



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, July 25, 2024

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

Commissioner Vaughan called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723, on Thursday, July 25, 2024, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Lutz

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Koch

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Neil Hammerbacher, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Chuck Heinlein, Judge Nancy L. Thane, Sheila Long, Linda Strasz, Karen Southgate, Debbie Babich, Treasurer Ashley Bennett

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Estee Bitzer, Jodi Barrons, Steve Root, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Renee Francisco, Jon Ramirez, Crystal Knoblock, Judy Cockerill, Krystaria Skakle, Ashley Gaudett, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Cody Horton, Debbie Babich, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Shelly Lutz, Tanya Pisha, Katie Robinson, Angie House, Karlee Romain

At 8:02 a.m., there were a total of 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2024-M-162

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2024-M-163

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Matt Koch to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 11, 2024 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2024-M-164

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the July 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Recognition of Lonnie Kester for His Years of Service to Tuscola County as a Member of the Tuscola County Planning Commission -
Move to approve and place on file a letter of appreciation for Lonnie Kester for his service and dedication to Tuscola County as a member of the Tuscola County Planning Commission.
2. Acceptance and Placement on File the 2023 the Audited, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) -
Move to accept and place on file the 2023 Audited, Annual Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
3. Appointment of an Officer Delegate and Alternate for the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Annual Business Meeting -
Move to appoint Neil Hammerbacher, Controller-Administrator as the Officer Delegate and Shelly Lutz, Director of Human Resources, as the Alternate Officer Delegate to attend the Municipal Employees.
4. Appointment of an Employee Delegate and Alternate for the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Annual Business Meeting -
Move to appoint Wendy Franks, Friend of the Court employee, as the Employee Delegate and Daniel Lisowski, Sheriff Department employee, as an Alternate Employee Delegate to attend the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Annual Business Meeting from October 9, 2024 through October 11, 2024. Also, all necessary signatures are authorized.
5. Approval to Use the Courthouse Lawn for the Annual Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival -
Move to approve the use of the Courthouse Lawn for the Annual Pumpkin Festival from September 27, 2024 through October 7, 2024.

6. Approval of Two (2) Change Orders for the People's State Bank (PSB) Building's Construction Contract -
Move to approve Change Order #8 for \$2,251.00 with Booms Construction, Inc. and Change Order #9 for \$348.00 also with Booms Construction, Inc.

7. Approval to Refill a Part-time Position in the Register of Deeds Office -
Move that per the recommendation of the Register of Deeds, Marianne Brandt, that Vicki Sue Crumby be hired to refill the vacant part-time Account Clerk II position at Step One on the pay scale at \$17.61 per hour, contingent on a satisfactory background check, drug screen and physical with a tentative start date on or around August 5, 2024.

New Business

1. Request From Dave Kolacz to Use the Courthouse Lawn from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2024 for the Rosary Rally -

2024-M-165

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the request from Dave Kolacz to use the Courthouse Lawn from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2024 for the Rosary Rally. Motion Carried.

2. Request From Tuscola County Suicide Prevention Coalition to Use the Courthouse Lawn During September 2024 to Place Signs and Banners -

2024-M-166

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the use of the Courthouse Lawn by the Tuscola County Suicide Prevention Coalition during September 2024 to place signs and banners. Motion Carried.

3. Acceptance of CHILL Grant Award -
Debbie Babich, Fiscal Personnel Analyst, stated the Grant has been accepted and a proposed contract has been presented.

2024-M-167

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Award of up to \$500,000 from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Neighborhood Development Division (NDD). Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) Child Care 288 Fund for State Fiscal Year 2025 -
Karen Southgate, Director Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS), presented the request at the Committee of the Whole meeting on July 22, 2024.

2024-M-168

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to accept the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) Child Care Fund Budget for State Fiscal Year 2025. Motion Carried.

2. Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) Contract with List Psychological Services for State Fiscal Year 2025 -
The request was presented at the July 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2024-M-169

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Young to accept the Tuscola County contract with List Psychological Services for State Fiscal Year 2025. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Child Care Fund 292 Budget State Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 -
Sheila Long, Court Administrator, stated that Linda Strasz, Chief Probation Officer, presented the request at the July 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2024-M-170

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the Child Care Fund 292 Budget for State Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and authorize all necessary signatures. Motion Carried.

4. Approval of 2024 Budget Amendment Identified by JE22233 -

2024-M-171

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to approve Budget Amendment identified by JE22233. Motion Carried.

5. Approval of 2025 - 2028 Tuscola County Board of Commissioner and Tuscola County Road Commissioner Pay -
Kim Vaughan, Chairperson of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, stated this was discussed during the July 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2024-M-172

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve an annual 3% wage increase for the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners and the Tuscola County Road Commission Board beginning January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2028.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, and Bill Lutz

No: Matt Koch

Motion Carried.

6. Sealed Bid Opening for Third Party Administrator (TPA) Services for the CHILL Grant -

Debbie Babich, Fiscal Personnel Analyst, opened the bids received with the extended deadline as agreed to by the Grant Administrator that has been working with the County through this process.

Professional Concepts and Design, Gladwin - \$100,000.00 for 12 months.

Human Development Commission (HDC), Caro - \$90,000.00 for 12 months.

The bids will be reviewed and brought back to a future Board meeting for acceptance at that time.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Legislative Update 7-19-24
2. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Legislative Update 7-12-24
3. Cass City Resolution -
Commissioner Bardwell provided an update on the Cass River Amish Road. There have been resolutions adopted by local entities. The discussions with Representative Alexandar have been positive.
4. Elkland Township Resolution 2024-8

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District -

Tuscola County will host the next meeting in the Fall.

MAC Workers Comp Board -

The next meeting will be in September. The amount of participants reimbursement amounts will be released.

MAC Finance Committee

NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)

Local Units of Government Activity Report -

The Tuscola County Advertiser wrote a story about the local energy policy.

The Board would like to invite a MAC Representative and the Senators and Representatives that represent Tuscola County to a future meeting to discuss.

Young

No Report

Board of Public Works
County Road Commission Liaison
Dispatch Authority Board
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Great Start Collaborative
Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee
Region VII Economic Development Planning
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Senior Services Advisory Council
Tuscola 2020
Local Units of Government Activity Report

Vaughan

Board of Health
County Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC Environmental Regulatory
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use
Parks and Recreation Commission -
Need to have a quorum at a meeting in order to appoint a new Chairman.
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison
Local Units of Government Activity Report

Lutz

No Report

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
MAC Judiciary Committee
MEMS All Hazard
Local Units of Government Activity Report
Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

Koch

No Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Jail Planning Committee
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)
Local Units of Government

Other Business as Necessary

-Commissioner Bardwell - Materials Management Program - Mike Miller Recycling Director stated to his knowledge the State would like to have curbside recycling pickup but each County's plan can have what works best for them included.

At 8:59 a.m., there were a total of 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

-Chuck Heinlein, Denmark Township Supervisor, thanked the Board for funding for the Lagoon Project. The road does need to have repair work completed and discussions are continuing on how best to complete this.

-Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, reported on the upcoming August 6, 2024 Primary Election as to Absentee Voting, Early Voting and Election Day.

Adjournment

2024-M-173

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO