



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, May 28, 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 Thursday, May 28, 2026, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Barrios

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Koch

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Nancy Barrios, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, Matt Koch

Commissioners Absent: Thomas Bardwell

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Jordan Wade, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Larry Zapfe, Glenn Lindsey, Daryl Hunt, Ken Pike, Mark Griessel, Roger Allen

Also Present Virtual: Mary Drier, Alecia Little, Angie House, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Gregg Campbell, Connie Keinath, Debbie Babich, Brent Dankert, Jeff LeValley, Shelly Lutz, Ashley Gaudett, Amanda Ertman, Jon Ramirez, Katie Robinson, Linda Strasz, Krystaria Skakle, Tanya Pisha, Echo Torrez, Cody Horton, Matthew Sexton, Nancy Laskowski, Sherry Billot, Judy Cockerill, Chad Tumblin, Robert Baxter, Tom McLane, Bobbie Sapien, Linda Mills, Shelby Austin, Shannon Nelson, Barry Lapp, Angie Daniels, Sally Minehart, Drain Commissioner Dara Hood, Toni James, Karlee Romain, Cindy Hughes, Brian Petiprin

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 27 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2026-M-120

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Nancy Barrios to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2026-M-121

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 11, 2026 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

None

New Business

1. SAFEbuilt New Building Inspector Introduction and Report -
Daryl Hunt, Building Official, introduced himself to the Board.

Glenn Lindsey provided a report of projects from the past year with an update for their plan and structure moving forward.

2. 2025 Materials Management Planning Program Grant Amendment -
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, explained the request for the amendment due to grant regulations.

2026-M-122

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the 2025 EGLE Grant Amendment as presented. The amendment was requested by EGLE to allocate all 2025 funding for the County for Material Management Planning. Motion Carried.

3. 2026 Drone Replacement -
Sheriff Ryan Robinson presented the request to purchase a new drone.

2026-M-123

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve per the request from Sheriff Robinson to purchase a DJI Matrice Drone from Seiler Instrument and Manufacturing Co. who was the low bidder, in the amount of \$32,960.00. This will replace a drone that was damaged and cannot be repaired. Also, approve the transfer of \$32,960.00 from the Road Patrol Fund Balance to Equipment and Repair account 207-309-932-000 to fund the initial purchase. Reimbursement from a MMRMA insurance claim of \$20,000.00 is expected to offset the cost to the Road Patrol Fund. Motion Carried.

4. Request from Mosquito Abatement Director to Hire Robin Kuberski -
Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, presented the request to fill a vacant position.

2026-M-124

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Nancy Barrios to approve the request from Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, to hire Robin Kuberski to fill an upcoming vacant seasonal field technician position, beginning June 8, 2026, pending successful background check, physical and MDARD certification starting at Step 1 rate of pay of \$15.22 an hour. Motion Carried.

5. New Hire Request to Fill a Vacant Dispatcher Position -
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, presented the request to fill a vacant position.

2026-M-125

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Nancy Barrios to approve the request from Carrie Tabar, to hire Brooklyn Staffine to fill a vacant dispatcher position at Step 1 with a wage of \$19.52 with a start date on or around June 15, 2026 pending a satisfactory background check, physical and drug screen. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Amendment to Motion 2026-M-2026106 Regarding the Wage Amount for Philip Fulks the New Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel (MIDC) -
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, explained that the incorrect wage was listed incorrectly in Motion 2026-M-106.

2026-M-126

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch per the recommendation of Geoffrey Stuart, Indigent Defense Counsel Administrator, to approve Philip Fulks to fill the open Staff Attorney position. Mr. Fulks brings 30 years of legal experience in criminal defense. Wages starting at \$71,191.00 annually with a tentative start date on or around May 12, 2026, pending a satisfactory background check, physical and drug screen. The correct wage for Philip Fulks should be \$79,120.77 annually. Motion Carried.

2. Request for a Commissioner to attend the Declaration of Independence Reading July 8, 2026 on the Courthouse Lawn -
Commissioner Nancy Barrios stated the ceremony will be held on July 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. on the courthouse lawn. Commissioner Vaughan will attend to accept the flag that is to be presented.
3. Draft Medical Examiners Contract for Commissioners Review -
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, stated that county legal counsel has prepared the contract and is seeking approval to present to the selected Medical Examiner.

2026-M-127

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the draft Medical Examiner's contract for Medical Examiner Services as presented and forward to Michigan Forensics for review and approval. All necessary signatures are approved. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Mecosta County Resolution 2026-09
2. Michigan Public Service Commission Hearing - i3 Broadband, LLC
3. Michigan Public Service Commission Hearing - Birch Valley Solar, LLC

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Barrios

County Road Commission Liaison -
-Dayton and Elkland Townships summer road projects were addressed.
-A contract for painting on the roads was signed.

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee -
Committee is reviewing future goals.

Parks and Recreation Commission -
A new Park Host has been hired.
The cornhole project is moving forward.
The sign is being installed.
The concept plan from Spicer has been received for the Parcels.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Local Units of Government Activity Report -
Elmwood Township has changed legal counsel.
Elkland Township held a Memorial Day service.

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

No Report

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

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

-Watertown Township was awarded a grant from the Frankenmuth Credit Union Foundation in order to purchase fire gear.

Koch

No Report

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

At 8:51 a.m., there were a total of 32 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Commissioner Barrios would like to have the following items placed on an upcoming agenda for further discussion.

1. Commissioner list of goals with a workshop to discuss and establish.
2. Discussion on adding a part-time county grant writer in which the person is dedicated to the process.
3. Discussion on the Board presenting recognition resolutions for long-serving individuals in local municipalities.

Commissioner Vaughan asked Sheriff Robinson regarding flock cameras in Tuscola County. Sheriff Robinson stated Tuscola County does have flock cameras and reviewed the positive impact that can be realized in their utilization.

Commissioner Vaughan discussed a list of talking points regarding the Road Commission.

Extended Public Comment

None

Adjournment

2026-M-128

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Nancy Barrios to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO