



# MINUTES

## Committee of the Whole Meeting

**8:00 AM - Monday, September 25, 2023**

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

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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, September 25, 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

Commissioners Absent: Matt Koch

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tracy Violet, Clayette Zechmeister, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Jon Ramirez, Tyler Ray, Gregg Campbell, Carmell Pattullo, Mike Pattullo, Norm Stephens, Heidi Stark, Al Michel, Debbie Babich

Also Present Virtual: Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Bob Baxter, Don Derryberry, Debbie Babich, Matt Brown, Tim Green, Cristi Smith, Cindy Hughes, Cody Horton, Dara Hood, Greg Rynearson, Angie Daniels, Register Mariane Brandt, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Barry Lapp, Amanda Ertman, Kim Brinkman

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 19 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### County Updates

None

### New Business

1. Housing Program Updates -  
Brian Neuville, Deputy Director, Human Development Commission (HDC), reviewed the success of the Housing Program, Lead Abatement Program, Weatherization Program, MSHDA MI-Hope Program, and MSHDA - MICH Program. Brian also provided a recap of the new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Program as the letter of intent will be submitted today.

2. Concerns on Converting Farmland to Solar/Wind -  
Mike Pattullo spoke regarding potential solar farms coming to Tuscola County as well as legislative changes that have been proposed. He is concerned with the amount of farmland that is used for solar farms.

Norm Stephens presented regarding his outreach to township officials throughout the State.

Clayette Zechmeister said the tentative date for our Legislators to attend the Board meeting is October 23, 2023.

3. Ambulance Coverage Discussion -  
Jon Ramirez, Dispatch Director and Deputy Steven Anderson, Emergency Manager, presented regarding response time for ambulance services in Tuscola County.
4. Potential Multi-County Recycling Plan -  
Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds, spoke in reference to the call for a plan to be submitted. He has met with neighboring counties to discuss the option of a multi-county plan. The plan will need to address where the recyclables will be handled prior to landfill. There is a request for the Board to approve discussions to continue with the other counties. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
5. Central Purchasing with MiDeal -

Renee Francisco, Financial Coordinator and Angie House, HR/Finance Assistant, was notifying the Board that the County is going to try to order from Staples instead of Office Depot as Staples is the MiDeal vendor.

6. Implementation of 2022-2 Effects on the Election Budget -  
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, CCO, will be presenting regarding the implementation of Proposal 2022-2 passed by the voters of Michigan in November of 2022. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

## **Old Business**

1. Tuscola County General Development Plan -  
Heidi Stark, Planning Commission, presented the proposed resolution for adoption. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

Recessed at 9:56 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

At 10:06 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

## **Finance/Technology**

### ***Primary Finance/Technology***

1. Livestock Claim -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented the claim that was received from Ellington Township. The application was provided to the Township to be completed and returned to the Controller. Matter will be placed on a future agenda for Board review.
2. Road Commission Request to Transfer Millage Funds -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the request received. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. 2024 General Fund Budget Information Assumptions -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reported that all Departments have submitted budget figures for 2024. There are a couple of Elected Officials and Department Heads that have requested to present to the Board in the near future.
4. 2024 Revenue Sharing -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reviewed the projected State Revenue Sharing amounts expected.
5. General Fund Budget- Department Requests Preliminary Review -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reviewed the reports that were included in the agenda.

### ***On-Going and Other Finance***

None

### ***On-Going and Other Technology***

None

## **Building and Grounds**

### ***Primary Building and Grounds***

None

### ***On-Going and Other Building and Grounds***

None

## **Personnel**

### ***Primary Personnel***

1. Refill Vacant Full-Time Help Desk Position -  
Clayette Zechmeister presented the request received. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

2. Sheriff's Department Officer Position Change -  
Clayette Zechmeister explained the request received. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. Sheriff's Department Corrections Deputy from Part-Time to Full-Time -  
Clayette Zechmeister explained the request received. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. Sheriff's Department Refill Vacant Full-Time Road Patrol Deputy Position -  
Clayette Zechmeister explained the request received. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

### ***On-Going and Other Personnel***

Commission Bardwell provided update as HB4438 which expands the binding arbitration to MCOLES group and is moving forward in the Legislature.

### **Other Business as Necessary**

1. Update on Mosquito Abatement -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reported the end of the season is September 29, 2023. Test pools have been returned with negative results for diseases.
2. Carmell Pattullo presented the Claim Form for the Livestock Claim.

At 10:45 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### **Public Comment Period**

-Al Michel will be doing a Thanksgiving dinner giveaway this year on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. He also addressed the patrolling of downtown Caro by law enforcement. He also addressed attending an event at the Ford Plant in Dearborn.

-Jon Ramirez stated that HB4241 requires all school systems to install panic systems with a supplemental bill for funding has been introduced.

-Al Michel spoke about the Oxford school court case.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m.  
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO