



# MINUTES

## Board of Commissioners Meeting

**8:00 AM - Thursday, August 14, 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, August 14, 2025, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Vaughan

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Bardwell

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, Tanya Pisha, Erica Dibble, Amanda Ertman

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Stephanie DuSute, Shelly Lutz, Kyle Nordstrom, Karlee Romain, Judy Cockerill, Jon Ramirez, Debbie Babich, Cody Horton, Angie House, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Katie Robinson, Toni James, Stacey Wilcox, Cindy Hughes, Echo Torrez, Kristy Sutherland, Kandi Teddy, Sherry Billot, Rob Wrona, Tricia Sharp, Scienna Nieschulz

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2025-M-196

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

### Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2025-M-197

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by John Goodchild to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 31, 2025 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

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

None

### **Consent Agenda**

2025-M-198

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the August 11, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Mosquito Request for a Purchase Agreement -

Move to approve the extended contract agreement with Valent BioSciences LLC for mosquito control material to treat standing water and kill mosquito larva before they hatch into adults. This agreement is for the year of 2026 and 2027. Prices for 2026 are 3% more than 2025 and prices for 2027 are 3.50% more than 2026, prices include shipping. To be paid from line-item 240-100-750-000.

2. Recycling 2024 Annual Report -

Move to approve and place on file the Tuscola County Recycling 2024 Annual Report as presented.

3. New Hire Request for Help Desk -

Move to approve Matthew Sexton to fill the open help desk position pending a favorable background check, physical and drug screening, with a pending start date on or before August 25, 2025 at step 1 for \$20.26 an hour.

### **New Business**

1. Tuscola County Health Department Annual Report -

Amanda Ertman, Health Officer, presented the 2024 annual report for the Tuscola County Health Department.

2025-M-199

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve and place on file the Tuscola County Health Department 2024 Annual Report as presented. Motion Carried.

2. Tuscola County Health Department Requesting Permission for Structural Changes to the Building -

Amanda Ertman, Health Officer, explained the requested changes at no cost to the County general fund.

**2025-M-200**

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the request for changes to the Health Department building as submitted by Amanda Ertman, Health Officer. Motion Carried.

3. Materials Management Planning Program Grant Agreement -

Mike Miller, Building/Grounds and Recycling Director, reviewed the grant agreement as the State has approved the agreement.

**2025-M-201**

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the Materials Management Planning Program Grant Agreement with Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) project named MMP-Tuscola-Thumb, Project number PLA-25-060 in the amount of \$9,876.00 (grant plus match) starting 3/20/2025 ending 12/7/2026. Also, all necessary signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

4. Appointment of an Employee Delegate and Alternate for the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Annual Business Meeting -

Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, explained the request for the employee representative to attend the MERS Conference.

**2025-M-202**

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to appoint Miles Breinager, Sheriff Department Employee, as the Employee Delegate and Judy Cockerill, Clerk's Office employee, as an Alternate Employee Delegate to attend the Municipal Employees Retirement Systems (MERS) Annual Business Meeting from October 15, 2025 through October 17, 2025. Also, all necessary signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

5. Appointment of an Officer Delegate and Alternate for the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Annual Business Meeting -

Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, explained the request for an employer representative for the MERS Conference.

**2025-M-203**

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by John Goodchild to appoint Shelly Lutz, Director of Human Resources, as the Officer Delegate and Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, as the Alternate Officer Delegate to attend the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Annual Business Meeting from October 15, 2025 through October 17, 2025. Also, all necessary signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

1. Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Proposed Resolution 2025-09 Opposing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' Plan to Competitively Bid Michigan's Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans -

2025-M-204

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve Resolution 2025-09 Opposing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' Plan to Competitively Bid Michigan's Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans. Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

2. July 2025 Financial Reports -

Erica Dibble, Controller/Administrator, presented an updated financial report to include July 2024 for the Commissioners to use as a comparison. In her review, it was reported the 2025 budget to date is tracking similar to the July 2024 budget figures. Controller/Administrator Dibble is currently working on a budget forecast to be presented at an upcoming meeting.

An updated tracker of the Provision of Government Services (PGS) funds is being prepared to be presented to the Board in the future.

Budget sweeps for 2025 are currently being worked on by the Controller/Administrator's Office prior to beginning the 2026 Budget process.

### **Correspondence/Resolutions**

1. National Association of Counties (NACo) Letter
2. Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority Letter -  
Controller/Administrator Dibble reviewed the letter received stating that the net distribution amount is \$96,523.00. This will be reallocated back to the Departments as revenue.

### **Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports**

#### **Goodchild**

None

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

***Bardwell***

None

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***

None

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 -  
Meets tomorrow.

Community Corrections Advisory Board -  
The grant has been received from the State of Michigan.

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**

None

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**

Michigan Worker's Comp Fund - Commissioner Bardwell reported that the distribution request submitted is in the amount of \$5 million.

At 8:37 a.m., there were a total of 23 participants attending the meeting virtually.

**Extended Public Comment**

Commissioner Vaughan extended prayers for all of those involved in the tragic accident that happened this week.

**Adjournment**

2025-M-205

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 a.m.  
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO