



# MINUTES

## Committee of the Whole Meeting

**8:00 AM - Monday, July 11, 2022**

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

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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, July 11, 2022, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Deputy Clerk Judy Cockerill

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

Commissioner Grimshaw arrived at 8:09 a.m.

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Judy Cockerill, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Jon Ramirez, Jerald Gamm, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Shelly Lutz, Tyler Ray, Laura Boyd-Hawes

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Clayette Zechmeister, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Donald Derryberry, Danielle McClellan, Renee Francisco, Carrie Tabar, Debbie Babich, Pam Shook, Matt Brown, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Tim Green, Steve Anderson, Amanda Ertman, Jessica VanHove, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Steve Root

At 8:03 a.m., there were a total of 13 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### County Updates

None

### New Business

1. Phone Upgrades at Dispatch -  
Jon Ramirez, Dispatch Director, just recently learned of the needed upgrade and explained the reasons that the upgrade is necessary. If the upgrade is not completed, he also explained how there would be a disruption of service.
2. Region VII Area Agency on Aging's Proposed Multi-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2023-2025 -  
Renee Francisco will schedule someone to present on the topic for an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

## Old Business

1. Public Defenders Office Update/Plans Logistics -  
Clayette Zechmeister provided an update regarding the Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel (MIDC) office. There is another interview scheduled for the Administrator position with a back-up plan to contract with an interim administrator if necessary. A feasibility study is recommended to be completed in order to determine if a public defender office would work for Tuscola County regarding staffing, individual county program or multi-county program.
2. Revised Tuscola County Advisory Council on Aging By-Laws -  
Jerald Gamm reviewed the proposed bylaws and the changes that were made. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Clerk Fetting arrived at 9:25 a.m.

Jerald Gamm also informed the Board that the Council on Aging Dinner Dance will be on September 15, 2022.

## Finance/Technology

### ***Primary Finance/Technology***

1. Tuscola County Medical Care Facility Funds Transfer Request -  
The request has been received from the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

### ***On-Going and Other Finance***

None

### ***On-Going and Other Technology***

Eean Lee provided an update of working together with Jon Ramirez, Dispatch Director, on upcoming projects. Also, it was stressed how important it is to be vigilant and on the outlook for phishing emails.

## Building and Grounds

### ***Primary Building and Grounds***

### ***On-Going and Other Building and Grounds***

Mike Miller stated the lease for the People's State Building has been signed. The Storage Space is progressing forward with occupancy in the Fall expected.

## **Personnel**

### ***Primary Personnel***

1. Discussion Regarding the Michigan Works Internship Program at Dispatch - Jon Ramirez, Dispatch Director, explained the partnership opportunity with Michigan Works for an Intern at Dispatch. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

### ***On-Going and Other Personnel***

#### **Other Business as Necessary**

-Jon Ramirez reported that the water meter at Dispatch is getting replaced to reduce costs for water.

-Commissioner Bardwell provided an update on MedStar.

-Board discussed the need for clarification on the flood plain area. Matter to be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

-Commissioner Bardwell received a request to use the Courthouse Lawn on July 13, 2022 by the Friends of the 4-H group. He provided a verbal approval as event is prior to the next Board meeting. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

-Commissioner Grimshaw reviewed bills that have been introduced regarding the Open Meetings Act.

At 9:37 a.m., there were a total of 24 participants attending the meeting virtually.

#### **Public Comment Period**

-Sheriff Glen Skrent explained a situation where one of the new Road Deputies was in the Corrections Unit when bonuses were paid out. He is requesting that Deputy Gaiser be given the additional bonus as if he was in the Road Deputy unit at the time. Letter of Understanding to be prepared for presentation to the union.

## Adjournment

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

Judy Cockerill  
Deputy Clerk