



MINUTES

Public Hearing Meeting

9:03 AM - Thursday, December 12, 2024

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

Call to Order - Chairperson Vaughan

Commissioner Vaughan called the Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget, held at the H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St, Caro MI 48723, on Thursday, December 12, 2024, to order at 9:03 o'clock a.m. local time.

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, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Cody Horton

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Alecia Little, Angie Daniels, Angie House, Ashley Gaudett, Barry Lapp, Bonnie Fackler, Cindy Hughes, Dara Hood, Debbie Babich, Debbie Englehart, Estee Bitzer, Judy Cockerill, Karlee Romain, Katie Romain, Kristy Sutherland, Register Marianne Brandt, Pam Shook, Renee Francisco, Shannon Beach, Cody Horton

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Public Comment

None

Budget Review

1. Proposed Corrections to the 2025 General Fund Department 227 City of Caro Assessment Contract -
Clayette Zechmeister, Interim Chief Accountant, reported that there was an importing error with the budget software and the salary of the Caro City Assessing contract. On Page 3 of the agenda packet, line item 101-227 should go from \$8,282.00 to \$10,009.00.
2. Proposed Corrections to 2025 GIS Fund 258 -
Clayette Zechmeister, Interim Chief Accountant, explained that the GIS Budget needed to be corrected as access to Fetch GIS will now be at no cost. Page 5 of the Public Hearing agenda should replace Page 47 of the 2025 Budget Book.

3. Review of 2025 County Budget -
Clayette Zechmeister, Interim Chief Accountant, provided an overview of the final 2025 County Budget. Page 6 of the Public Hearing agenda packet was reviewed as it detailed budget requests that were received.

There is \$0.00 in the Contingency Fund going into 2025. Any changes to the budget will require use of fund balance.

There is a projection of a \$2.2 Million short fall going into the 2026 budget cycle.

Additional Public Comment

Clerk Jodi Fetting addressed the salary difference in the Clerk, Treasurer, Drain Commissioner and Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds is budgeted at \$74,913.00 and the three others are budgeted at \$73,487.00. Board Motion 2020-M-246 brought all of the salaries for those four Elected Officials to be at the same rate, as that the intention of the Board at the time, was to have the salaries be equal.

Clayette Zechmeister stated it must have been related to the error with the budget software as the four Elected Officials should be at \$73,487.00. This will need to be corrected prior to the Board adopting the 2025 Budget. She will work on the correction while the Board is in Closed Session in the Board's regular meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adjourn the Public Hearing at 9:35 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO