



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, June 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 Thursday, June 11, 2026, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Lutz

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tracy Violet, Mike Miller, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Billy Putman, Jen Putman, Isabella Putman, Laura Boyke-Hawes, Carrie Tabar, Don Wellington

Also Present Virtual: Mary Drier, Angie House, Angie Daniels, Connie Keinath, Debbie Babich, Echo Torrez, Brent Dankert, Shelly Lutz, Stephanie Dusute, Alecia Little, Register Marianne Brandt, Maggie Root, Tanya Pisha, Tom McLane, Olivia Chapin, Cody Horton, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Toni James, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Katie Robinson, Linda Strasz, Shannon Nelson, Sherry Billot, Kandi Teddy, Amanda Ertman, Scienna Nieschulz, Glen Skrent, Ashley Gaudett, Gregg Campbell, Judy Cockerill, Shannon Beach, Shelby Austin, Samuel Putnam, Jim Matuszak, Barry Lapp, Tricia Sharp, Steve Root, Amy Prill, Dan Lisowski, Carrie Tabar, Nancy Laskowski, Debbie Engelhardt

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 22 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2026-M-129

Motion by Bill Lutz, 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-130

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Nancy Barrios to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 28, 2026 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

None

New Business

1. Citizens for a Stronger Tuscola -
Billy Putman asked various questions of the Board for the intent of the Board should the proposal regarding the Road Commissioners transitioning from elected to appointed pass. Commissioner Vaughan responded to those questions. The Board of Commissioners are working with legal counsel to navigate this process.
2. Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA), Net Asset Distribution -
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, explained that Tuscola County is required to have 50% funds in reserves with MMRMA as the county is currently under funded. MMRMA is requiring \$64,100.00 at minimum from the Net Asset distribution be set aside towards the reserves. Interim Administrator Miller is recommending that the full Net Asset distribution be applied to the fund reserves. This will make the county 50% fund reserve in full currently with some additional as this amount can flex based on the number of claims.

2026-M-131

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Nancy Barrios to approve per the recommendation of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority to roll the total Net Asset Distribution of \$91,312.00 into the County Retention Fund. This will help to strengthen the County's required fund balance. And Authorize all necessary signatures. Motion Carried.

3. Solar Farm Case -

Don Wellington provided information regarding a proposed solar farm in Arbela Township. A petition on behalf of Mr. Wellington has been filed with a subsequent objection filed on behalf of Birch Valley Solar, LLC.

Recess at 9:13 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:24 a.m.

At 9:24 a.m., there were a total of 33 participants attending the meeting virtually.

The Board would like to have Interim Administrator Miller contact county legal counsel to provide guidance on the matter.

4. Medical Care Community Funds Transfer Request -

Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, explained the requests received from the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility.

2026-M-132

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Nancy Barrios to approve the request from Robert Rabideau, Chief Executive Officer, to transfer the following funds and authorize all necessary budget amendments:

\$8,195.66 from Medical Care Millage Fund 298-000-001-000 to General Fund 291-000-001-000 for a Traversa-It 550 wc19 Transport Chair.

\$65,280.00 from Medical Care Millage Fund 298-000-001-000 to General Fund 291-000-001-000 for a 2024 BraunAbility-Pacifica Rear Entry Resident Transport Van.

\$7,585.72 from Medical Care Millage Fund 298-000-001-000 to General Fund 291-000-001-000 for a Webstaurant Store Steam Table and Guard.

\$80,138.04 from Medical Care Millage Fund 298-000-001-000 to General Fund 291-000-001-000 to Rehmann, LLC for Professional Services and Materials related to Network Switches and Wireless Access Point Upgrades. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Discussion on the Possibility of Adding a Part-Time County Grant Writer -

Commissioner Barrios would like to research having a county grant writer to assist in writing and submitting grants. This person would also assist in managing the grant after the grant was awarded.

Commissioner Bardwell questioned whether the EDC would be able to assist with this as the EDC used to have a part-time grant writer on staff and may still have that position available.

The opportunity to collaborate will be discussed with EDC.

2. Discussion regarding County Resolutions for Long Serving Local Municipality Officials -
Commissioner Barrios would like the County Board of Commissioners to consider making recognition resolutions for years of service for local officials. Commissioners decided if there is a local official that a Commissioner would like to recognize to bring that request forward for consideration at that time.
3. ARPA Funds Awarded to Local Unit (matter added) - Commissioner Bardwell asked if ARPA Funds were awarded to a local jurisdiction and if those funds were not spent by the unit, what happens to the funds. Interim Administrator Miller to complete research and provide a report back to the Board.

Correspondence/Resolutions

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

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

Barrios

County Road Commission Liaison

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission -

The Historical sign has been installed. There will be an event on July 3, 2026 to recognize this.

The master plan has been complete and will be submitted to the state.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Local Units of Government Activity Report -

Commissioner Barrios has become a member of the Kingston Historical Society.

Cory Skinner received an award for his years of community service.

July 8, 2026 the Declaration of Independence will be read at the courthouse.

Commissioner Vaughan will attend to accept a commemorative flag.

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board -

The state is attempting to take over services.

Caro DDA/TIFA -

The new DDA Director is Devon Pomeroy-Ruppert.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment -

Meets next month.

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board -

There were 113 claims in 2025. The details of the types of claims and associated expenses were reviewed.

MAC Finance Committee

NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)

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 -

Meets on Friday.

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 -

The Urgent Care Building project has started in the Village of Millington.

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

None

At 10:14 a.m., there were a total of 35 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

None

Adjournment

2026-M-133

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Nancy Barrios to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO