



# MINUTES

## Public Hearing Meeting

9:07 AM - Thursday, December 14, 2023

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

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Commissioner Vaughan called the Budget Public Hearing of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723, on Thursday, December 14, 2023, to order at 9:07 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, Cindy Hughes, Kristy Sutherland, Dara Hood, Debbie Babich

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Amanda Ertman, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Barry Lapp, Brandon Bertram, Carrie Tabar, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Cody Horton, Crystal Knoblock, Dara Hood, Jon Ramirez, Matt Brown, Renee Francisco, Shannon Beach, Steve Root, Tim Green

At 9:07 a.m., there were a total of 25 participants attending the meeting virtually.

**Call to Order - Chairperson Vaughan**

**Roll Call - Clerk Fetting**

**Public Comment**

Clerk Fetting reminded the Board that during a Public Hearing no motions can be made. Those will happen once the Board meeting is reconvened.

## **Budget Review**

### **1. Review of 2024 County Budget -**

Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the 2024 Budget Book. The total budget for 2024 is \$16,090,954.00.

The use of fund balance to balance the 2024 budget is \$522,622.00.

The 2024 Equipment and Capital Improvement Budget Request are in a holding pattern at this time. The funds that were originally planned for those projects have been placed in the Contingency Line Item (101-890).

Contingency Line Item (101-891) is at \$343,650.00. This will be used for the settling of wage increases if it is determined there is one as well as any projects as necessary.

There is \$500,000.00 in the unreserved fund balance and the required 10% reserved fund balance of \$1,800,000.00.

Board discussed the Board of Public Works (101-442) as that Board has been dissolved. Dara Hood confirmed that those matters are being handled in-house and do not need to have a budgeted line item. These funds will be moved to the Contingency Line Item (101-891).

The Jail Capital Improvement (101-488) Line Item is at \$964,395.00 beginning in 2024.

There are no capital improvement projects included in the 2024 budget. Only the 2023 carry-over projects are included.

There is \$3,800,000.00 in the Provision of Government Services (PGS) fund. There were no PGS funds used for operations in the 2024 budget.

Clayette Zechmeister will be presenting a multi-year plan, expected to be a 3-year outlook, towards the end of the 1st quarter of 2024.

## **Additional Public Comment**

None

## **Adjournment**

1. Adjournment -  
Motion by Koch, seconded by Lutz to adjourn the Public Hearing at 9:40 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO