present In-Person: Tanya Pisha, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Larry Zapfe, Andrew Daniels, Nick Burlson, Alisha Proctor, Connie Keinath, Carrie Tabar, Dan Lisowski, Angie Daniels

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Rob Wrona, Debbie Babich, Brandon Bertram, Mitch Davies, Angie House, Samuel Putnam, Stephanie Dusute, Ryan Pierce, Matthew Sexton, Laura Boyke, Bonnie Fackler, Joshua Herman, Katherine Robinson, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Jamie Pierce, Kandi Teddy, Linda Strasz, Mary Drier, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Shannon Beach, Judge Nancy Thane, Shelby Austin, Shelly Lutz, Tricia Sharp, Kristi Phipps, Ashley Gaudett, Barry Lapp, Cindy Hughes, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Darryll Wolnik, Jim Matuszak, Judy Cockerill, Jamie LeValley, Amy Prill

At 8:06 a.m., there were a total of 30 participants attending the meeting virtually.

New Business

1. Advanced Correctional Healthcare Proposal for Inmate Medical - Nick Burlson, Program Consultant, reviewed the Correctional Healthcare contract along with the cost to the County as included in the agenda packet. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
2. Aspire Quote for Inmate Medical - Andrew Daniels, Aspire CEO, presented the summary proposal and quote regarding the inmate health services. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

3. Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Request for Authorization to Apply and Administer USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant -
Alisha Proctor, EDC Director, presented the Safe Streets and Roadway Safety Plan and what they can offer the County. Alisha requested authorization to apply for Administer USDOT Safe Streets and Roads grant. Matter to be placed on the next Committee of the Whole meeting.
4. Medical Examiner Proposed Contract Amendment -
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, requested to extend Medical Examiner Dr. Marrone's contract to June 30, 2026. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
5. Road Commission Potential Ballot Discussion -
Chairman Vaughan discussed the ballot potential ballot language. Matter to be placed on the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Recessed at 9:46 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:54 a.m.

There were a total of 44 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Old Business

1. Medical Examiner Request for Proposal (RFP) Opening -
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, opened the bids.
 1. Dr Marrone - Opt 2 - \$30,000.00
 2. Michigan Forensic - Opt 2 - \$33,750.00
 3. Mid-Michigan Medical Examiner - Opt 2 - \$145,196.00

Mike Miller to review bids and bring a recommendation back to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

2. JCL Security Contract Renewal for Purdy Building -
Steve Anderson, Emergency Services Director/Interim Dispatch Co-Director, requested to extend the JCL contract to December 31, 2027 with a cost increase from \$42.50 to \$45.00 an hour effective September 30, 2026. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

1. 2026 Equalization Report -
Angie Daniels, Equalization Director, presented the Tuscola County Equalization Report for 2026. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

2. Mosquito Abatement New Vehicle Purchase Request -
Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, requested approval to purchase 2 new work trucks from McDonald Chevrolet in the amount of \$68,677.00. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
3. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Finance and General Government Committee Report -
Commissioner Bardwell provided an overview of the highlights in report that was included in the agenda.
4. Discussion of Potential Non-Union Wage Increase -
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, reviewed the 2026 Preliminary Budget with Union and Non-Union pay raises. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

On-Going and Other Finance

None

On-Going and Other Technology

None

Building and Grounds

Primary Building and Grounds

1. Request from Caro Parks and Recreation Superintendent Carrie Will to use the Courthouse Lawn on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. for the public reading of the Declaration of Independence, as part of the Nationwide America 250 Celebration -
Matter to be placed on Consent Agenda.
2. Dispatch Tower Inspection -
Carrie Tabar, Interim Dispatch Co-Director, requested to have the tower inspected in the amount of \$2,600.00. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, informed the Board that the tunnel was inspected and is up-to-date and in working condition.

Personnel

Primary Personnel

1. Mosquito New Hire Request for Connie Blacker -
Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, requested to hire Connie Blacker effective April 27, 2026 at a pay rate of \$14.85 pending background and physical. Matter to be placed on Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Personnel

None

Other Business as Necessary

None

Public Comment Period

Eean Lee expressed his concern regarding current inflation and possible pay rate increases.

Adjournment

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Nancy Barrios to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Tanya Pisha
Deputy Clerk