



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, December 13, 2021

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

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723, on Monday, December 13, 2021, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel, Dan Grimshaw

Commissioner Grimshaw arrived at 8:20 a.m.

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Billy Putman, Eric Wanink, Rob Smith, Doug Rogers, Mark Ransford, Cody Horton, Bill Putman

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Cody Horton, Debbie Babich, Sandy Nielsen, Mark Haney, Mary Drier, K. Free, Alecia Little, Barry Lapp, Kim Brinkman, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Dara Hood, Nick Sakon, Matt Brown, Steve Anderson, Blake Putman, Janie Hemerline

At 8:03 a.m., there were a total of 11 participants attending the meeting virtually.

County Updates

None

New Business

1. Unlicensed and Unregulated Marijuana Grow Facilities -
Eric Wanink, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, presented to the Board regarding unlicensed and unregulated marijuana grow facilities. He addressed how the local jurisdictions can adopt an ordinance to regulate these operations. Lieutenant Rogers addressed the Board regarding the number of cases that are being investigated in Tuscola County. Detective Sergeant Smith reviewed laws that govern marijuana. Clayette to distribute information received from Chief Assistant Prosecutor Wanink to the Township Supervisors and City Managers within Tuscola County.

2. Request for Proposal (RFP) on Office Space Needs Review -
Mike Miller reported that two bids were received but only one adhered to the bid requirement of being within the City of Caro limits. Board would like information on if the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds will be allowed to be used to fund the project. Board discussed the long-term cost of a lease. Board discussed the possibility of re-issuing the RFP. The Board directed Clayette to provide both plans to the Chief Judge and gain her input. Bill Putman addressed the Board regarding the RFP that was submitted by Putman Developing and Demolition. Matter discussed at length. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

Recessed at 10:10 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

At 10:23 a.m., there were a total of 22 participants attending the meeting virtually.

3. Cash Over/Short Policy -
Ashley Bennett, County Treasurer, explained the proposed policy regarding a cash over/short policy. Board discussed the proposed policy. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
4. Weighmaster Contract with the Tuscola County Road Commission -
Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the renewal of the proposed 2-year contract to continue the Weighmaster Contract. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
5. Request to Use Courthouse Lawn -
Clayette Zechmeister presented the request received from Jim McLoskey for the Tuscola County Right to Life to hold a ceremony at the courthouse on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

Old Business

None

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds - Review of Potential Uses For Space Needs -
Clayette Zechmeister has received a letter from Guidehouse which will be provided to the Commissioners for review. Contact has been made to the local jurisdictions to determine if they needed help in navigating spending the ARPA Funds.

On-Going and Other Finance

1. Preparation of Multi-Year Financial Planning -
No update.
2. Cooperative Reimbursement Programs Summary from Prosecutor and Friend of the Court -
Will be scheduled for a future meeting.

On-Going and Other Technology

Eean provided an update that the vendor that administers the time-keeping for the Sheriff's Office has been compromised.

1. GIS Update
2. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page

Building and Grounds

Primary Building and Grounds

None

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

Mark Ransford provided an update on the Storage Space project. A storage area has been added for Building Codes which increased the size of original proposed layout. Board discussed the storage needs of the Sheriff's Office.

1. State Police Water and Annexation -
Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on Annexation as the Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD) portion has been completed. She is waiting on a response from the jurisdictions involved.
2. IT Department Space Needs
Matter discussed earlier in the meeting.
3. Adult Probation Fence
No update.

Personnel

Primary Personnel

None

On-Going and Other Personnel

Commissioner Grimshaw requested a report from Shelly Lutz regarding the number of employees that are union due paying members. Shelly provided a report for the AFSCME General and AFSCME Deputies.

1. Workman's Compensation
2. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) 7th District Meeting
3. Safety Committees - Watch for Grant Opportunities

Other Business as Necessary

1. Update of Potential Consulting With Capitol Services, Inc. Regarding the Open Meetings Act (OMA) Legislation -

Clayette Zechmeister provided an update from a conversation that she had with Jean Doss in moving forward on having the OMA changed.

2. Ambulance Service Update -

There will be a follow-up meeting on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. with the Caro City Manager.

On-Going Other Business as Necessary

1. Animal Control Ordinance

No update.

At 11:29 a.m., there were a total of 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Public Comment Period

None

Adjournment

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk