

Bad Axe, Michigan
Tuesday, September 18, 2018

The Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners office, Huron County Building, Bad Axe, Michigan.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Peruski:

- Jeff Smith, B & Z Director, said he has received another proposal from ABD Engineering and Design which reflected the changes the Board wanted. The proposal includes not only a 2 hour study with a certified technician but also sampling for a 2 week period at the 3 sites. The firm quoted a bid of \$24,500 with any expenditures beyond that requiring further Board approval. There was concern that the biggest problem is the weather in such studies.
- The timeline for the Master Plan will be pushed back because of the delay in the renewal energy portion. Vaughan stated that P.A. 116 is a contract between the landowner and the State, so the proposed Master Plan language regarding P.A. 116 and solar should be removed. Nugent also pointed out that the demographics may change with the arrival of the Puerto Ricans. The County is anticipating approximately 200, some will likely arrive with their families.
- Peruski said the Legislative Committee will meet today to review the Nature Center by-laws.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Bodis:

- Corporation Counsel Steve Allen spoke with Richard Sundquist from Clark Hill. Mr. Sundquist represents the counties that comprise MREC in the tax appeals with the wind developers. Mr. Allen wants an opinion and a recommendation regarding non-conformity issues in the Master Plan to minimize damage. The Board agrees.
- Commissioner Vaughan asked why the Road Commission isn't keeping the grass on the side of the roads cut. Bodis plans on attending tomorrow's Road Commission meeting and will ask.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE – Talaski:

- Peg Booms said it is the controls for the new boiler that needs replacing. Ms. Booms is seeking bids.
- Commissioner Vaughan had pictures he took of the shingles on the Expo Center that need to be replaced. They have rolled up.
- Also at the Expo Center, Vaughan received a call on Friday evening that a two inch water line was broke. Peg Booms contacted Mike at Burkhard Plumbing and Heating and got it fixed.
- Discussion about a microphone for the Board room but first the Board decided to close the existing curtain and have everybody sit closer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Wruble:

- Treasurer and County Clerk are working on the 2019 budgets.
- Chairman Khoury asked where the money (\$24,500) for the sound study is coming from. Commissioner Wruble said from the General Fund however it is the taxpayer's money. A compliance fee is assessed on all of the turbines. The funds from these fees go into the general fund.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Nugent:

- Kendra Berg, 911 Dispatcher, attended the meeting. Dispatch did not receive a signing bonus even though they were the first to settle negotiations. Personnel Committee will be meeting with Kendra, Ward Carter and their union rep.
- The wage study needs to be reviewed. The mediator for the lieutenants feel our policy pertaining to the wage study is an unfair labor practice. Also, the wage scales may be inadequate. The current study was done in 2008 and may no longer be as relevant as it was. We need to contact Rahmberg Stover and look at what can be done. Then maybe look into other studies. It was noted if there is a new study completed, the Board should not deviate or make exceptions.
- Personnel Committee will be meeting today.

AGENCIES COMMITTEE – Vaughan:

- Everything has already been discussed.

Chairman Khoury:

- Nothing at this time.

9:53 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Sami Khoury, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Lori Neal-Wonsowicz
Huron County Clerk