



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, May 29, 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, May 29, 2025, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Vaughan

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Lutz

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: Thomas Bardwell

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Jon Ramirez, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Tyler Ray, Erica Dibble, Angie House, Pennie Rienas, Suzy Rockwell, Mark Zmierski, Cody Horton, Amanda Ertman, Shelly Lutz

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Carrie Tabar, Brandon Bertram, Debbie Babich, Greg Rynearson, Echo Torrez, Malisa Pyles, Angie Daniels, Ashley Gaudett, Dara Hood, Judy Cockerill, Estee Bitzer, Kandi Teddy, Katie Robinson, Suzy Smith, Tanya Pisha, Krystaria Skakle, Kyle Nordstrom, Register Marianne Brandt, Renee Francisco, Stacey Wilcox, Scienna Nieschulz, Janie Hemerline, Amanda Ertman, Bonnie Fackler, Curtis Elenbaum, Toni James, Dan Lisowski, Erica Dibble, Tricia Sharp

At 8:13 a.m., there were a total of 27 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2025-M-124

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-125

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 15, 2025 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

None

New Business

1. Resolution Honoring Mark Zmierski -

2025-M-126

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve and place on file Resolution 2025-07 Honoring Mark Zmierski, Director of Tuscola County Veterans Affairs.

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

Absent: Thomas Bardwell

Motion Carried.

2. Animal Shelter Hours of Operation -

Tyler Ray, Animal Control Director, presented the requested hours of operation. He stated that these are the hours the Shelter has been following for approximately the last 3 years even though they were not formally adopted.

2025-M-127

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by John Goodchild to approve the Animal Shelter hours of operation as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board Appointment -

Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, explained the reappointment request received.

2025-M-128

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by John Goodchild to re-appoint John Hunter to the Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board for a 3-year term of September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028. Motion Carried.

4. Controller/Administrator Position Update -

Shelly Lutz, Interim Administrator, presented two proposals from executive search firms to assist in the hiring of a Controller/Administrator for Tuscola County.

1. Michigan Leadership Institute - Recommended by Michigan Association of Counties (MAC)

2. Double Haul Solutions - Recommended by Maner Costerisan

Shelly Lutz to schedule each firm to attend the June 9, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting to present their respective proposal.

5. 2025 Remonumentation Grant Administrator Appointment (matter added) -

2025-M-129

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to appoint Chairperson Kim Vaughan as the 2025 Remonumentation Grant Administrator and authorize all necessary signatures. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Electronic Lock for the Magistrate's Office -

Mike Miller, Buildings/Grounds and Recycling Director, stated that he has not received information as to how the project will be funded from the Court. No action at this time.

2. Finance Review -

Erica Dibble, Chief Accountant, reported to the Board that the 2024 audit is still being worked on. The process of reviewing budget entries was reviewed. It was explained how to find the financial reports on the county website. A Revenue and Expenditure Report (labeled Report #1 Budget to Actual) and a second Revenue and Expenditure Report (labeled Report #2 Over Budget Line Items as of 5/28/25) were presented to the Board. A review on the PGS Fund Tracker was presented.

2025-M-130

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the finance review as presented. Motion Carried.

New Business - continued

6. Closed Session under Section 8(1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act to Consider the Lease of Real Property -

2025-M-131

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that the Board meet in closed session under Section 8(1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act to consider to lease of real property, with Eean Lee, Shelly Lutz, Mike Miller and Jodi Fetting permitted to attend at 9:07 a.m.

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

Absent: Thomas Bardwell

Motion Carried.

Return from Closed Session at 9:29 a.m.

At 9:29 a.m., there were a total of 30 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Recessed at 9:29 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:36 a.m.

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1. Michigan State Police (MSP) Building Lease (matter added) -

2025-M-132

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve that per the recommendation of Building and Grounds Director Mike Miller that the square foot amount for the monthly lease of the MSP Building located at 1465 Cleaver Rd, Caro MI 48723 be at \$27.00 per square foot. The building is 7,546 square feet total. Remaining terms of the lease to be worked on by Mike Miller and Shelly Lutz with the State of Michigan. Final lease to be brought back to the Board for review prior to signing. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Genesee County Resolution #2025-1757
2. Representative Alexander's M-53 Amish Buggy Ride

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Goodchild

No Report

Board of Public Works

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

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

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

Board of Health
County Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment -
Interviews are underway for a new EDC Director.
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

No Report

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
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

-Sheriff Ryan Robinson updated the Board as to his efforts in working with TBHS and the Veterans Affairs Office to offer more programs to his Department and to the inmates.

-Clerk Jodi Fetting addressed the report distributed by Erica Dibble titled Over Budgeted Line Items as on there are line-items with no 2025 budget amount entered but there have been expenses charged to the line-item which looks to be the reason for some of the over budgets. The question was asked how the 2025 budget was balanced and where the funds would come from to bring these line-items back into budget.

Adjournment

2025-M-133

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO