

Bad Axe, Michigan
Tuesday, February 12, 2019

The Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners office, Huron County Building, Bad Axe, Michigan.

Commissioners present: Chairman Khoury, John Bodis, Mary Babcock, Michael Meissner, Todd Talaski, and Steve Vaughan. Ron Wruble excused.

Neal Hentschl, Secretary Manager of the Huron County Road Commission, addressed the Board in regards to the military looking to lower its altitude for practice maneuvers over the Thumb. They are looking to lower from 6,000 feet to 500 feet, roughly the height of the wind turbines. Mr. Hentschl said they would tie up the air space Tuesday through Fridays but only use it about 3% of that time. A meeting is set for February 22nd with military officials on the matter. The airport is concerned about the effects on airport traffic and its effect economically on the county. There are also concerns about added noise to residents from the lower flying military aircraft. There are times that they do fly that low on occasion.

9:10 a.m.

AGENCIES COMMITTEE – Meissner:

- Nothing at this time.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Babcock:

- Had a committee meeting last week and have three resolutions on the consent actions and a motion for today's regular meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Talaski:

- Nothing at this time.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – Vaughan:

- A pipe broke in the District Court Clerk's office last week. Peg Booms has everything cleaned up.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Bodis:

- Attended a meeting on Saturday regarding our forensic pathologist and came up with some short term and long term plans. The pathologist Huron County uses is also utilized by 4 other counties. We are continuing with Dr. Virani for now, but costs will increase.

CHAIRMAN – Khoury:

- Chairman Khoury asked Robert McLean, Planning Commission Chairman, for an update. Mr. McLean told the Board they have finished the review of the draft Master Plan with some updates and it will be forwarded to the Commissioners in the future. He said they are between half to three-quarters done with a commercial solar energy ordinance and hope to have that done before the solar energy moratorium expires in the next couple of months. Mr. McLean said after that with the board's approval they will be back working on the wind energy ordinance. He told the Board despite reports to the contrary, when they officially received instruction from the Commissioners to stop work on revamping the wind ordinance to concentrate on solar and the master plan they did. He also told the Board they may need to consider increasing the pay for Planning Commission members as some townships in the county pay more.

9:33 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Sami Khoury, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Lori Neal-Wonsowicz
Huron County Clerk