



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, July 8, 2024

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, July 8, 2024, 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, Neil Hammerbacher, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Angie House, Nicholas Tselepis, Jim McLoskey, Phil Petzold, Adam Beller, Eric Snidersich, Shelly Lutz, Chuck Langevin, Lisa Geiger, Debbie Babich, Shelly Lutz

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Debbie Babich, Jon Ramirez, Greg Ryneerson, Renee Francisco, Amanda Berlin, Brandon Bertram, Carrie Tabar, Cody Horton, Shannon Beach, Tim Green, Ashley Gaudett, Crystal Knoblock, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Register of Deeds Marianne Brandt, Heather Walther, Barry Lapp, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Estee Bitzer, Jodi Barrons, Sara Parrott, Bob Baxter, Sheriff Glen Skrent

At 8:27 a.m., there were a total of 26 participants attending the meeting virtually.

New Business

1. Discussion of Leadership, Education and Development (L.E.A.D.) Program -
Jim McLoskey shared the history of L.E.A.D. Tuscola and stated that applications are being taken for the 2024-2025 class. Angie House and Nicholas Tselepis presented their positive experiences as graduates of the 2023-2024 L.E.A.D. class. Controller-Administrator Hammerbacher will distribute the application with a reply deadline for the Board to consider candidates for the upcoming year.
2. Proposed Worksite Agreement with Michigan Works -
Shelly Lutz, Human Resources Director, presented the proposed agreement to have an Intern at the Dispatch Center. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

3. Parks and Recreation Commission Appointment -
Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, presented the one application received for the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Nicholas Percy would fill a partial term expiring December 31, 2024. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. Mobile Medical Response (MMR) Contract and Juniata Township -
Matthew Koch, Tuscola County Commissioner, met with members of the Juniata Township Board regarding the matter of ambulance coverage in Juniata Township and the cost associated. Township Supervisor Lisa Geiger and Township Trustee Chuck Langevin addressed the Board regarding the costs falling on Juniata Township and concerns with the proposed contract from MMR.

Eric Snidersich and Adam Bellor from MMR presented information regarding current coverage and costs. The proposed cost increase is the first requested increase in 30 years.

Matter discussed at length with no action from the Board.

5. Consideration for Approval of a Budget Amendment for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Grant Fund -
Neil Hammerbacher, Controller-Administrator, explained the budget amendment requested in order to maintain the account in budget compliance. This matter was discussed with Brian Neuville as well. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
6. Consideration for Approval of Budget Amendments for the 231 and 233 Funds -
Debbie Babich, Fiscal Personnel Analyst, presented the request received from Heather Walther. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
7. Region VII Area Agency on Aging's Proposed Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for Fiscal Year 2025 -
Neil Hammerbacher, Controller-Administrator. explained the request and will prepare a letter of support similar to what has been done in the past. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Old Business

None

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

Neil Hammerbacher provided the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Board to review as it will be presented at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Neil Hammerbacher and Debbie Babich will be distributing budget worksheets to Department Heads to begin the budget process.

On-Going and Other Finance

None

On-Going and Other Technology

Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, provided an update on from his Department.

Building and Grounds

Primary Building and Grounds

None

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

None

Personnel

Primary Personnel

None

On-Going and Other Personnel

None

Other Business as Necessary

1. Items to Consider for Future Agendas -
Neil Hammerbacher, Controller-Administrator, reviewed the handout included in the agenda packet.
2. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Article on Open Meetings Act -
Commissioner Bardwell addressed the article on Committee Meetings being held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (OMA).

Clerk Fetting addressed the Board on this matter as the Board originally adopted Resolution 2019-05 stating the Committee meetings would be held in compliance with OMA and followed up with the Motion 2023-M-299 that rescinded that resolution. Clerk Fetting expressed that she believes the Committee meetings that have been held are in violation of the OMA and asked the Board to reconsider this matter.

3. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Article on Local Zoning -
Commissioner Bardwell reviewed the article included in the publication received regarding Local Zoning and suggested the Commissioners review it.
4. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Article on County Millages -
Commissioner Bardwell informed the Board that there was an article prepared by MAC regarding a County having one large millage versus several dedicated small millages.

At 9:49 a.m., there were a total of 25 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Public Comment Period

None

Adjournment

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO