



# MINUTES

## Board of Commissioners

### Meeting

**8:00 AM - Thursday, April 24, 2025**

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 Thursday, April 24, 2025, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Koch

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Lutz

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Jon Ramirez, Doug Young, Deb Young, Kristen Young, Michael Clinesmith, Jeremey Bouvrette, Tamera Feldhouse, Nancy Barrios, Karly Creguer, Nola Auernhamer, Judge Nancy Thane, Geffory Stuart, Nicholas Tselepis, Erica Dibble, Bob Betson, Tyler Ray, Treasurer Ashley Bennett

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Carrie Tabar, Chad Tumblin, Debbie Babich, Rebecca Evans, Echo Torrez, Ashley Gaudett, Estee Bitzer, Amanda Ertman, Barry Lapp, Angie Daniels, Cody Horton, Janie Hemerline, Linda Strasz, Register Marianne Brandt, Judge Nancy Thane, Krystaria Skakle, Kristen Young, Shannon Beach, Steve Root

At 8:01 a.m., there were a total of 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2025-M-101

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

#### **Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2025-M-102

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adopt the meeting minutes from the April 10, 2025 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

**Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only**

None

**Consent Agenda -**

None

**New Business**

1. Presentation of Resolution 2025-05 Honoring Doug Young as Presented by Tuscola County Commissioners -

2025-M-103

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve and place on file the Retirement Resolution 2025-05 Presented to Doug Young, Fairgrove Fire Chief.

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

Motion Carried.

2. Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel (MIDC) Proposed Grant Application - Geoffrey Stuart and Nicholas Tselepis presented to the Board to receive permission to apply for the State Funding for MIDC for the FY 2026. Mr. Tselepis presented that there is still a plan to move forward with a Public Defender's Office after 2026.

2025-M-104

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve per the request of Geffory Stuart, Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator, to apply for the 2026 annual grant for the Indigent Defense Counsel. Final paperwork to be brought to the Board for final approval and signature once approved by the State of Michigan. Motion Carried.

3. Michigan State University Extension (MSUe) Annual Report - Karly Creguer, Michigan State University Extension District 10 Director, presented the annual report.

2025-M-105

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to approve and place on file the Michigan State University Extension (MSUe) 2024 Annual report as presented. Motion Carried.

4. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month -  
Jeremy Bouvrette, ABATE of MI Regional Legislative Officer, addressed the importance of motorcycle awareness and safety on the road.

On April 28, 2022, the Board adopted Resolution 2022-09 to declare May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Tuscola County. The Board continues to support this cause and appreciates the effort to educate the public.

5. EGLE Grant Amendment -  
Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds and Recycling Director, explained that due to the cost of the equipment purchased from the grant the State is requesting to put a lien on the trailer.

2025-M-106

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to accept the EGLE Grant Amendment as presented and authorize all necessary signatures. Motion Carried.

6. Parks and Recreation Commission Sign Grant Request -  
Michael Clinesmith, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair and Nancy Barrios, Parks and Recreation Member, presented the request to apply for a grant from POET.

2025-M-107

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve Michael Clinesmith, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair, to apply for a grant from POET for a sign at the parcels between the two former prison properties. Estimated costs: Pannier Signage - \$3,750.00, Digital Design - \$650.00, and Concrete - \$2,300.00 for a total cost of \$6,700.00. The grant amount requested is \$4,000.00, which leaves \$2,700.00 in unmet cost to Tuscola County Parks and Recreation. A separate expenditure line item to be created for Parcels Renovations in the amount of \$2,700.00 which will come from the fund balance in Fund 208 - County Parks and Recreation upon the grant being awarded from POET. Also, to authorize all necessary signatures for the grant application. Motion Carried.

7. Opening of Bids for Sheriff's Office Dumpster Pad -  
Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds and Recycling Director, opened the bids received.

1. Agnew Construction, Saginaw - \$29,468.00
2. Dale Rieck Masonry, Caro - \$38,700.00
3. AG Rehmus, Bay City - \$30,150.00
4. Powell's, Montrose - \$45,740.00
5. Bossman Construction, Flushing - \$30,274.25
6. KMI Road Maintenance, North Branch - \$29,500.00
7. Zuma Contracting, Caro - \$52,372.50

Director Miller to review the bids received and bring back a recommendation to the Board on May 12, 2025.

8. Opening of Bids for Courthouse Rear Sidewalk Replacement -  
Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds and Recycling Director, opened the bids received.
  1. AG Rehmus, Bay City - \$36,350.00
  2. Dale Rieck Masonry, Caro - \$28,000.00
  3. Agnew Construction, Saginaw - \$24,310.50
  4. Powell's, Montrose - \$56,490.00
  5. Bossman Construction, Flushing - \$25,900.00
  6. KMI Road Construction, North Branch - \$37,500.00 (alternative 3 includes \$4,500.00 additional)
  7. Zuma Contracting, Caro - \$42,882.00

Director Miller to review the bids received and bring a recommendation back to the Board on May 12, 2025.

### **Old Business**

1. INdigital, MEVO Contract -  
The final contract was presented for review per the Board's request. The contract was approved for signature with Motion 2025-M-096.
2. Invoice payment for cameras at the People's State Bank (PSB) Building (matter added) -  
Erica Dibble explained that the purchase of the security cameras was approved via Motion 2024-M-271. It was understood at that time that the funds would be pulled from the contingency fund but the motion did not state that. The contingency fund was used for other matters and was exhausted. Erica Dibble recommended that the invoices be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Recessed at 9:55 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

At 10:02 a.m., there were a total of 19 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### **2025-M-108**

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve that per the request of Chief Accountant, Erica Dibble, that the previously approved \$64,622.18, that was approved to be paid to Advanced Satellite Communications under Motion 2024-M-271, be paid from line-item 483-901-975-002. Also, to authorize a budget amendment from line-item 483-000-390-000, Capital Improvement Fund, to line-item 483-901-975-002, PSB Building Remodel, to complete the funding for payment of the invoice. Motion Carried.

### **Correspondence/Resolutions**

1. Wells Township Planning Commission

## **Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports**

### ***Koch***

No Report

Dispatch Authority Board  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
Recycling Advisory  
Jail Planning Committee  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)  
Local Units of Government

### ***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  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

### ***Bardwell***

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 -  
Attended the Office Hours Meeting held by Representative Alexander. The matter of the building of the Amish Road to bypass M-53 was discussed.

## ***Vaughan***

Board of Health

County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment -  
They have not contacted Treasurer Bennett yet.

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 -  
The Medical Care Facility will be reopening the small houses and an open  
house was held yesterday.

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**

-Michael Clinesmith thanked the Board for supporting the grant application. The Parks and Recreation Board is trying to improve the recreation of Tuscola County.

-Treasurer Ashley Bennett addressed the Board as to concern of a batch of checks that were mailed but held up in the processing center per the USPS, Accounts Payable checks being printed twice due to illegible printing on the checks and the attempted stop payment of checks

with the bank by the Controller/Administrator's Office. After discussion, the Board felt it would be best to call a Finance Committee meeting to discuss the matters further.

-A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Clerk Fetting will post the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

2025-M-109

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m.  
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO