

**Agenda**  
**Planning and Policy Committee**  
**West Olive Administration Building – Board Room**  
**12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive, Michigan 49460**  
**Thursday, November 10, 2011**  
**9:30 AM**

**Consent Items:**

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of September 8, 2011 Planning and Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

**Action Items:**

3. Barry County's Request to Join Region 8  
Suggested Motion:  
To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the resolution supporting Barry County's request to join Region 8, also known as the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission (WMRPC).

**Discussion Item:**

4. Closed Session to Discuss Property Acquisition  
Suggested Motion:  
To go into closed session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition.  
(2/3 roll call vote required)

**Adjournment**

**Comments on the day's business are to be limited to three (3) minutes.**

**PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Proposed Minutes**

DATE: September 8, 2011

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Dennis Swartout, Jane Ruiter, Roger Rycenga, James Holtvluwer, Stu Visser

STAFF & GUESTS: Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Greg Rappleye, Corporation Counsel; John Scholtz, Parks & recreation Director

**SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS**

PP 11-045 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2011, meeting as presented.  
Moved by: Holtvluwer **UNANIMOUS**

**SUBJECT: PIGEON RIVER FISH HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS  
GRANT AGREEMENT**

PP 11-046 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Habitat Development Agreement with the United States Fish & Wildlife Service to fund fish habitat improvements on the Pigeon River with matching funds provided by the Drain Commission and private sources.  
Moved by: Swartout **UNANIMOUS**

**SUBJECT: BID TABULATION – CONNOR BAYOU PARK  
IMPROVEMENTS**

PP 11-047 Motion: To receive and forward to the Board of Commissioners bids for the Connor Bayou Park Improvement Project and accept the low bid from Apex Contractors, Inc. at the negotiated price of \$535,631 with funding from the Parks and Recreation budget.  
Moved by: Ruiter **UNANIMOUS**

**SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Procedural Update to Conflict of Interest Policy – Greg Rappleye explained the when federal funds are involved in a contract; the federal

government requires the added language to be added to the Conflict of Interest Policy.

**SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT**

PP 11-048 Motion: To adjourn at 9:44 a.m.  
Moved by: Visser

**UNANIMOUS**

# Action Request



**Committee:** Planning and Policy Committee

**Meeting Date:** 11/10/2011

**Requesting Department:** Planning & Performance

**Submitted By:** Mark Knudsen

**Agenda Item:** Barry County's Request to Join Region 8

## SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the resolution supporting Barry County's request to join Region 8, also known as the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission (WMRPC).

## SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Currently, Barry County is served by the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council (Region 3). One of the reasons Barry County is interested in changing regions is that Region 3 does not have an active relationship with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), which limits the County's ability to seek grants from EDA for community and economic development projects. Additionally, shifts in Michigan programs, primarily with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), align Barry County more with Region 8 than Region 3.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total Cost: \$0.00 | General Fund Cost: \$0.00 | Included in Budget:  Yes |  No

If not included in budget, recommended funding source:

## ACTION IS RELATED TO AN ACTIVITY WHICH IS:

Mandated |  Non-Mandated |  New Activity

## ACTION IS RELATED TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal: n/a

Objective: n/a

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:**  Recommended |  Not Recommended |  Without Recommendation

County Administrator:

Committee/Governing/Advisory Board Approval Date:

COUNTY OF OTTAWA

STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ottawa, Michigan, held at the Fillmore Street Complex in the Township of Olive, Michigan on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

It was moved by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and recommended by  
Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the current boundaries of the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission were established in 1990 and include the counties of Ottawa, Ionia, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, and Osceola; and,

WHEREAS, the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission is the designated U.S. Economic Development Administration Economic Development District in charge of maintaining a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; and,

WHEREAS, the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission also maintains a relationship with the Michigan Department of Transportation to provide transportation planning services to its service area; and,

WHEREAS, Barry County, currently located within the boundaries of the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council, has approached the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission to request initiating the process of changing the boundaries of its service area to include Barry County; and,

WHEREAS, member counties of the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission must approve of changes to the existing service area prior to the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission moving forward with such a boundary change.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners hereby approves of the addition of Barry County to the service area of the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission.

YEAS: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ABSTENTIONS: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_  
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RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Ottawa County  
Board of Commissioners

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Ottawa County Clerk