



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, May 11, 2026

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 Monday, May 11, 2026, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Koch

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: Nancy Barrios

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Jordan Wade, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Tanya Pisha, Karly Creguer, Alisha Proctor

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Carrie Tabar, Mitch Davies, Angie Daniels, Angie House, Debbie Babich, Shelly Lutz, Tom McLane, Tricia Sharp, Laura Boyke-Hawes, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Bonnie Fackler, Cindy Hughes, Judy Cockerill, Drain Commissioner Dara Hood, Cody Horton, Matthew Sexton, Samuel Putnam, Barry Lapp, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Echo Torrez, Shelby Austin, Daniel Lisowski

At 8:10 a.m., there were a total of 28 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2026-M-109

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 -

2026-M-110

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adopt the meeting minutes from the April 30, 2026 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda -

None

New Business

1. Resolution 2026-09 Honoring Staff Sergeant Terry Patrick Richardson - Commissioner Vaughan read the resolution in recognition of Sergeant Richardson.

2026-M-111

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve and place on file Resolution 2026-09 Honoring Staff Sergeant Terry Patrick Richardson.

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

Absent: Nancy Barrios

Motion Carried.

Clerk Fetting excused at 8:14 a.m.

2. Michigan State University Extension (MSUe) 2025 Annual Report - Karly Creguer, District 10 Director, reviewed the Tuscola County 2025 Annual Report, along with the services they offer.

2026-M-112

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve and place on file the Michigan State University Extension 2025 Annual Report. Motion Carried.

3. Prosecutor's Office Request to Hire Gabrielle Sheets - Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, requested to hire Gabrielle Sheets as a full-time Law Clerk at Step 0. The anticipated start date is on or before May 13, 2026, pending background, drug screen and physical.

2026-M-113

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the request from Erica Walle, Prosecuting Attorney, to hire Gabrielle Sheets full-time as a Law Clerk at Step 0 for \$51,250.00 annually to fill one of the vacant Assistant Prosecutor positions in the Prosecutor's Office. To begin on or around May 13, 2026, contingent upon favorable background check, drug screen and physical. Motion Carried.

4. Consideration to Authorize the L-4029 Tax Rate Request for the 2026 Summer Tax Levy -
Angie Daniels, Equalization Director, requests authorization to approve the L-4029 Tax Rate for the 2026 Summer Tax Levy.

2026-M-114

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve and place on file the 2026 Tuscola County L-4029 Summer Property Tax Levy as presented by Angie Daniels, Equalization Director. Motion Carried.

5. General Fund Budget Amendments Request -
Connie Keinath, Chief Accountant, requested to approve the General Fund Budget Amendments as included in the agenda packet.

2026-M-115

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the General Fund Budget Amendments as presented. These amendments correct budgeted revenues and expenses to reflect actual amounts received or expended, which includes an increase in the use of budgeted fund balance of \$25,472.06. Motion Carried.

6. Special Fund Budget Amendments Request -
Connie Keinath, Chief Accountant, requested to approve the Special Fund Budget Amendments as included in the agenda packet.

2026-M-116

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the Special Fund Budget Amendments as presented. These amendments correct budgeted revenues and expenses to reflect actual amounts received or expended. Motion Carried.

7. Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation for Park Host -
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, requested that Charles Militello, Jr. be approved as the Park Host for Vanderbilt Park.

2026-M-117

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that Charles Militello Jr. be approved as the Park Host for Vanderbilt Park, per the recommendation of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission. This appointment is covered under the Park Host Contract previously approved by our legal counsel, with a start date of May 12, 2026. Charles is an independent contractor and is not entitled to any Tuscola County benefits. All necessary signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Request for Authorization to Apply and Administer USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant -
Alisha Proctor, EDC Director, reported she met with the Tuscola County Road Commission and they are not interested in partnering with Tuscola County on the Safe Street Grant. Alisha requested that Tuscola County move forward with applying for the Safe Street Grant.

2026-M-118

Motion by Kim Vaughan, no support provided, to approve the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to apply for and administer a Federal Transportation Safety Planning Grant through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All program. This grant will be used for the development of a countywide roadway safety action plan. The grant amount is \$450,000.00 and is a reimbursement grant. There is a 20% County match of \$90,000.00 required. The county match will be drawn from the general fund balance and spread over three years; no additional County fund is required. As this is a reimbursement grant, funds will be returned to the EDC. All necessary budget amendments and signatures are hereby authorized. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Commissioner Bardwell discussed his reason for not voting for the Safe Street Grant.

Correspondence/Resolutions

None

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

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

Barrios - Absent

Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, reported on behalf of Commissioner Barrios.

- County Road Commission Liaison
- Barrios will be attending the Road Commission supervisor's meeting on June 11, 2026 at the Brentwood.

Road Commission is still open to meeting with 2 of the Commissioners.

- Great Start Collaborative
- Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee
Parks and Recreation Commission
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
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

None

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison
Jail Planning Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
MAC Judiciary Committee
MEMS All Hazard
Multi-County Recycling Committee
Local Units of Government Activity Report

Koch

None

Dispatch Authority Board

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

Other Business as Necessary

None

Extended Public Comment

None

Adjournment

2026-M-119

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO

Tanya Pisha
Tuscola County Deputy Clerk

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