MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, July 30, 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, July 30, 2026, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Vaughan

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Barrios

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, Sheriff Ryan Robinson, Tom McLane, Beth Hoppe, Carrie Tabar, Michael Clinesmith, Lori Selvidge, Laura Boyke-Hawes

Also Present Virtual: Mary Drier, Debbie Babich, Jeff LeValley, Scienna Nieschulz, Cody Horton, Angie House, Bonnie Fackler, Steve Root, Amanda Ertman, Larry Zapfe, Linda Strasz, Matthew Sexton, Samuel Putnam, Shelby Austin, Tanya Pisha, Tricia Sharp, Mitch Davies, Ashley Gaudett, Kandi Teddy, Katie Robinson, Register Marianne Brandt, Sherry Billot, Tim Green, Curtis Elenbaum, Joshua Herman, Echo Torrez, Krystaria Skakle, Shannon Beach, Toni James, Dan Lisowski, Justin Nitz

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 26 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -
   The Board discussed if the resolution that was presented on Monday needed to be added to the agenda today. This proposed resolution has not been reviewed by county legal counsel at this time. The Board decided to not add to the agenda at this time.

2026-M-160

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-161

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 16, 2026 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2026-M-162

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the July 27, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Maner Costerisan 2025 Audit Presentation -
Move to place on file the 2025 Audit as prepared by Maner Costerisan.

2. MERS 2026 Annual Conference -
Move to authorize Interim Administrator Miller to seek nominations for an employee representative to attend the 2026 MERS annual conference.

New Business

1. Prosecutor's Office Request to Hire Andrew J. Daniels -
Lori Selvidge, Chief Assistant Prosecutor, presented the request as current Assistant Prosector Tyler Steger has taken a different position outside of the office.

2026-M-163

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Nancy Barrios to approve per the recommendation from Erica Walle, Prosecuting Attorney, to hire Andrew J. Daniels to fill an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney position, who has nearly five (5) years' experience as an attorney, starting at Step 2 at $75,244.42 with the additional supplemental pay of $700.00 per pay until at least one of the remaining Assistant Prosecuting Attorney positions if filled, with a tentative start date of Monday, August 17, 2026, contingent upon passing a background check, physical and drug screen. Motion Carried.

2. Adding Tuscola Central Dispatch Phones to the County Phone System -
   Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, explained the project of adding the Central Dispatch phones to the county system and that there would be cost savings on an annual basis.

2026-M-164

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Nancy Barrios per the recommendation of Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, to approve the quote from Millennia Technologies to add Central Dispatch telephones to the County telephone system for an amount of $7,225.00. Funds to come from 218-334-932.000. All signatures and budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

3. Interlocal Agreement with Oakland County for I.T. Services -
   Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, explained that the agreement needed to be renewed as online payments for Vanderbilt Park was added.

2026-M-165

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Nancy Barrios to approve the Interlocal Agreement for I.T. services with Oakland County for a period of 5 years and authorize all signatures. Motion Carried.

4. Appointment to the Tuscola County Council on Aging -
   Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, presented the appointment request.

2026-M-166

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to appoint William Sanders to the Tuscola County Council on Aging to a partial-term to expire on December 31, 2026 in order to fill a current vacant position. Motion Carried.

5. Advertisement of Vacant Position on the Planning Commission -
   Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, requested to advertise to attempt to fill the vacant position.

2026-M-167

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to authorize the County Clerk to advertise to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission in the local newspapers and on the county website. Motion Carried.

6. Advertisement of Vacant position on the Tuscola County Behavioral Health System (TBHS) Board of Directors -
   Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, presented the request to advertise to attempt to fill the vacant position.

2026-M-168

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Nancy Barrios to authorize the County Clerk to Advertise to fill the vacancy on the Tuscola County Behavioral Health System (TBHS) Board of Directors in the local newspapers and on the county website. Motion Carried.

7. Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendations -
Michael Clinesmith, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair, reviewed various recommendations on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

- There was no action taken regarding the request for a stipend pay for the Secretary position.
- The Board discussed the name selection for "The Parcels" and the Board would like there to also have the name "Indian Dave" included on the sign underneath the official name.
- Mr. Clinesmith invited the Commissioners to a Historical Kiosk Sign Dedication Ceremony on August 22, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Vanderbilt Park.
- Mr. Clinesmith reviewed the proposed fee schedule for Vanderbilt Park for the 2027 season.

2026-M-169

Motion by Nancy Barrios, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the naming of the parcels as Ishdonquet "Crossing Cloud" Memorial Park. Motion Carried.

2026-M-170

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Nancy Barrios to approve the 2027 Fee Schedule for Vanderbilt Park and Campground per the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion Carried.

8. Sheriff's Department Request to Fill Vacant Full-Time Road Patrol Position -
Sheriff Ryan Robinson explained the request to fill a vacant position. The matter of staffing levels and pay to officers was discussed.

