



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, January 13, 2025

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

Commissioner Bardwell 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, January 13, 2025, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Moment of Silence to Honor Commissioner Thomas Young

Prayer - Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Koch

Roll Call - Deputy Clerk Katherine Robinson

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

Commissioners Absent: Kim Vaughan, District 1 - Vacant

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Katherine Robinson, Eean Lee, Steve Anderson, Mark Reene, Erica Walle, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Jerald Gamm, Carolyn Wymore, Henry Wymore, Aland Stamps, Shelly Lutz, Debbie Babich

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Renee Francisco, Greg Rynearson, Estee Bitzer, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Brandon Bertram, Ashley Gaudett, Cody Horton, Drain Commissioner Dara Hood, Donald Derryberry, Jon Ramirez, Judy Cockerill, Krystaria Skakle, Angie House, Karlee Romain, Robert Baxter, Shannon Beach, Tanya Pisha, Kristy Sutherland, Jodi Barrons, Tim Green, Tyler Ray, Register Marianne Brandt, Barry Lapp, Amy Prill, Commissioner Kim Vaughan, Bonnie Fackler, Carrie Tabar

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 29 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2025-M-001

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

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2025-M-002

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 23, 2024 Regular meeting, December 30, 2024 Organizational meeting and December 30, 2024 Special meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

Michael Clinesmith informed the Board that he is resigning from his position with the Economic Development Commission due to reduced work hours.

Consent Agenda -

None

New Business

1. Letter of Appreciation -

Jerald Gamm was honored for his years of service on the Council on Aging and for serving the residents of Tuscola County over the past 20 years.

2025-M-003

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve and place on file the Letter of Appreciation presented to Jerald Gamm. Motion Carried.

2. 2025 IRS Mileage Rate Increase -

2025-M-004

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that effective January 1, 2025 the standard county mileage rate be increased from \$.67 per mile to \$.70 per mile as established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Motion Carried.

3. Tuscola County Health Department (TCHD) Personnel Policies for BOC Review -
Amanda Ertman, Health Officer, provided an overview of the changes.

2025-M-005

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the language and changes in the Tuscola County Health Department (TCHD) Personnel Policies effective January 1, 2025 per the recommendation from Amanda Ertman, Health Officer, with the change in item 24.7 as discussed. Motion Carried.

4. Tuscola County Health Department (TCHD) Revised Fee Schedule -
Amanda Ertman, Health Officer, provided an overview of the changes.

2025-M-006

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the fee increase schedule for services provided by the Tuscola County Health Department effective January 1, 2025 per the recommendation by Amanda Ertman, Health Officer. Motion Carried.

5. Huron Lake Recovery Center in Caro -
Aland Stamps, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Huron Lake Recovery Center, presented an overview of services that will be available with the Center. This will be the only residential facility in the region.
6. Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Executive Committee Nominations for 2025 -

2025-M-007

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the recommendation of the EDC Board that Jim Tussey (Chair), John Tilt (Vice-Chair), Joe Greene (Treasurer) and Rose Putnam (Secretary) be affirmed as the EDC Executive Committee effective January 1, 2025. Motion Carried.

7. Nominations to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) & Brownfield Board of Directors -

2025-M-008

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that per the recommendation of the EDC Board, that Joe Greene, Cindy Kruse, Brandon Lee, Sam Palmetter, Debbie Powell, Thomas Raymond and Jim Tussey be appointed to the EDC Board of Directors, Class VI, and to the Brownfield Board of Directors for a 6-year term expiring December 31, 2030. All are reappointments, except for Brandon Lee, who is replacing Josh Rodammer representing Frankenmuth Credit Union. Motion Carried.

8. Letter of Retirement from Renee Francisco -

2025-M-009

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to accept and place on file the retirement letter from Renee Francisco, Financial Coordinator, with regret. Motion Carried.

9. Moving Forward with the Controller's Office -
Shelly Lutz, Human Resources Director/Interim Administrator, presented that Debbie Babich is interested in taking on Renee Francisco's current position of Financial Coordinator upon vacancy. Shelly stated this would be a lateral move. Matter to be placed on the January 27, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting. Shelly Lutz would also like to have further discussion on reestablishing the Chief Accountant position that was eliminated in a previous office restructure.

Old Business

1. Tuscola County and Tuscola County Courts Organizational Chart -
Debbie Babich, Fiscal/Personnel Analyst, informed the Board of the changes that were made on the Organizational Charts included in the agenda packet.

2025-M-010

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the Tuscola County Courts and Tuscola County Organizational Charts as presented. Motion Carried.

2. Board Rules of Order -

The Board would like to review the emailed examples from Clerk Fetting and the matter will be placed on the agenda for the January 27, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Parks and Recreation Minutes
2. Leelanau County Resolution #2024-021

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Vaughan

No Report

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

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Young

Vacant

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

Bardwell

No Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Caro DDA/TIFA
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

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
Multi-County Recycling Committee
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

None

Extended Public Comment

Eean Lee - Offered condolences to the Young family and referenced that People State Bank (PSB) Building could be dedicated in honor of Commissioner Thomas Young.

Commissioner Kim Vaughan - Addressed the EDC Board transition, the current contract with MSU Extension and Michael Clinesmith's letter of resignation.

Commissioner Thom Bardwell - Addressed the EDC Board transition as well and stated that Michael Clinesmith is the only person in the office on a daily basis currently.

Clerk Jodi Fetting - Expressed her appreciation of Renee Francisco and wished her well in retirement. Also, offered assistance to the Board provided by the Clerk and Treasurer Bennett in navigating through Renee's retirement. Clerk Fetting offered condolences to the Young Family and explained, that per statute, the Board has 30 days to fill the Commissioner's seat or a special election would have to be called.

2025-M-011

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve proceeding with posting the Notice of Vacancy for Commissioner District #1. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

2025-M-012

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 a.m. Motion Carried.

Katherine Robinson
Tuscola County Deputy Clerk