



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, February 27, 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 Thursday, February 27, 2025, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Koch

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Goodchild

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: Kim Vaughan

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Sheila Long, Angie House, Cody Horton, Michael Clinesmith, Shannon Beach

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Estee Bitzer, Amanda Ertman, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Renee Francisco, Register Marianne Brandt, Ashley Gaudett, Bonnie Fackler, Jon Ramirez, Katie Robinson, Steve Anderson, Pam Shook, Barry Lapp, Chad Tumblin, Jodi Barrons, Judy Cockerill, Tyler Ray, Shannon Beach

At 8:03 a.m., there were a total of 16 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2025-M-049

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

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2025-M-050

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz Move to adopt the meeting minutes from the February 13, 2025 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2025-M-051

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the February 24, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request to Hire Seasonal Mosquito Abatement Employees for the 2025 Season -
Move to approve the hiring of the seasonal employees at Mosquito Abatement for the 2025 season contingent on satisfactory background checks, drug tests and physical screens.

2. Request to Purchase Five (5) Electric Backpack Sprayers and Batteries -
Move to approve the purchase of 5 Pioneer electric backpack sprayers at a cost of \$2,340.00 each for a total cost of \$11,700.00 and to purchase 5 Pioneer electric backpack batteries at a cost of \$799.00 each for a total cost of \$3,995.00 for which funds were allocated in the 2025 Mosquito Abatement budget.

3. Susan Holder from the Caro Chamber of Commerce Request to Use Courthouse Lawn for Cars and Crafts on June 6 - 7, 2025 -
Move to approve the use of the Courthouse Lawn on June 6 and June 7, 2025 for the Cars and Crafts event as requested by the Caro Chamber of Commerce.

4. Request from Jerald Gamm at the Tuscola County Council on Aging for \$2,500.00 to Help Fund the Annual Senior Dinner Dance in September 2025 -
Move to approve the request from the Tuscola County Council on Aging for \$2,500.00 towards the Annual Senior Dinner Dance in September of 2025.

New Business

1. Lapeer School Bus Routing Software -
Cody Horton, GIS Director, explained the request received.

2025-M-052

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the request from Cody Horton, Tuscola County GIS Director, for the Lapeer Schools to obtain a copy of our parcel layer and address point database free of charge as it is a benefit to the general public and according to our Enhanced Access To Public Records. Motion Carried.

2. Out-of-State Travel Request for Lieutenant Dan Lisowski and Cheyenne Messing, Jail Nurse to Attend Training in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 19-21, 2025 - Shannon Beach, Sheriff's Secretary, presented the travel request.

2025-M-053

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the out-of-state travel request for Lieutenant Dan Lisowski and Jail Nurse Cheyenne Barrett to attend training in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 19-21, 2025. All expenses are to be reimbursed by the Building Bridges Grant. Motion Carried.

3. Appointment of Caitlyn Sherman to the Tuscola Behavioral Health Services (TBHS) Board of Directors - Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, presented the appointment request.

2025-M-054

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by John Goodchild to appoint Caitlyn Sherman to the Tuscola Behavioral Health Services Board of Directors to fill a current vacancy for a partial-term expiring on December 31, 2027. Motion Carried.

4. On-call Magistrate Position - Shiela Long, Court Administrator, explained the appointment request and the request for a transfer of funds between line items within the Court Budget to cover the additional cost for no impact to the General Fund.

Matter discussed at length by the Board.

2025-M-055

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to approve the appointment of Attorney Kristen Fisher Ruiz as an Attorney Magistrate for the 71B District Court effective March 1, 2025.

Also, to approve the request that the pay for this position be increased from \$5,000.00 to \$7,500.00 annually (\$625 per month). The additional \$1,250.00 to fulfill this calendar year can be satisfied with funds from the visiting judge line-item in the Unified Court Budget. This position will be contractual between the Courts and Ms. Fisher Ruiz.

This appointment is contingent upon approval of the issuance of a Performance Bond by MMRMA. The \$2,500.00 increase is to be funded annually from the visiting judge line-item moving forward.

Yes: Thomas Bardwell and Matt Koch
No: John Goodchild and Bill Lutz
Absent: Kim Vaughan

Motion Failed.

Old Business

1. Bid Opening for Recycling Truck -
Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds and Recycling Director, reviewed the bids received and is recommending the bid be awarded to Moore Motors.

2025-M-056

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to award the Request for Proposal (RFP) to Moore Motors in the amount of \$45,479.80 for the purchase of a new 2025 Ford F-250 truck for the Recycling Center. Motion Carried.

2. Bid Opening for Lawn Mowing Services -
Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds and Recycling Director, reviewed the bids and is recommending Laser Cut Lawn Care.

2025-M-057

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by John Goodchild to award the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 2025 lawn mowing services to Laser Cut Lawn Care from Unionville in the amount of \$32,200.00 for a 1-year contract. Motion Carried.

3. Parks and Recreation Contract for Park Management -

2025-M-058

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by John Goodchild to approve the updated contract for Park Management of Vanderbilt Park removing the \$1,000.00 cap under Section 2, Payment for Services. Effective date of the amendment will be February 27, 2025. All other terms of the contract are to remain the same. Also, all necessary signatures are authorized for this amendment. Motion Carried.

4. Parks and Recreation Commission Updated 2023-2027 Master Plan

2025-M-059

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the updated Parks and Recreation 2023-2027 Master Plan with District 1 Commissioner, John Goodchild added. Plan to be approved as presented. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

None

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Meets tonight.

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Meeting has been postponed.

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board
Meets April 2, 2025.

MAC Finance Committee
Meets in March.

NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)
Met this morning.

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Goodchild

No Report

Board of Public Works

Behavioral Health Systems Board

County Road Commission Liaison

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Region VII Economic Development Planning

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

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Local Units of Government Activity Report

Vaughan

Absent

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

Bird Flu, Influenza and Chicken pox cases are on the rise.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Meal site is moving down to Burnside Street.

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

Dispatch Authority Board

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Recycling Advisory

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)
Local Units of Government

Other Business as Necessary

None

Extended Public Comment

None

Adjournment

2025-M-060

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO