

Bad Axe, Michigan  
Wednesday, October 10, 2018

The Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners office, Huron County Building, Bad Axe, Michigan.

Commissioners present: Vice-Chairman Wruble, John Bodis, Steve Vaughan, Todd Talaski, and John Nugent. Dave Peruski and Chairman Khoury were excused.

Don Wheeler and Stacy Hagen from the Huron Community Fair Board appeared before the Board and asked if they could be kept in the loop when it comes to the construction of a new Huron County Expo Center. The Board of Commissioners agree. Commissioner Vaughan responded that he had been sent a timeline Tuesday night that included the dollar amount necessary for the project to proceed. Vaughan said construction is scheduled to begin when the hockey season ends in April or May. Mr. Wheeler and Ms. Hagen expressed concern about whether the new expo center could be built in three months in time for the fair which begins July 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Talaski, Properties Committee Chair, said the location approval by the board is contingent on plans which neither he nor the board have seen. Commissioner Vaughan said the plan is expected to be released this week or next. Ms. Hagen also asked whether the dairy cattle and horses would still have an area in the building. Vaughan said the Dairy will have its space and there are plans to build a new horse barn on the west side of the fair grounds. Ms. Hagen questioned who would pay for that construction. Commissioner Wruble advised taking a step back. First the building needs to be designed so it accommodates everybody who uses it, including the fair board. Next a solid number needs to be produced for construction costs and finally, who pays for what needs to be established. Ms. Hagen noted the current building is not beyond repair. Mr. Wheeler said there is a group of people in favor of keeping the existing building. Ms. Hagen said there is someone willing to pay for necessary roof repairs if the building is kept. Talaski said once the Properties Committee receives the plan, it will go to the fair board. Talaski added a committee could be formed and include everyone who uses the expo center.

**9:23 a.m.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Nugent:**

- There will be a Closed Session today and Commissioner Nugent requested Randy Miller to attend.

**AGENCIES COMMITTEE – Vaughan:**

- Attended the Senior Ball. Everyone had a great time.

**9:24 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned.

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Ron Wruble, Vice-Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

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Lori Neal-Wonsowicz  
Huron County Clerk