

COVERT TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 6:30pm

Covert Township Hall, 73943 Lake St, Covert, MI 49043

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance @ 6:30pm

Roll Call: Present: Rendell, Taylor, Pritchard, Rose (Cook absent)

Motion by Rendell, seconded by Rose to appoint Lonzey Taylor as meeting moderator in the absence of Supervisor Cook.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rose: Y, Rendell: Y, Pritchard: Y, Taylor: Y, Cook: ABSENT

Motion by Rendell, seconded by Pritchard to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rose: N, Rendell: Y, Pritchard: Y, Taylor: Y, Cook: ABSENT

Public Comment – none

Motion by Pritchard, supported by Rose to approve up to \$3,000 in expenses related to conducting a special investigation by the Police Department, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rose: Y, Rendell: Y, Pritchard: Y, Taylor: Y, Cook: ABSENT

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Rendell, supported by Pritchard to approve entering closed session to consult with the township attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with the pending litigation in the Michigan Tax Tribunal between New Covert Generating and Covert Township.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rose: Y, Rendell: Y, Pritchard: Y, Taylor: Y, Cook: ABSENT

Entered closed session at 6:32pm

OPEN SESSION resumed at 7:17pm

Motion by Pritchard, supported by Rendell, having consulted with legal counsel regarding consolidated MTT Docket #17-001737, to approve the litigation and settlement strategy as recommended by counsel and authorizes counsel to take action consistent with that litigation strategy.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rose: Y, Rendell: Y, Pritchard: Y, Taylor: Y, Cook: ABSENT

Motion by Pritchard, seconded by Rendell to approve public distribution of the Draft Master Plan, after the factual changes to pages 3, 35, and 37 as presented with an approximate distribution date of the first week of January.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rose: N, Rendell: Y, Pritchard: Y, Taylor: Y, Cook: ABSENT

Motion by Rendell, seconded by Pritchard to table the site plan for 31982 Blue Star Highway pending conditions being met, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rose: N, Rendell: Y, Pritchard: Y, Taylor: Y, Cook: ABSENT

Public Comment – M. Bennett, re: the master plan distribution: encourages distributing the cleanest copy, asked how it would be distributed to the residents for review (hard copies upon request, digital, etc); discouraged having the public hearing in the winter months citing the possibility of less participation due to inclement weather; questioned how the public will know when it is available for review and gave suggestions for notifications.

Adjourn: Motion by Taylor to adjourn at 8:27PM.

Next Regular Township Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Covert Township Hall, 73943 Lake Street.