



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, June 25, 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 25, 2026, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Lutz

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Koch

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, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Jordan Wade, John Boggs

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Angie Daniels, Angie House, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Debbie Babich, Joshua Herman, Steve Root, Amanda Ertman, Krystaria Skakle, Linda Strasz, Lori Offenbecher, Olivia Chapin, Tim Green, Jessica Johnson, Glen Skrent, Tricia Sharp, Samuel Putnam, Shanda Eichelberg, Shelly Lutz, Sherry Billot, Register Marianne Brandt, Larry Zapfe, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Cody Horton, Rita Papp, Teressa Bonesteel, Kandi Teddy, Carrie Tabar, Barry Lapp, Bonnie Fackler, Katie Robinson, Shelby Austin, Shannon Beach, Tom McLane, Tanya Pisha, Connie Keinath, Sally Minehart

At 8:05 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2026-M-134

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2026-M-135

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

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2026-M-136

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Agenda Minutes from the June 22, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

New Business

1. Use of the Courthouse Lawn by The Caro Pop-Up -

2026-M-137

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Nancy Barrios to approve the use of the courthouse lawn on June 25, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. by the Caro Pop-Up group. Motion Carried.

2. Clark Hill Engagement Letter For Review of the Veterans Millage Proposals -

Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, explained that the information for Veterans Millage be referred to the Bond Attorney firm that the county has used in the past to review the potential language for a renewal and an additional millage request.

2026-M-138

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the Engagement Letter with Clark Hill to review proposed Veterans Millage Proposals. All Necessary Signatures and Budget Amendments are approved. Motion Carried.

3. General Fund Budget Adjustment -

Connie Keinath, Chief Accountant, explained that the 2025 Budget cycle has been closed in BS&A. There was an audit finding for budgetary non-compliance. Moving forward Connie will be presenting budget amendments at least every other month.

Interim Administrator Miller stated the auditors are finishing the final audit report and will be presenting to the Board in the next month.

2026-M-139

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve General Fund Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2026 to be budgetary compliant and approve all budgetary adjustments. Motion Carried.

4. Special Funds Budget Adjustment -

Connie Keinath, Chief Accountant, explained some adjustments are for revenue and some are for expenses.

2026-M-140

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Nancy Barrios to approve Special Funds Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2026 to be budgetary compliant and approve all budgetary adjustments. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Community Corrections Grant FY27 -

2026-M-141

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve Resolution 2026-10 FY 27 Community Corrections Grant Application as presented.

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

Motion Carried.

2. Request to Purchase a New Off-Road Utility Vehicle -

2026-M-142

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Nancy Barrios to approve the request of Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, to purchase from Trailsport Motors LLC in Brown City, MI who was the low bidder for a Kawasaki Pro-MX EPS Firecracker for an amount of \$13,500.00. Funds to come from line item 240-100-970-010 and authorize all necessary signatures. Motion Carried.

3. Medical Examiner Revised Agreement -

2026-M-143

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the revised one-year contract with Michigan Forensics for Medical Examiner Services. All necessary signatures and budget adjustments are approved. Motion Carried.

4. Michigan State Police Post Revised Lease -

Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, stated that the lease has been presented to county legal counsel and approved for presentation to the Board for approval in order to submit to the State for final review.

2026-M-144

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the revised Michigan State Police Post Lease Agreement and forward to the State for final approval. All necessary signatures are approved. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Tuscola County Landbank Time Capsule Opening - July 14, 2026

2. Declaration of Independence Celebration - July 8, 2026
3. Caro Community's America 250 Celebration - July 4, 2026

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Lutz

Board of Health -
Meets tomorrow.

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

Barrios

County Road Commission Liaison -

- Area farmers attended the meeting expressing concerns about the BrightSpeed installation which has caused damage to farm fields and field tile.
- Over 60 calls were received by 911 Dispatch regarding road concerns.

Great Start Collaborative -
Meets today at 9:00 a.m.

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative -

- Working to establish a new vision for any areas that have contamination.

Local Units of Government Activity Report -

- Has participated in webinars regarding emerging Ebola and regarding renewable energy.
- ACW is seeking a volunteer Fire Chief.
- Cass City Freedom festival begins on July 2, 2026 with the grand parade on July 4, 2026.
- Medical Care Facility - The walking path has been completed. Their audit has been completed with no findings and a 5-star rating.
- In the Village of Unionville, the Dan Carpenter Bike Show will be on July 18, 2026.
- Elmwood Township recognized Paul Lopez for 40 years of service.

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board -
Meets tonight.

Caro DDA/TIFA -
Meets next month.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment -
Meets next Tuesday.

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board -
County reimbursement amount has not been determined yet.

MAC Finance Committee

NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)

Local Units of Government Activity Report -
The Ellington Church has been demolished.

Vaughan

Board of Health -
Meets tomorrow.

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

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

-Commissioner Bardwell has reached out to Representative Alexander regarding the Amish Bridge and the matter is in the hands of EGLE.

At 8:44 a.m., there were a total of 37 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

None

Adjournment

2026-M-145

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Nancy Barrios to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO