



# MINUTES

## Board of Commissioners

### Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, August 31, 2023

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723

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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, August 31, 2023, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Young

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz

Commissioners Absent: Matt Koch

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Cody Horton, Debbie Babich, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Mary Drier, Shawn Robinson, Dara Hood, Greg Rynearson, Mark Haney, Mitchell Holmes, Barry Lapp, Don Derryberry, Cindy Hughes

At 8:02 a.m., there were a total of 14 participants attending the meeting virtually.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2023-M-202

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the agenda as amended.  
Motion Carried.

#### **Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2023-M-203

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the August 17, 2023 Regular meeting and the August 17, 2023 Closed Session. Motion Carried.

**Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only**

None

**Consent Agenda**

2023-M-204

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the August 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Annual Delegation of School Plan Review and Inspection Authority -  
Move that SAFEbuilt be approved for the annual administration and enforcement for plan review and inspection for school buildings for Akron-Fairgrove Schools, Caro Community Schools, Cass City Public Schools, Kingston Community Schools, Mayville Community Schools, Millington Community Schools, Reese Public Schools, Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools, Vassar Public Schools and Tuscola ISD. Annual approval of this inspection work is a requirement of the State of Michigan. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
2. 2023 L-4029 Tax Rate Request -  
Move that form L-4029 authorizing the 2023 Tax Rate Levy for County General Operating and Special Voted Tax Rates be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
3. 2024 Budget Calendar -  
Move to approve the 2024 Draft Budget Development Calendar as presented.

**New Business**

1. Proposed Resolution Regarding the State of Michigan Sanitary Code -

2023-M-205

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young that Resolution 2023-19 Opposing State of Michigan Sanitary Code Senate Bills 299, 300 and House Bills 4479, 4480 be approved and placed on file.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, and Bill Lutz

Absent: Matt Koch

Motion Carried.

2. County Portion of Funding the Smith Drain -

2023-M-206

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve an advance appropriation of \$170,272.00 from the General Fund Provision of Government Services (PGS) balance to prepay the Smith Drain Project. This will result in an approximate savings of \$88,361.34 in interest over the next 15 years. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

3. Dispatch to Refill Vacant Full-Time Position Clarification -

2023-M-207

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to amend Motion 2023-M-190 Consent Item #5 to correct the stated hourly wage from \$20.91 to \$18.89.

Motion Carried.

4. Sheriff's Department to Refill Vacant Full-Time Position Clarification -

2023-M-208

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to amend Motion 2023-M-190 Consent Item #6 to correct the stated employment status from full-time to part-time and to also correct the start date from August 14, 2023 to August 23, 2023. Motion Carried.

5. Tuscola County Medical Care Facility Funds Transfer Request -

2023-M-209

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the request from the Medical Care Community Chief Executive Officer, Robert Cody Rabideau, that \$155,868.00 be transferred from the Voted Medical Care Facility Fund (298) to the regular Medical Care Facility Fund (291) for the items listed in the August 29, 2023 letter. Motion Carried.

6. Purdy Building Closure for Security Training -

2023-M-210

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to close the H.H. Purdy Building on Thursday, September 7, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 12:00 p.m. for security training. Notice to be posted on the H.H. Purdy Building (doors) and on the homepage of the County website. Motion Carried.

## **Old Business**

None

## **Correspondence/Resolutions**

1. Legislative Update 8-18-23 - The Michigan Association of Counties
2. Legislative Update 8-25-23 - The Michigan Association of Counties
3. Charlevoix County Resolution 23-084

## **Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports**

### ***Vaughan***

Board of Health

County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
EDC received \$800,000.00 in grant awards recently.

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  
Update provided.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

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Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

**Koch**

Absent

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Recycling Advisory  
Jail Planning Committee  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)  
Local Units of Government

**Bardwell**

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Mental Health issues were discussed at the meeting. Presentation to be scheduled to allow information to be provided regarding that as well as to have Dr. Morrone to report.  
Caro DDA/TIFA  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
MAC 7th District  
Meets in October.  
MAC Workers Comp Board  
MAC Finance Committee  
NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

**Young**

Board of Public Works  
County Road Commission Liaison  
Dispatch Authority Board  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
Great Start Collaborative  
Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)  
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee  
Region VII Economic Development Planning  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative  
Phragmites will be sprayed at Vanderbilt Park.  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
Tuscola 2020

## Local Units of Government Activity Report

### **Other Business as Necessary**

1. West Nile Virus Update -  
There have been positive cases found throughout Tuscola County.
2. RAP Grants -  
Clayette Zechmeister reported the two RAP Grants were awarded. One for the K-9 program and one for Beacon Emergency Systems project.
3. MAC Newsletter - Losing Local Control over Green Energy

At 8:32 a.m., there were a total of 19 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### **Extended Public Comment**

None

### **Adjournment**

2023-M-211

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 a.m.  
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO