



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, December 11, 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, December 11, 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, Debbie Babich, Karen Southgate, Amanda Ertman, Cindy Hughes

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Tim Green, Barry Lapp, Carrie Tabar, Don Derryberry, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Dara Hood, Cody Horton, Renee Francisco, Steve Root, Angie House, Cathy Merling, Register Marianne Brandt, Bob Baxter

At 8:02 a.m., there were a total of 10 participants attending the meeting virtually.

New Business

1. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Tuscola County Community Presentation - Karen Southgate, Director MDHHS, Huron, Lapeer and Tuscola Counties, provided an update of the services that MDHHS provides to the local community. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

2. Tuscola County Health Department (TCHD) Update and Year End Report - Amanda Ertman, Health Officer, presented regarding various matters.
 1. The 2021-2022 Annual Report for the Health Department was presented. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
 2. Policy Changes were reviewed and will be effective January 1, 2024. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
 3. Improving Health in the Thumb Region by Addressing Poverty was presented. The first Tuscola County Poverty Simulation will be on January 16, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Colwood Church.
 4. The Tuscola County Health Department Fee Schedule was reviewed. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Old Business

None

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

1. 2024 Proposed Final Budget - Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator and Debbie Babich, Fiscal Personnel Analyst, briefly reviewed the proposed final budget for 2024. There was a correction noted on page 8 regarding the revenues for the control line and the indirect costs line. The total revenue line amount remains the same. Board discussed the Indirect Costs to verify it was input at 2.5%.

Budget Hearing scheduled for December 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

On-Going and Other Finance

None

On-Going and Other Technology

-Eean Lee explained that there has been an increase in bad actors trying to get information. Also, support for Windows 10 will be done in 2025 so he will be planning for that expected cost in that budget cycle.

Building and Grounds

Recessed at 9:10 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

At 9:20 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Primary Building and Grounds

1. Right to Life Request to Hold Its Annual Memorial Service in front of the Tuscola County Courthouse on January 21, 2024 - Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Purdy Building Repairs - Mike Miller, Building and Grounds Director, reviewed the letter received from the Contractor regarding the Purdy Building repairs needed in the amount of \$149,000.00. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

Mike Miller reported that Dave's Glass has installed the glass over the courthouse-stained glass window.

Personnel

Primary Personnel

1. Conditional Job Offer to Nolan Knickerbocker to Fill Vacant Corrections Position - Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. Tuscola County Planning Commission Appointment - Jodi Fetting, County Clerk, CCO presented five applications that were received for the vacant seat on the Planning Commission which is for a 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2024. The Commissioners will review the applications with the matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
3. 2024 Tuscola County Clerk Stipend Restructure - Matter was presented by Clerk Fetting at the Board of Commissioners meeting on October 26, 2023. A motion to be adopted was requested by the Board for documentation and clarity. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

On-Going and Other Personnel

None

Other Business as Necessary

-Commissioner Young thanked Mary Drier for the article in Cass City Chronicle.

-Commissioner Bardwell addressed fees received from the green energy legislation.

-Commissioner Bardwell addressed the Open Meeting Acts how it applies to the Board members meeting at Committee meetings. A legal letter is to be presented that was prepared by Michigan Association of Counties (MAC).

-Commissioner Young provided an update from the MAC meeting regarding the state being able to offer assistance with the zoning issues as applicable.

-Commissioner Bardwell addressed usage of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

-Commissioner Lutz provided an accolade for Deputy Coleman for a life save.

At 9:48 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Public Comment Period

None

Adjournment

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO