



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, January 24, 2022

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

Commissioner Bardwell 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, January 24, 2022, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Doug DuRussel, Dan Grimshaw

Commissioners Absent: Kim Vaughan

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Joe Bixler, Tracie Robinson, Karly Creguer, Nola Aurenhammer, Senator Kevin Daley, Laura Ailing-Garrett, Roger Hood, Dr. William Morrone, Cody Horton, GF Rolka, Debbie Babich

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, K. Free, Sandy Nielsen, Pam Shook, Cody Horton, Debbie Babich, Mary Drier, Commissioner Kim Vaughan, Mark Haney, Dara Hood, Alecia Little, Mark Ransford, Samantha Dennis, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Cindy Hughes, Bob Baxter, Mike Slade, Matt Brown, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Mike Miller

At 8:09 a.m., there were a total of 19 participants attending the meeting virtually.

County Updates

None

New Business

Continued below

1. Tuscola Food Access Collaborative (TFAC) Annual Report - Karly Creguer, MPH, Supervising & Staff Development Educator Michigan State University Extension, presented the 2020-2021 Annual Report to the Board. A partnership was developed to provide assistance to the Juvenile Court's Community Garden. The Caro Farmers Market accepts SNAP benefits, WIC Project Fresh and Senior Project FRESH. There are nine Thumb Blessing Boxes located throughout the county. Community members are able to donate to the boxes. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

2. Annual Aging Services Programmatic Report FY 2021 -
Kristy Sutherland, Human Development Commission Senior Services Director, was unable to attend this morning so the matter will be added to a future agenda.
3. Legislative Update -
Senator Kevin Daley addressed the Board regarding Tuscola County Resolution 2021-13 regarding virtual participation in a Board meeting to be allowed. Senator Daley provided an update on SB 814, SB 768, and also SB 441 which will be dependent on the outcome of the MREC settlement. The Caro Center is currently on target for the timeline. The State Redistricting Maps were discussed. Board would like the State to look at adding beds for mental health patients rather than taking them away. The matter of no-fault insurance and vaccine mandates by employers was discussed.
4. Tuscola County Medical Examiner Annual Report -
Dr. William Morrone presented to the Board regarding the number of deaths and causes in Tuscola County from May 2021 to December 2021. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
5. Property on Hooper Street for Consideration on Space Needs -
Laura Ailing-Garrett, McLeod Realty, presented a proposed property with address of 852 S Hooper Street, Caro MI as a possible solution to be considered for County Space Needs.

Recessed at 9:33 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:42 a.m.

6. Out of State Travel Request -
Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, presented the travel request that has been budgeted for. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Old Business

None

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

continued below

1. 2020 County Incentive Program (CIP) Submission -
Debbie Babich presented to the Board the Citizen's Guide to Local Unit Finances for revenues, expenditures, financial position and pension funding status. The 2020 Dashboard was also presented with discussion of Favorable Indicator and Unfavorable Indicator. The Board discussed the Key Statistical Indicators that was presented in the agenda packet.

New Business

continued from above

7. GF Rolka Presentation -

GF Rolka addressed the Board regarding his concerns that were submitted to the Board and included in the agenda packet.

Primary Finance/Technology

continued from above

1. 2020 County Incentive Program (CIP) Submission - continued from above - Debbie continued her presentation to the Board. The information has been placed on the County Website.
2. Project and Security Updates - Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, provided an update on the Board on the projects planned. He also discussed the heightened cybersecurity concerns and the success of the county firewall in protecting the county network.

On-Going and Other Finance

1. Preparation of Multi-Year Financial Planning - No update.
2. Cooperative Reimbursement Programs Summary from Prosecutor and Friend of the Court - Will be scheduled for a future meeting.

On-Going and Other Technology

1. GIS Update - Cody Horton provided an overview of GIS Department Sales from 2017-2021 for Map Sales, GIS Sales and Fetch Sales.
2. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page

Building and Grounds

Commissioner DuRussel met with Eric Morris regarding the County Space Needs. Eric is recommending that Commissioner DuRussel and Commissioner Grimshaw tour the buildings independently. Clayette to set up one day for all of the proposed properties to be toured by the Commissioners individually.

Primary Building and Grounds

1. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Building Carpet Replacement - Mike Miller provided an update on the project. He is asking for permission to utilize the MiDeal program for the carpet replacement. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. IT Department Space Needs -
Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Personnel

Primary Personnel

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Workman's Compensation
2. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) 7th District Meeting
3. Safety Committees - Watch for Grant Opportunities
4. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA/MIOSHA) Potential Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS)
5. Retirement Plans and Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Representative Updates
6. County Clerk Stipend

Other Business as Necessary

None

On-Going Other Business as Necessary

1. Animal Control Ordinance -
Clayette stated that the ordinance is being reviewed by Legal Counsel.
2. Guidehouse Activity for Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government (NEU's) Outreach -
Guidehouse is recommending two sessions February 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. and February 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. which will be held as group sessions. Clayette reviewed the jurisdictions that have not responded.
3. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds - Updates on Projects and Reporting -
Clayette stated that the project list has been compiled and projects are added as they come in.
4. County Wide upcoming Millage renewals:
 1. Michigan State University Extension
 2. Primary Roads and Street Improvement
 3. Bridge and Street ImprovementClayette stated that these are the three millages that need to be placed on a ballot in 2022 for renewal. The millage for a new jail also needs to be considered.
5. Courthouse Security Funding Issue -
Clayette reported there will be a Closed Session on Thursday to discuss the matter.

6. County Clerk Stipend -
Commissioner DuRussel asked for an update on the progress of getting an answer from Legal Counsel. Clayette stated that Legal Counsel is reviewing.

At 12:14 p.m., there were a total of 14 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Public Comment Period

None

Adjournment

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk