



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

8:00 AM - Monday, January 22, 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, January 22, 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, Clayette Zechmeister, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Angie Daniels, Jason Daniels, Cody Horton, Brian Neuville, Kristen Misner

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Register Marianne Brandt, Greg Rynearson, Jon Ramirez, Barry Lapp, Tim Green, Amanda Ertman, Debbie Babich, Carrie Tabar, Dara Hood, Echo Torrez, Karly Creguer, Renee Francisco, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Shannon Beach, Steve Root

At 8:22 a.m., there were a total of 22 participants attending the meeting virtually.

New Business

1. Community Development Block Grant Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Program -
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the program and the potential for \$500,000.00 in grant funding with no match needed. Matter is on the agenda for the Special Board meeting on January 22, 2024.
2. Intergovernmental Agreement with Huron County for Geographic Information System (GIS) -
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the opportunity to share the GIS Director between Tuscola County and Huron County. The Intergovernmental Agreement is in a final draft form for final review by Huron County. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

3. Proposed Resolution for the Cass City Chronicle -
The Board is prepared to present the resolution at the Thursday Board meeting. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

Old Business

1. Multi-County Recycling Updates
 - Respond to Genesee County
 - Initiate Correspondence to Bay County and Saginaw County - Mike Miller, Director Building and Grounds/Recycling

Clayette Zechmeister and Mike Miller provided an update on the status of communication from surrounding counties. Genesee County has mailed their letter to see if Tuscola County is interested in partnering with them. Tuscola County at this time is not interested in partnering with Genesee County. Tuscola County will send letters to Saginaw County and Bay County to gather their level of interest. Matters to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Finance/Technology

Primary Finance/Technology

1. 2024 Equipment/Capital Needs -
Board discussed the fact that the equipment and capital budget funding were removed from the 2024 budget pending the outcome of union negotiations.

Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, reviewed the budget requests that he submitted in 2024 and the priority of the projects that are waiting for funding by the Board. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

Brian Neuville explained that there is currently a funding need for Home Delivered meals as Tuscola County has approximately 100 people on a waiting list. The Board would like to have the funding amount needed for the program to reduce the waiting list. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

2. Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative (MREC) Update -
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, reported that the case for Tuscola County has been settled. Clayette has received a letter from Gene Pierce that the Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD) has voted to no longer participate in MREC. Clayette is recommending that Tuscola County moves forward to no longer participating as well. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
3. 2024 Tuscola County Council on Aging Request for Funds for Annual Senior Dance -
Clayette Zechmeister presented the request received for additional funding. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

4. 2024 Tuscola County Council on Aging Request for Funds for Paddle Boat Ride in Frankenmuth - Clayette Zechmeister presented the request received. The Board is not inclined to fund the request.

On-Going and Other Finance

None

On-Going and Other Technology

None

Building and Grounds

Primary Building and Grounds

None

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

None

Personnel

Primary Personnel

1. Geographic Information System GIS Director Position - Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, explained the restructuring from GIS Coordinator to GIS Director for the position within Tuscola County. The costs for the wage increase will be possible due to the intergovernmental agreement with Huron County. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
2. Materials Management Planning Designated Planning Agency Stipend Pay - Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented the request for a stipend to be paid to the Recycling Director with the funds to come from the cooperative funding. The request is for \$5,000.00 per year. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

On-Going and Other Personnel

None

Other Business as Necessary

None

Public Comment Period

None

Adjournment

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO