



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, February 6, 2023

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

Commissioner Vaughan 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, February 6, 2023, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Jon Ramirez, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Judge Jason Bitzer, Sheila Long, Gene Pierce, Marie Swick, Senator Kevin Daley, Senator Dan Lauwers, Representative Matthew Bierlein, Representative Gregory Alexander, Representative Phil Green, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Prosecutor Mark Reene, Robin Neff, Debbie Babich, Shelly Lutz, Brian Harris, Chris Watts, Treasurer Ashley Bennett

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Renee Francisco, Debbie Babich, Tim Green, Mitchell Holmes, Pam Shook, Amanda Michael, Angie Daniels, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Christy Poulos, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Cody Horton, Cristi Smith, Dara Hood, Matt Brown, Barry Lapp, Bob Baxter, Jim LeValley, Tuscola GOP, Rachel Adam, Shelly Lutz, Amanda Ertman

At 8:13 a.m., there were a total of 24 participants attending the meeting virtually.

County Updates

None

New Business

1. **Legislative Update and Introductions:**
Senator Kevin Daley, 26th District
Senator Dan Lauwers, 25th District
Representative Phil Green, 67th District
Representative Matthew Bierlein, 97th District
Representative Gregory Alexander, 98th District

Each Legislator introduced themselves to the Board and provided information on the Committees each of them have been assigned.

2. Prosecutor Office Potential Restructure -
Mark Reene, Tuscola County Prosecutor, explained his request for staffing changes within his office. Matter to be placed on Thursday's Agenda.
3. Jail Millage Discussion/Direction -
Sheriff Glen Skrent discussed moving forward with the jail project and the need for funding for either repairs or for a new jail. The Jail Architects are to be invited to a meeting to provide an update. Matter to be added to Thursday's Agenda.

Chris Watts spoke on behalf of employees in the POLC union that have been brought to him.

4. Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Board Rules as of March 25, 2021 -
Board does not have any further changes for the Board Rules. Matter to be placed on Thursday's Agenda.

Old Business

None

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

1. Proposed General Fund Health Insurance Budget Adjustments -
Debbie Babich, Fiscal Personnel Analyst, explained that the line item for the Health Insurance was over budgeted and a budget amendment needs to be adopted based on the chart included in the agenda packet. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update -
Debbie Babich, Fiscal Personnel Analyst, reviewed the Potential Project Tracker for requests that have not been funded yet to see if the Board would like to move forward on any projects at this time.

On-Going and Other Finance

None

On-Going and Other Technology

-Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, provided an update on budgeted projects.

Building and Grounds

Primary Building and Grounds

1. Pump House Demolition Bids for the Parcels -
Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds, opened the bids received.
 1. Ernie Carpenter, Caro Michigan - \$14,300.00
 2. Wade Kappen, Caro Michigan - \$23,000.00
 3. DHT Excavating, Reese Michigan - \$36,840.00
 4. Mark Kolle, Clare Michigan - \$36,000.00

Director Miller will review the bids and bring back a recommendation. Matter to be placed on Thursday's Agenda.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. Vanderbilt Park -
A potential meeting is being discussed for February 14, 2023. Once confirmed Clerk Fetting will post the meeting.

Personnel

Primary Personnel

None

On-Going and Other Personnel

None

Other Business as Necessary

-Commissioner Young encouraged the Board to stay in contact with the State Legislators regarding issues in Tuscola County

Public Comment Period

-Treasurer Bennett encouraged Board to fully research if ARPA Funds can be used for the Jail project.

-Treasurer Bennett explained her request in the ARPA project list.

-Eean Lee encouraged the Board to continue to advocate for remote participation in a meeting.

-Eean Lee spoke in support of Prosecutor Reene's request.

-Amanda Ertman addressed the Board regarding the Health Department's request on the ARPA project list.

-Clerk Fetting addressed the Board regarding the Clerk's Office full-time employee request in the 2023 budget, request forthcoming to replace a long-term employee retiring, conference in Bay City that the Clerk will be staying overnight at.

Adjournment

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO