

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## COUNTY OF TUSCOLA RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MILLAGE BALLOT PROPOSALS FOR VETERANS SERVICES

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., Eastern Time, in the Tuscola County Building in Caro, Michigan there were:

PRESENT: Nancy Barrios, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan,  
Bill Dutzy, Matt Koch

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Dutzy and seconded by Commissioner Koch.

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, Michigan (the "County") has determined that it is in the best interests of the County to provide dedicated services and programs to veterans of the United States military and their qualified dependents within the County ("Veterans Services"); and

**WHEREAS**, the County currently funds Veterans Services with a dedicated millage in the amount of 0.1697 mill (\$0.1697 per \$1,000 of taxable value; reduced from 0.17 mill by the required Headlee rollbacks) which is scheduled to expire in 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to renew the annual levy to fund Veterans Services and proposes a tax levy in the amount of 0.1697 mill (\$0.1697 per \$1,000 of taxable value) beginning in December, 2027, and for a period of six (6) years, 2027 to 2032 inclusive ("Ballot Proposal #1"); and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that Ballot Proposal #1 will raise an estimated \$406,500 in the first year if the millage is approved; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary to increase the annual levy to fund Veterans Services and proposes a tax levy in the amount of 0.03 mill (\$0.03 per \$1,000 of taxable value) beginning in December, 2027, and for a period of six (6) years, 2027 to 2032 inclusive ("Ballot Proposal #2"); and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that Ballot Proposal #2 will raise an estimated \$72,575 in the first year if the millage is approved; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interests of the County to submit the ballot questions to the electors of the County regarding the funding of Veteran Services at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF MICHIGAN, as follows:**

- 1. The following millage renewal proposition (Ballot Proposals #1) shall be submitted to the electors of the Township at a general election to be held on November 3, 2026.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**COUNTY OF TUSCOLA  
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Shall the previously approved millage authorization in support of Tuscola County Veterans Services, reduced by the required millage rollbacks and which will expire in December, 2026, be renewed and the County of Tuscola, Michigan, be authorized to levy a millage of 0.1697 mill (\$0.1697 per \$1,000 of State Taxable Value) annually, for a period of six (6) years, 2027-2032 inclusive, on all taxable property within in Tuscola County to provide dedicated services and programs to veterans of the United States military and their qualified dependents within the county (“Veterans Services”)? The estimated revenue the County will collect in the first year of levy (2027) if the millage is approved is approximately \$406,500. (This is a reauthorization and six-year extension of a millage levied in 2026, that will expire with the 2026 tax levy, rather than an increase.) To the extent required by law, a portion of the revenues collected from this millage (estimated to be approximately 0.6% in the first year), will be captured by or disbursed to the Caro Downtown Development Authority (“DDA”), Cass City DDA, Millington DDA and Vassar DDA.

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

2. The following new millage proposition (Ballot Proposals #2) shall be submitted to the electors of the Township at a primary election to be held on November 3, 2026.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**COUNTY OF TUSCOLA  
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES MILLAGE INCREASE**

Shall the tax limitation on all taxable property within Tuscola County, Michigan, be increased and the County be authorized to levy a new millage in the amount of 0.03 mills (\$0.03 per \$1,000 of taxable value) annually, for six (6) years, 2027 to 2032 inclusive, to provide dedicated services and programs to veterans of the United States military and their qualified dependents within the County ("Veterans Services")? The estimated revenue the County will collect in the first year of levy (2027) if the millage is approved is approximately \$72,575. To the extent required by law, a portion of the revenues collected from this millage (estimated to be approximately 0.6% in the first year), will be captured by or disbursed to the Caro Downtown Development Authority ("DDA"), Cass City DDA, Millington DDA and Vassar DDA.

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Tuscola County Clerk, County Attorney and all other County officials, are authorized and directed to take all actions required by law to include this bond proposition on the ballot at the General Election on November 3, 2026.

4. All existing or previous resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as they may conflict with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby rescinded to the extent necessary to avoid such conflict.

AYES: Commissioners: Barries, Bodwell, Gutz, Koch, Vaughan

NAYS: Commissioners: none

ABSENT Commissioners: none

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: none

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Date July 16, 2026

  
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Kim Vaughan, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Tuscola, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola at its meeting held on the 15th day of July, 2026 at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout and that an original thereof is on file in the records of the County. I further certify that the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

  
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Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk,  
County of Tuscola

DATED: July 16., 2026