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Public Hearing Meeting

9:00 AM - Thursday, December 16, 2021

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

Call to Order

Commissioner Thomas Bardwell called the 2022 Tuscola County Budget Public Hearing, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 16th day of December, 2021, to order at 9:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Commissioners Present In-Person:

Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel, Dan Grimshaw

Commissioners Absent:

None

Others Present In-Person:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Sandy Nielsen, Debbie Babich, Mark Ransford, Mike Miller

Also Present Virtual:

Tracy Violet, Barry Lapp, Debbie Babich, K. Free, Dara Hood, Matt Brown, Pam Shook, Larry Zapfe, Mark Haney, Alecia Little, Mike Slade, Mary Drier, Kate Curtis, John Fraser

Public Hearing

1. Tuscola County 2022 Budget -

Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the 2022 All Funds Budget along with what amount will be remaining in the contingency fund. Labor Negotiations are continuing but the 2022 Budget includes a 3% wage increase as a placeholder. The budget may need to be amended based on the outcome of the negotiations.

Clerk Fetting addressed the Board regarding receiving an Election Programming Stipend. The amount proposed would be based on a per precinct basis and on a flat rate amount. Board would like to have the County Attorney review how to properly implement this. Matter to be placed on the January 16, 2022 Board Agenda.

Sandy Nielsen addressed wage increases given to the Assistant Prosecutors with the proposed 3% non-union wage increase on top of that increase. By doing that, those employees would be put in the upper section of the top-paid county employees above

Elected Officials and Department Heads. She expressed concerned that Elected Officials and Department Heads are not being recognized.

Board thanked the Administrative team for the efforts in preparing the proposed 2022 budget.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Public Hearing adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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