



# MINUTES

## Committee of the Whole Meeting

**8:00 AM - Monday, October 10, 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, October 10, 2022, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioner Grimshaw arrived at 8:38 a.m.

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Jon Ramirez, Debbie Babich, Register John Bishop

Also Present Virtual: Mary Drier, Amanda Ertman, Debbie Babich, Kim Brinkman, Don Derryberry, Mark Haney, Fairgrove Village, Linda Strasz, Cody Horton, Tim Green, Kate Curtis, Laura Hill, Renee Francisco, Steve Root, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Barry Lapp, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Cindy Hughes, Bob Baxter, Shannon Beach

At 8:08 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### County Updates

None

### New Business

1. FEMA Memorandum of Agreement So Tuscola County Can Be Signed Up In The IPAWS System (Integrated Public Alert & Warning System) - Deputy Steven Anderson, Emergency Manager, and Jon Ramirez, 911 Director, explained the proposed program and the benefits of it. There is no cost to Tuscola County for this program. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

2. Fiscal Year 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement With the State of Michigan -  
Deputy Steven Anderson, Emergency Manager, explained that he will be applying for a grant that covers a portion of his wages and benefits. The funding has been increased from 32.86% (\$29,582.00) to 40.29% (\$37,873.00). Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. 2023 Mosquito Abatement Wages -  
Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, explained the situation he is experiencing in hiring part-time staff for the season as the wages are so low. He is requesting an increase in the wages be made to various positions. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
4. Register of Deeds Office Index Book Restoration -  
John Bishop, Register of Deeds, explained the request of restoration of Index Books in his office. Matter to be placed on Thursday's Agenda.
5. Purdy Building Security Cameras -  
Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, explained the repurposing of cameras that will be removed from the Clerk's Office. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
6. Clerk's Office Security Cameras -  
Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, explained the upgraded cameras that will be added to the Clerk's Office as well as adding one camera. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

## **Old Business**

None

## **Finance/Technology**

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

1. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Review -  
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reviewed the 2023 budget review included in the agenda packet. Board discussed the matter at length.

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

-Clayette Zechmeister reported that the workman's compensation refund has been received.

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

-Eean Lee provided an update on a current malicious campaign on government services. The public needs to be aware of smishing attacks which are attacks through text messages.

## **Building and Grounds**

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

-Mike Miller provided an update regarding the People State Bank building and is planning to bring a plan to the Board in November for review. The fence is to be completed within the week weather permitting.

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

None

## **Personnel**

### ***Primary Personnel***

None

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

None

## **Other Business as Necessary**

-Board discussed the layout of the Board Room and the members showing on the virtual connection feed. Board discussed and would like a camera option added in the Boardroom. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

-Report from Dr. Morrone to be scheduled.

-Board would like to have Deena Bosworth from MAC to provide an update.

-Board would like an update from the Bond Attorney on the bond interest rate regarding the jail proposal.

At 10:20 a.m., there were a total of 23 participants attending the meeting virtually.

## **Public Comment Period**

-Commissioner Vaughan thanked Mary Drier for writing the story on his childhood home that was featured on American Pickers.

-Clerk Fetting encouraged Tuscola County residents to visit [tuscolacounty.org/elections](https://tuscolacounty.org/elections) to view their ballot ahead of the November 8, 2022 General Election.

## **Adjournment**

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO