



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, October 23, 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, October 23, 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, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Sheila Long, Martin Porzondek, Cindy Hughes, Gregg Campbell, Angie Daniels, Karly Creguer, Phil Kaatz, Malisa Pyles, Representative Matthew Bierlein, Representative Greg Alexander, Representative Phil Green, Ryan Robinson, Jon Ramirez, Mark Renee, Debbie Babich, Judge Jason Bitzer

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Greg Rynearson, Tim Green, Barry Lapp, Cody Horton, Debbie Babich, Katie Robinson, Estee Bitzer, Brandon Bertram, Carrie Tabar, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Dara Hood, Don Derryberry, Amanda Ertman, Linda Strasz, Pam Shook, Cristi Smith, Matt Brown, Linda Mills, Mitch Davies, Crystal Knoblock, Janie Hemerline, Treasurer Ashley Bennett

At 8:28 a.m., there were a total of 27 participants attending the meeting virtually.

New Business

1. Legislative Updates:

-Representative Phil Green, 67th House District

-Representative Matthew Bierlein, 97th House District

-Representative Gregory Alexander, 98th House District

Representative Green, Representative Bierlein and Representative Alexander provided an overview of their time in Lansing. Each Representative discussed various bills that affect Tuscola County.

Representative Bierlein, Representative Alexander and Representative Green presented Clerk Fetting with a Special Tribute for being named the 2023 Michigan County Clerk's Association (MACC) Clerk of the Year.

2. 2023 County Apportionment Report -
Angie Daniels, Equalization Director, Michigan Advanced Assessing Officer (MAAO), presented the 2023 County Apportionment Report for adoption. Matter to be placed on Thursday's Agenda.
3. 2024 Agreement for Michigan State University Extension (MSUe) Services -
Phil Kaatz, District 10 MSUe Interim Director and Karly Creguer, MPH, Newly Appointed District 10 MSUe Director, presented the Agreement for Extension Services for 2024. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. 2024 Prosecutor Budget -
Mark Reene, Prosecuting Attorney, presented the proposed PAAM PbK Contract to be adopted as Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office will be a pilot site.

Also, discussed increasing the on-call pay for the Assistant Prosecutor's from \$50.00 to \$300.00. Also, asking for the overtime budget to be increased to \$24,000.00.

5. Friend of the Court 2023 Budget and 2024 Budget -
Cindy Hughes, Friend of the Court Director and Martin Porzondek, Deputy Friend of the Court, presented the request for an increase in the 2024 budget in order to compensate for the shortfall. Matter regarding the 2023 budget shortfall to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
6. 2024 Unified Court Budget -
Judge Amy Grace Gierhart and Judge Jason E. Bitzer presented regarding the 2024 Court budget.
7. 2024 County Clerk Budgets -
Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, CCO, presented regarding adding one full-time staff member to the Clerk's Office due to increased duties from the 2022-2 Constitutional Amendment and other legislation. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Old Business

1. Vanderbilt Park Updates -
No update provided.

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

1. 2024 Equipment and Capital Review and Recommendations -
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reviewed the proposed 2024 Budget because as it is presented there is a shortfall. She also presented some options to produce a balanced budget.

Closed session to be scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023.

On-Going and Other Finance

None

On-Going and Other Technology

-Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, reviewed his budget requests for the 2024 budget.

Building and Grounds

Primary Building and Grounds

1. Purdy Building Repairs -
Mike Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds, reported that the tuckpointing of the Purdy Building is underway. During that process, it has been discovered that the lintels have failed and need to be replaced in the Drain Commissioner's Office and Small Committee Room. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

The items that were included in the 2024 proposed budget were reviewed and a priority list was provided.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

None

Personnel

Primary Personnel

None

On-Going and Other Personnel

None

Other Business as Necessary

None

Public Comment Period

-Clerk Fetting stated that her staff has already worked 184.25 hours of comp time (24.5 days) as of September 26, 2023.

-Pam Shook expressed her support of the County Clerk's request for an additional staff member.

-Eean Lee congratulated Clerk Fetting on being named the 2023 MACC Clerk of the Year.

Adjournment

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO