

PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: June 15, 2021

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Allen Dannenberg, Francisco Garcia, Matthew Fenske, Philip Kuyers, Gregory DeJong

STAFF & GUESTS: Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; John Shay, Deputy County Administrator; Karen Karasinski, Fiscal Services Director; Sherri Sayles, Chief Deputy Clerk; Jason Shamblin, Parks & Recreation Director; Robyn Afrik, DEI Director

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

PP 21-031 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 Planning and Policy Committee.

Moved by: Matthew Fenske

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO ADOPT 4-YEAR TERMS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PP 21-032 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners to adopt the Resolution Supporting Passage of Legislation to Adopt 4-Year Terms for County Commissioners.

Moved by: Philip Kuyers

PP 21-033 Motion: To postpone to date certain until the September 2021 Planning and Policy Committee Meeting.

Moved by: Philip Kuyers

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SUBJECT: BEND AREA EXPANSION PHASE III MNRFT GRANT AGREEMENT

PP 21-034 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the resolution and grant agreement from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for assistance to complete property acquisition as part of the Bend Area Expansion Phase III project in Georgetown Township.

Moved by: Philip Kuyers

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SUBJECT: STEARNS CREEK EXPANSION MNRTF GRANT AGREEMENT

PP 21-035 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the resolution and grant agreement from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for assistance to complete property acquisition of the Stearns Creek Expansion project in Robinson Township.
Moved by: Philip Kuyers UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: IDEMA EXPLORERS TRAIL STEARNS BAYOU CONNECTOR FRETT EASEMENT

PP 21-036 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the purchase agreement for the Frett easement as required for construction of the Grand River Greenway Idema Explorers Trail in the amount of \$1,934.40 from the Parks millage.
Moved by: Matthew Fenske UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF REENDERS' 66-ACRE PARCEL ON 128TH AVENUE IN OLIVE TOWNSHIP

PP 21-037 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners to accept [or reject] the purchase price of \$700,000.00 for Reenders' 66-acre parcel on 128th Avenue in Olive Township.
Moved by: Philip Kuyers UNANIMOUS

The Administrator explained the property will be used for park purposes for the short-term. In the future, if the property isn't needed for expansion by the County, Parks could purchase it.

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Ombudsman – The Administrator explained Commissioner Zylstra brought this up during the Strategic Planning Meeting. This would be a new position that helps people find where they need to go and helps them work through the process. Consensus of the committee is this is already being done in Ottawa County due to the Customer Service Training the employees received. The Administrator will write a summary and forward it to the full Board.
2. Legislative Issues
 - a. Current Legislative Priorities – John Shay presented the Current Legislative Priorities for June 2021.
3. Critical Race Theory – The Administrator explained an email was received claiming the County is pushing a CRT agenda. Both the Administrator and DEI Director have

researched the Critical Race Theory. Mr. Vanderberg will put something together on what the County is doing and that the CRT agenda is not being pushed.

4. Resolutions - Commissioner DeJong asked if there was a policy if someone asks the Board to submit a resolution and how it is determined which resolutions will be presented to the full Board. The Administrator explained the history and stated resolutions are only presented if they impact Ottawa County. Commissioner Garcia asked about a written policy. Administration will look at this and bring something back to the Planning and Policy Committee.
5. The Committee discussed public comments at the next Board Meeting. The Chair wants to be fair and let the public know up front what the County's position is on the resolution they are being asked to sign. Administration is working with other counties on a press release regarding July 1st mask restrictions. If it is done prior to next Tuesday, it could be read at the Board Meeting.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

PP 21-038

Motion: To adjourn at 9:55 a.m.
Moved by: Allen Dannenberg

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