



# MINUTES

## Committee of the Whole Meeting

**8:00 AM - Monday, April 27, 2026**

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

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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 27, 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, Tracy Violet, Mike Miller, Jordan Wade, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Brent Dankert, Jason Root, Amanda Ertman, Jerry White, Butch Brown, Geoffrey Stuart, Carrie Tabar, Jeremy Bouvrette

Also Present Virtual: Mitch Davies, Debbie Babich, Bonnie Fackler, Cody Horton, Echo Torrez, Josh Herman, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Drain Commissioner Dara Hood, Register Marianne Brandt, Steve Root, Angie House, Connie Keinath, Jamie LeValley, Kristi Phipps, Kandi Teddy, Linda Strasz, Laura Boyke-Hawes, Mary Drier, Matthew Sexton, Sherry Billot, Tom McLane, Shelly Lutz, Barry Lapp, Olivia Chapin, Shelby Austin, Tim Green, Ashley Gaudett, Brent Dankert, Katie Robinson, Krystaria Skakle, Tanya Pisha, John Boggs, Shannon Beach, Shannon Nelson, Stacey Wilcox

At 8:05 a.m., there were a total of 24 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### **New Business**

1. Road Commission Update on Road Flooding -  
Brent Dankert, County Highway Engineer, reviewed the drains that have been impacted by the recent rainfall. There has been an emergency disaster declaration for Tuscola County signed. The financial impact has already exceeded \$250,000.00.
2. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month -  
Jeremy Bouvrette, ABATE of MI Regional Legislative Officer, thanked the Board for their continued support of "May is Motorcycle Awareness Month". ABATE continues to educate motorists of the importance of drivers being aware of their surroundings and of motorcycles on the road.

3. Resolution Discussion Affirming Local Health Department to Approve Non-Residential Onsite Wastewater Systems Discharging Less than 1,000 Gallons Per Day Pursuant to Local Sanitary Codes and Under State Law -  
Amanda Ertman, Health Officer and Jerry White, R.S. Environmental Health Director, presented the request to adopt the proposed resolution. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
4. Health Department Lobby Redesign -  
Amanda Ertman, Health Officer, presented the request to approve the project. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

## **Old Business**

1. Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Request for Authorization to Apply And Administer USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant -  
Alisha Proctor, EDC Director, requested approval to apply for the grant which does require a 20% match of approximately \$80,000.00 which can be spread over the term of the grant. Director Proctor to reach out to the Road Commission to determine if they are interested in partnering and providing the match funding. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
2. Medical Examiner Request for Proposal (RFP) Opening -  
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, provided an update that references are being checked and a recommendation should be ready for presentation on Thursday. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

## **Finance/Technology**

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

1. JAVS Proposal for New Microphones for the People's Building -  
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, reviewed the proposed quote in order to provide a solution for the People's Community room to improve the sound quality for participants. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

The Board would like a budget update of the 244 Fund as to what has been budgeted, what projects are planned and what is remaining in the line-item.

2. Travel Meal Policy Review -  
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, presented a revised travel meal policy. Concerns of the revised policy were discussed. No action at this time.

### ***On-Going and Other Finance***

None

### ***On-Going and Other Technology***

None

## **Building and Grounds**

### ***Primary Building and Grounds***

1. Lawn Mowing Service Potential Extension -  
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, requested that the lawn mowing service contract be extended through 2026 at the 2025 pricing. An RFP will be posted in preparation for the 2027 season. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

### ***On-Going and Other Building and Grounds***

None

## **Personnel**

### ***Primary Personnel***

1. Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel (MIDC) New Hire Request for Phillip Fulks to Fill the Vacant MIDC Staff Attorney Position -  
Geoffrey Stuart, MIDC Administrator, presented the request to hire Phillip Fulks as a staff attorney for the MIDC. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

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

None

## **Other Business as Necessary**

1. Flag Ceremony on the Courthouse Lawn on July 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. -  
Commissioner Nancy Barrios reported that there will also be a flag ceremony during the reading of the Declaration of Independence. It is requested that someone from the County be present to accept a ceremonial presentation of the flag to fly at the courthouse. Matter to be discussed at a future meeting as to who will attend.

## **Public Comment Period**

-Jordan Wade introduced herself as the newly appointed Emergency Manager. She has been with the Sheriff's Office for 12 years and a Sergeant for 4 years.

## **Adjournment**

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m.  
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO