



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, April 11, 2022

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, April 11, 2022, 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 8:11 a.m.

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Deputy Thomas Peterson, Pam Shook, Lyle Curry, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Michael Rolando, Larry Zapfe, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Judge Jason E. Bitzer, Pam Shook, Jerry Johnson, Keith Wood, Matthew Bierlein, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Dara Hood, Angie Daniels, Karly Creguer, Nola Auernhamer

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Angie Daniels, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Christy Poulos, Barb Klimaszewski, Cody Horton, Jon Ramirez, Jessica VanHove, Matt Brown, Cathy Patterson, Kate Curtis, Karly Creguer, Robert Baxter, Bonnie Baxter, Cindy Hughes, Shannon Beach, Barry Lapp, Steve Root

At 8:03 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

County Updates

New Business

1. Mosquito Abatement 2021 Annual Report -
Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, presented the 2021 Annual Report for the Mosquito Abatement Department. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Tuscola County Managed Assigned Council Request to Add Staff Attorney -
Michael Rolando, Tuscola County Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator, explained the request to add a staff attorney. The proposed starting pay was discussed as it is at the top of the pay scale for Assistant Prosecutors. Judge Bitzer addressed

the Board regarding the quality of representation of Defendants in the MIDC program. Judge Gierhart addressed the Board regarding the cost incurred by MIDC compared to when there was a contract with local attorneys. Barb Klimaszewski explained to the Board her views on the increase of workload in the MIDC program. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

3. Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Indigent Defense Compliance Plan - Michael Rolando, Tuscola County Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator, requested approval for the next fiscal year's plan. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
4. Sucker Creek Concerns - Lyle Curry, Wells Township, addressed the Board regarding the banks of Sucker Creek. Also, he addressed the Board regarding Nichol's Excavating damaging tubes during the event of repairing the banks of Sucker Creek.

Recessed at 9:56 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:09 a.m.

At 10:09 a.m., there were a total of 27 participants attending the meeting virtually.

5. Friends of Extension Regarding Michigan State University Extension (MSUe) Millage - Matthew Bierlein spoke on behalf of the Friends of MSUe to place renewal ballot language on the August 2, 2022 ballot.
6. Proposed Ballot Language for Upcoming Millage Renewals - Board discussed the proposed ballot languages.
 1. Michigan State University Extension (MSUe) Services and 4-H Renewal Proposal - Matter to be placed on Thursday's Agenda.
 2. Primary Roads and Street Improvement Renewal Proposal - Board would like Mike Tuckey to attend the April 25, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss.
 3. Bridge and Street Improvement Renewal Proposal - Board would like Mike Tuckey to attend the April 25, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss.
7. 2022 Tuscola County Equalization Report - Angie Daniels, Equalization Director, reviewed the 2022 Report. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
8. Vanderbilt Park - Commissioner DuRussel addressed the condition of Vanderbilt Park. He recognized Pam Shook, Park Host, for her contributions to the success of the Park. Pam Shook addressed the Board regarding her participation on the Park and Recreation Board. Mike Miller spoke to the condition of Vanderbilt Park and the improvements that have been made over the last 5 to 6 years. Board would like the Parks and Recreation Chairman Robert McKay to attend the April 25, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Old Business

None

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

None

On-Going and Other Finance

1. Michigan Financial Consultants - Clayette Zechmeister will bring an engagement letter to the Board regarding drafting the Jail Millage language.

On-Going and Other Technology

1. Technology Updates -
Eean Lee updated the Board that Thumb Electric is working on getting permits lined up to provide broadband to the Animal Shelter. Other project updates provided.

Building and Grounds

Primary Building and Grounds

None

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. State Police Water and Annexation -
No Update

Personnel

Primary Personnel

None

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Retirement Plans and Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Representative Updates -
MERS Presentation has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
2. MIDC Request for Additional Staff Attorney -
Matter discussed further from earlier presentation.

Other Business as Necessary

1. Commissioner Bardwell referenced a recent MAC Legislative Newsletter regarding the Courts ability to charge costs.

2. Commissioner Vaughan will be attending the Indianfields Township Meeting tonight in hopes of getting an update on providing water to the Putman Medical Center.
3. Commissioner Bardwell would like the Board to consider amending the Board Rules, possibly Section 6.2, to include a time limit on presentations given to the Board. Matter to be added to a future Board meeting.

On-Going Other Business as Necessary

1. Animal Control Ordinance - A meeting with the Animal Control Director, County Treasurer and Controller/Administrator was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. This matter is still under review.

At 11:56 a.m., there were a total of 26 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Public Comment Period

-Clerk Jodi Fetting addressed the Board regarding the statement made by a Commissioner on paper-pushers within the County.

Adjournment

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk