

Bad Axe, Michigan
Tuesday, August 15, 2017

The Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners office, Huron County Building, Bad Axe, Michigan.

Commissioners present: Chairman Sami Khoury, Ron Wruble, Steve Vaughan, Todd Talaski, Dave Peruski, John Nugent, and John Bodis.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Nugent:

- Commissioner Nugent is requesting extra financing for the Nature Center to hook up electricity and would like the County to increase the Nature Center's appropriation to help cover the cost, which DTE estimated to be \$13,000. The group is fund raising to defray the costs and would appreciate help from the Board. After discussion regarding whether or not the project would be done in 2017 or 2018, Finance Chairman Wruble said if the Board wants to do it, the Finance Committee will find the money.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Wruble:

- We will be starting the budget process for 2018. Need to discuss putting extra funding into MERS for OPEB.
- Discussed the Ice Arena and the request from the Hockey Association for a letter of support. Discussed the possibility of preparing a letter that states the Board supports the concept, but no financial commitment. The Board discussed the Arena Building and Expo Center and what upgrades need to be done in the near future. Bring a motion next week to offer a letter of support.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – Talaski:

- Attended the Michigan County Commissioners' White House Conference in Washington DC on August 8th. It was very interesting. Michigan county commissioners were invited to attend by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Michigan was the 3rd state to receive such an invitation.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Bodis:

- There was an overdose on Fentanyl a couple weeks ago.
- Distracted driving is becoming a problem. People need to pay attention.

AGENCIES COMMITTEE – Vaughan:

- Carla McKimmey appeared before the Board with a complaint against the cleaning lady who is contracted to clean at the Senior Center. Ms. McKimmey has an issue about the kitchenette area. Ms. McKimmey noted that the kitchenette area had been locked and the microwave in there was moved for the seniors to use, she was concerned that seniors do not have access to the refrigerator in the kitchenette area. Ms. McKimmey also talked about some issues of cleanliness. Commissioner Vaughan said there is a meeting of the Senior Board Thursday and invited her to address those concerns.
- The seniors are coming to Commissioner Vaughan's greenhouse to pick vegetables.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Peruski:

- Attended the MAC 7th District meeting yesterday in Lapeer. Discussion on the OPEB legislation, they cannot agree. Section 312 will continue. Many other topics such as health insurance, auto insurance, assessing, indigent defense, and PPT were discussed as well.
- Hope Not Handcuffs is a program where drug addicts can ask for help from the Sheriff's Office to beat the drug addiction. Through this program, addicts are able to turn themselves in and be put in rehab. Handle with Care is a program for children that have experienced trauma within the last 24 hours and the school will be contacted to keep an eye on the child or help them if necessary.

CHAIRMAN – Khoury:

- Huron County will be hosting the next MAC 7th District meeting on November 20th. Need to put together an agenda and find a location to hold it.
- Discussion regarding the ID badges and the information that is on them.
- Commissioner Peruski announced the Personnel Committee will meet later today.

10:22 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Sami Khoury, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Lori Neal-Wonsowicz
Huron County Clerk