



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, February 13, 2025

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, February 13, 2025, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Lutz

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Koch

Roll Call - Deputy Clerk Robinson

Oath of Office - Commissioner John Henry Goodchild

Commissioners Present In-Person: John Goodchild, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, Matt Koch

Commissioners Absent: Thomas Bardwell

Others Present In-Person: Katherine Robinson, Eean Lee, Steve Anderson, Shelly Lutz, Alexis Goodchild, David Stevens, Brandon Putman, Kacie Putman, Renee Francisco, Angie House

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Greg Ryneerson, James LeValley, Debbie Babich, Echo Torrez, Angie Daniels, Tanya Pisha, Judy Cockerill, Renee Francisco, Karlee Romain, Ashley Gaudett, Estee Bitzer, Bonnie Fackler, Cindy Hughes, Linda Strasz, Register Marianne Brandt, Tim Green, Rebecca Evans, Krystaria Skakle, Nancy Barrios

At 8:05 a.m., there were a total of 22 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2025-M-037

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2025-M-038

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the meeting minutes from the January 30, 2025 Regular meeting and the February 10, 2025 Special meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2025-M-039

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the February 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

1. Move to approve Mike Miller to negotiate the Space Available Proposal with the Michigan State Police Post.
2. Move that per the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) recommendation, that the following members be reappointed to the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Board of Directors for a three-year term ending March 31, 2028.
Nikki Bruno
Nancy Fritz
David Griesing
Susan McNett
3. Move to approve Chaplain William Sanders to the Region VII Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2028.
4. Move to accept and place on file Ruby Burk's letter of resignation from the Council on Aging.
5. Move to appoint Sandra Williamson to the Council on Aging for a partial-term expiring on December 31, 2025.

New Business

1. Commissioner Committee Assignments for John Henry Goodchild -
Commissioner Vaughan reviewed the list of Committees that newly appointed Commissioner Goodchild would report on.
2. Memorandum of Understanding with Hills and Dales Hospital -
Shelly Lutz, HR Director/Interim Administrator explained that this is similar to the McLaren Memorandum that was signed at the January 30, 2025 meeting.

2025-M-040

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the Memorandum of Understanding previously reviewed by legal counsel with Hills and Dales Hospital to be effective February 13, 2025 and until terminated by either party with not less than sixty (60) days prior written notice given to the other party. Also, authorize all necessary signatures. Motion Carried.

3. Medicare Revalidation Letter for Tuscola County Medical Care Facility -

2025-M-041

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the Revalidation for Tuscola County Medical Care Facility for their enrollment with Medicare as presented and authorize all signatures. Motion Carried.

4. Fund 252 State Survey Grant Fund (Re monumentation) 2024 Budget Adjustment -
Renee Francisco, Financial Coordinator, explained that the budget was higher than what was awarded. The budget needs to be lowered to match the amount the state awarded in the grant.

2025-M-042

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by John Goodchild to approve the reduction of the 252 State Survey Grant Fund revenues and expenditures by \$12,253.00 each to match the 2024 Grant Award amount of \$60,719.00. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Opioid Funds Reserved for the Opiate/Meth Specific Program at Tri-Cap -
David Stevens, Community Corrections Coordinator, explained that he had a meeting with the board.

2025-M-043

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by John Goodchild to approve that per the request from David Stevens, Community Corrections Coordinator, that \$20,000.00 from the Opioid Settlement fund be approved to be used for the Tri-Cap, Opiate/Meth Specific Program, for Tuscola County residents only. Motion Carried.

2. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Updated 2023-2027 -
- Clerk Jodi Fetting, explained that the Master Plan has spelling and grammar errors and is requesting the Parks and Recreation Commission review one more time prior to adoption. Matter to be moved to the next Board meeting.

3. Recycle Trailer Bids -

2025-M-044

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to award the Request for Proposal (RFP) to Reese Trailer Sales in the amount of \$10,515.00 for the purchase of a new trailer for the Recycling Center. Motion Carried.

4. Resolution 2025-02 Commissary Concession 595 Fund -

2025-M-045

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve Resolution 2025-02 Commissary Concession 595 Fund as presented.

Yes: John Goodchild, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, and Matt Koch

Absent: Thomas Bardwell

Motion Carried.

5. Chief Accountant position in the Controller's Office -

2025-M-046

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the hiring of Erica Dibble to fill the Chief Accountant position in the Controller's Office on or around February 27, 2025 at Step 1 at \$58,229.99 annually contingent upon favorable background check, physical and drug screen. Motion Carried.

6. Fiscal/Personnel Analyst to the Financial Coordinator position -

2025-M-047

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the lateral move of Debbie Babich, Fiscal/Personnel Analyst to the Financial Coordinator position effective March 31, 2025 due to the retirement of Renee Francisco, current Financial Coordinator. Additional cross training begins March 3, 2025. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

None

- 1. Michigan Counties Legislative Conference 2025

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Koch

No Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government

Goodchild

No Report

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison

Dispatch Authority Board
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works -
Commissioner Koch is now assigned this Committee.
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

Absent

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

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

Lutz

Board of Health -

There is a meeting next week.

Community Corrections Advisory Board -

There was a meeting last week.

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

Other Business as Necessary

None

Extended Public Comment

-Nancy Barrios questioned the parcels near the Caro Center. There should be parcels A, B and C and the County GIS shows Parcel A as the Land Bank. An easement is not needed for access from Washburn Road.

Adjournment

2025-M-048

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Katherine Robinson
Tuscola County Deputy Clerk