2026-M-171

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve to hire Tyler Wills to fill the vacant full-time Road Patrol Position, at Step 1 of $27.54 hour. He begins training at Delta College Police Academy on August 24, 2026. He has successfully completed the required background check, drug screening, psychological evaluation, and physical examination. Motion Carried.

9. Director of Buildings and Grounds Position -
Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, presented the request for appointment in anticipation of Mr. Miller being appointed Controller/Administrator.

2026-M-172

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the appointment of Thomas McLane as the Tuscola County Building and Grounds Director, effective August 1, 2026. The position will start at Step 1 of the pay scale with an annual salary of $60,320.00, with all necessary budget adjustments authorized. Motion Carried.

10. Recycling Director Position -
    Mike Miller, Interim Administrator, presented the request for appointment in anticipation of Mr. Miller being appointed Controller/Administrator.

2026-M-173

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the appointment of Beth Hoppe as the Tuscola County Recycling Director, effective August 1, 2026. The position will start at Step 1 of the pay scale with an annual salary of $56,550.00, with all necessary budget adjustments authorized. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. MDHHS County Child Care Budget and List Psychological Contract -

2026-M-174

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with List Psychological Services. The agreement will be effective from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. This agreement includes 1,725 hours at a unit rate of $39.00 per hour, totaling $67,275.00. Additionally, it covers $500.00 for client assistance purchases and $5,000.00 for mileage reimbursement, bringing the total to $72,775.00 and authorize all necessary signatures. Also, all budget amendments as necessary are authorized. Motion Carried.

2. Netsource One New Firewall Proposal for Tuscola County Central Dispatch -

2026-M-175

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch per the recommendation from Carrie Tabar, Tuscola Central Dispatch Interim Director, to approve the quote #NSOQ38360 from Netsource One for a new firewall at a cost of $9,716.16. Funds to come from 218-334-932-000. All budget adjustments and signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

3. Sheriff's Office Request to Purchase Firearms, Holsters, and Ammunition for Corrections -

2026-M-176

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to approve the request from Ryan Robinson, Tuscola County Sheriff, to purchase 26 Handguns with Optics, and 26 Duty Holsters from Vance's Law Enforcement, whose bid provided the best value, for an amount of $30,816.28 including shipping. Also, approve the purchase of 20 cases of 9mm ammunition from Kiesler Police Supply, the low bidder, for an amount of $4,176.00. Funds to come from the Public Safety Revenue Sharing Account 205-321-543-000. Motion Carried.

4. Request to Purchase a New Fogger -

2026-M-177

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Nancy Barrios to approve the request Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, to purchase a new ULV fogger from Clarke Mosquito Control Products at a cost of $16,200.00. This purchase was anticipated and planned for the 2026 Mosquito Abatement Budget. Funds to come from 240-100-970.030 ULV Sprayers. Motion Carried.

5. Mosquito Abatement Foreman Position -

2026-M-178

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch per the request from Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, that Josh McAleese be promoted to fill the seasonal vacant Assistant Night Shift Foreman position, starting at Step 1 of the pay scale of $17.75, effective August 3, 2026. Motion Carried.

6. Controller/Administrator Contract Update -
   Commissioner Barrios is still in favor of a one-year contract.

2026-M-179

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the three-year Employment Agreement with Michael Miller for the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator position commencing on July 20, 2026 with all appropriate signatures and budget amendments authorized. Motion Carried.

7. Buildings and Grounds Used Mowers -

2026-M-180

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the sale of a 2009 Z840A and a 2015 Z930A John Deere Z-Track Mowers, to Tuscola County Medical Care in the amount of $1.00. These Mowers are no longer used by the Buildings and Grounds Department. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Revised Road Commission Public Notice for the Abandonment of the No Name Road in Wisner Township
2. Revised Road Commission Public Notice for the Abandonment of Marlette Road in Koylton Township
3. Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes July 21, 2026

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Bardwell

No Report

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

County Road Commission Liaison -
Meetings now align to be on the same day and time of the Board of Commissioner meetings.

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC) -
Met on Tuesday.

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Parks and Recreation Commission

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Local Units of Government Activity Report -
-Has attended many local meetings within the District.
-Has received communication regarding concerns of Flock cameras and reviewed some thoughts.

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

No Report

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

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 9:35 a.m., there were a total of 33 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

-Clerk Fetting provided an update on Early Voting turnout throughout Tuscola County. She also expressed her appreciation of the Host jurisdictions for all of their work in helping to make Early Voting successful. Tuscola County is trending ahead of neighboring counties for Early Voting turnout.

-Laura Boyke-Hawes attended the Road Commission meeting. The 7-year study has been completed with 7 intersections identified. They will work with the local jurisdictions to provide the information.

Adjournment

2026-M-181

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Nancy Barrios to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, MCCO