



# MINUTES

## Board of Commissioners

### Meeting

**8:00 AM - Monday, December 23, 2024**

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

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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 Monday, December 23, 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, Clayette Zechmeister, Steve Anderson, Ryan Robinson, Representative Matthew Bierlein, Representative Phil Green, Patrick Wood, Galen Reinert, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Dara Hood, Stephanie DuSute, Prosecutor Mark Reene, Cassie Gibbs, Amy Gregor, Will Hill, Eric Hinojosa, Brad Kamrad, Robin Neff, Emily Eovaldi, Carrie Venus, Erica Walle, Juli Walters, Shelly Lutz, Renee Francisco, Angie House, Carrie Tabar, Shannon Beach

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Angie Daniels, Ashley Gaudett, Tanya Pisha, Karlee Romain, Greg Ryneerson, Renee Francisco, Steve Root, Angie House, Alecia Little, Carolyn Lorenz, Register Marianne Brandt, Cindy Hughes, Kristi Phipps, Estee Bitzer, Shelly Lutz, Jon Ramirez

At 8:09 a.m., there were a total of 15 participants attending the meeting virtually.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2024-M-349

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

## Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2024-M-350

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 12, 2024 Regular meeting, the December 12, 2024 Public Hearing and the December 12, 2024 Closed Session. Motion Carried.

## Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

## Consent Agenda

None

## New Business

1. Presentation of Resolution Honoring Mark Reene, Tuscola County Prosecutor, as Presented by Representative Matthew Bierlein and Representative Phil Green
2. Presentation of Resolution Honoring Glen Skrent, Tuscola County Sheriff, as Presented by Representative Matthew Bierlein and Representative Phil Green
3. Presentation of Resolution Honoring Robert Mantey, Tuscola County Drain Commissioner, as Presented by Representative Matthew Bierlein and Representative Phil Green
4. Presentation of Resolution Honoring Robert Mantey, Tuscola County Drain Commissioner, as presented by Tuscola County Commissioners

2024-M-351

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve Resolution 2024-17 honoring Tuscola County Drain Commissioner, Robert Mantey, as presented and authorize all signatures.

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

Motion Carried.

5. Presentation of Resolution Honoring Millington Football Team -

2024-M-352

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve Resolution 2024-18 honoring the Millington Cardinals Football Team for winning the 2024 State Championship title. All signatures are authorized.

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

Motion Carried.

6. Out-of-State Travel Request -  
Robert Baxter, Undersheriff, submitted the request which was included in the agenda packet.

2024-M-353

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the request from Undersheriff Robert Baxter to allow Sergeant Dan Lisowski to attend out-of-state training in Washington D.C. from January 7, 2025 through January 9, 2025 with other court employees. This training is for a jail initiative to provide opioid treatment for individuals after they are released from incarceration to reduce the recidivism rate within Tuscola County. This is a collaboration between the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office, List Psychological Services and the Tuscola County Court System. All costs associated with this training are reimbursed by the Building Bridges Grant. Motion Carried.

7. Tuscola County Medical Care Facility Fund Transfer Request -

2024-M-354

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the request from the Medical Care Chief Executive Officer, Robert Cody Rabideau, that \$161,638.41 be transferred from the Voted Medical Care Facility Fund (298) to the regular Medical Care Facility Fund (291) for the items in the December 20, 2024 letter. Motion Carried.

8. Discussion on Interim Pay for the Human Resource Director and Human Resource/Finance Assistant -

Clayette Zechmeister, Interim Chief Accountant, reviewed the proposed pay increase chart included in the agenda packet for Shelly Lutz as the Interim Administrator and for Angie House for Human Resource Department tasks given to her while Ms. Lutz is filling the Interim Administrator role.

2024-M-355

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Young that the additional pay for Shelly Lutz, Human Resource Director, to fill the Interim Administrator position be increased by \$10.59 per hour for a total hourly rate of \$42.59 to be effective December 12, 2024 and remain in effect until a full-time Administrator has been hired. Also, move that due to the additional duties placed on Angie House, Human Resource/Finance Assistant, that her pay be increased by \$6.40 per hour for a total hourly rate of \$27.84 to be effective January 1, 2025 and remain in effect until a full-time Administrator has been hired.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, and Matt Koch

Abstained: Bill Lutz

Motion Carried.

9. Reappointment of Dr. Parikshit Kumar to the Tuscola County Board of Health -  
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, explained the request for the re-appointment.

2024-M-356

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Bill Lutz to reappoint Dr. Parikshit Kumar to the Tuscola County Board of Health for a 5-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2029. Motion Carried.

10. Fetch GIS License Agreement -

2024-M-357

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the Fetch GIS License Agreement for signature. This agreement has previously been approved by motion 2024-M-301 regarding the elimination of service charges for the Fetch GIS service. Legal has also reviewed and approved this agreement. Motion Carried.

11. 2024 Secondary Road Patrol Budget Amendment -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Interim Chief Accountant, explained the need to adjust the budget in order to remain in compliance.

2024-M-358

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that the 2024 Secondary Road Patrol Budget in the General Fund be amended to the Secondary Road Patrol Agreement total of \$149,548.00 by increasing the Revenue account 101-000-545-253 by \$30,104.00 and increasing the expenditure line items in the 101-333 budget by \$27,804.00 Motion Carried.

12. Updates on General Fund Ten-Year Trends -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Interim Chief Accountant, presented the graphs included in the agenda packet. She is projecting a shortfall going into the 2026 budget cycle. Commissioner Bardwell discussed his concern of the pending shortfall and the impact that will cause the county concerning mandated versus non-mandated services. Clayette also suggested the Board reconsider the amount of indirect costs taken and to possibly put in alignment with what MGT recommends. Board discussed the need to review ways to prevent the budget shortfall sooner than later.

## **Old Business**

None

## **Correspondence/Resolutions**

1. Ingham County Resolution 24-613
2. Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) RAP Grant Award

## **Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports**

### ***Bardwell***

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

Candidate has been found and will be presented to the DDA and City Council for approval.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee

NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)

Local Units of Government Activity Report

### ***Young***

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison

Dispatch Authority Board

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Attended the last meeting.

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***

No Report

Board of Health

The Vietnam Moving Wall will be coming to Tuscola County from June 27 to June 29, 2025.

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  
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

***Lutz***

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  
Multi-County Recycling Committee  
Local Units of Government Activity Report  
Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

***Koch***

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

**Other Business as Necessary**

None

**Extended Public Comment**

-Clerk Jodi Fetting addressed the recent article in the Tuscola County Advertiser as it eluded that the Personnel Committee met with Controller-Administrator candidate Jodi Holbrook without it being an open meeting. Clerk Fetting stated that any subcommittee meeting should be posted with a Clerk present to prepare minutes.

-Patrick Wood, Village of Millington, would like to see entities within Tuscola County work together more. He invited the Board to an upcoming Village Meeting in January 2025 where progress of the Village will be discussed.

## **Adjournment**

2024-M-359

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

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO