

Minutes of a Meeting of the Arenac County Board of Commissioners:

June 23, 2020

Chair Harold Woolhiser called the scheduled meeting of the Arenac County Board of Commissioners to order at 1:30 PM pursuant to Public Notice and the Michigan Open Meetings Act with the Board reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

Present: Commissioners: Bobbe Burke, Harold Woolhiser, Lisa Salgat, & Sally Mrozinski.
Absent: Commissioner Adam Kroczaleski.

Approval of an Agenda:

Moved by Ms. Mrozinski & 2nd by Ms. Burke to approve the proposed agenda adding Motion 9: Authorization to allow the Chair to contact an attorney on behalf of the Board regarding any issues related to the Forest Lake Dam/Spillway Repair Project. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Various Minutes:

Committee of the Whole of June 9, 2020: Moved by Ms. Mrozinski & 2nd by Ms. Burke to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Board Session Minutes of June 9, 2020: Moved by Ms. Burke & 2nd by Ms. Mrozinski to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Claims & Accounts: Checks on Demand:

After review and Ms. Burke and Mr. Woolhiser noting they had reviewed the listing, moved by Ms. Salgat & 2nd by Ms. Burke to approve payment of the Checks on Demand (Book of Bills) in the aggregate amount of \$83,615.82. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Burke: Noted that the Emergency Siren Project needs agreements signed with the three respective local units transferring ownership and noting their obligations regarding the operation of the sirens. She will be contacting Yvonne King and Mike Bowers regarding necessary paperwork.

Review of Correspondence:

Commissioners reviewed the correspondence listing with the County Clerk. After review, Chair directed that same be placed on file.

Motions to be acted upon:

Motion 1: Authorization of Contract between the County of Arenac and the Michigan Department of Transportation:

Moved by Ms. Mrozinski & 2nd by Ms. Burke to approve the Contract with MDOT totaling \$53,656 for Contract No. 2019-0013/P7/R1. This is for equipment/vehicle purchase as listed in the proposed agreement. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Mrozinski, Salgat, Burke & Woolhiser. Absent: Kroczaleski. Motion carried by a four (4) yes to one (1) absent vote. Chair signed the contract.

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Motion 2: Authorization of Additional Hours in the Building Department for Theresa Irving:

Moved by Ms. Salgat & 2nd by Ms. Burke to authorize Theresa Irving additional hours per week up to 40 hours total, due to heavy workload caused by closure during COVID 19. Motion carried, noting effective date of June 8, 2020.

Motion 3: Authorization of Additional Work Hours for Office Clerk in Building Department:

Moved by Ms. Salgat to authorize an additional day of work per week for the Building Department Part Time Clerk effective June 8 and as needed. Motion carried.

Motion 4: Motion of Qualified Flood Damaged Homeowners Inspections:

After discussion with Theresa Irving noting issues related to required inspections, moved by Ms. Mrozinski & 2nd by Ms. Salgat to not charge homeowners for either administration fee or inspection fees regarding required "Flood Damaged Assessments" as required by the National Flood Insurance Program during the damage assessment process. Motion carried.

Motion 5: Authorization to Permit Chair to Sign Letter to USDA:

Moved by Ms. Mrozinski & 2nd by Ms. Salgat to authorize the Chair to prepare a letter to the United States Department of Agriculture regarding assistance from the Emergency Watershed Protection Program of the USDA. This action might make the repairs at the Forest Lake Dam and Spillway eligible for the program, which might reimburse up to 75% of the costs related to the repairs/replacement. Motion carried. Chair to prepare the letter.

Motion 6: Status of Public Access to County Courthouse & Courts:

After discussion, noting Court required screening, moved by Ms. Salgat & 2nd by Ms. Burke to continue the lobby officer through July 14th, the next Board meeting date. Motion carried.

Motion 7: Resolution 2020-004

In Support of Enbridge and Pipeline 5 and Related:

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5 has been operating safely and reliably in the Straits of Mackinac for more than 66 years, and

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5, a light crude and natural gas liquids pipeline, helps to safely meet Michigan's energy needs by fulfilling more than half of the propane needs in the state; and

WHEREAS, the products delivered to regional refineries provide jobs and ultimately fuel our lives; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge maintains 11.9 miles of pipeline right-of-way within Arenac County, and provides 32% of Arenac homes with their propane; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge is considered an upstanding community partner; and

WHEREAS, multiple and extensive inspections and safety tests over the last several years have confirmed the integrity of Line 5 at the Straits of Mackinac as fit for service.

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Enbridge Resolution Continued:

WHEREAS, Consequences to energy supply, local producers, regional airports and refineries, jobs, local economies and the pocketbook of Michiganders across the entire state are too great for Line 5 to be shut down before the tunnel replacement can be completed.

WHEREAS, Issues have been raised by several concerned parties regarding the possibility and impact of a breach in Line 5 into the Straits of Mackinac. These concerns have resulted in the State of Michigan and Enbridge negotiating an "agreement" for a 5-year \$500 million project, to construct a tunnel 100 feet below bedrock to encase Line 5, the entire length of the Straits, in one-foot-thick concrete walls in order to mitigate chances of any leaks of product into the Great Lakes.

Whereas, the recently elected Michigan Attorney General, Dana Nessel has subsequently opposed the negotiated "agreement" and filed a law-suit in Ingham County Circuit Court to close down Line 5 immediately effectively cancelling all efforts to begin construction of the tunnel; and

WHEREAS, this action may very well provide unintended consequences for all parties as the litigation to close down Line 5 may take years to be resolved in the courts with no assurance of the outcome; and

WHEREAS, the time to resolve the litigation may simply result in the delay of the start of the construction of the tunnel thereby leaving the existing Line 5 in place unnecessarily for several additional years.

WHEREAS, Enbridge has demonstrated a willingness to work with the state to both protect the Great Lakes and ensure the continued safe delivery of energy we all rely on.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arenac County Board of Commissioners hereby joins with other Michigan Counties in extending its support for Enbridge's proposed tunnel replacement project and urges the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge to complete the tunnel project as quickly as possible and not disrupt Line 5 service before the tunnel can be completed.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Arenac County sends this resolution to all counties of Michigan as an invitation to join in expressing support for increasing the safety of our current energy infrastructure as our society simultaneously seeks energy efficiencies and energy alternatives that will continue to reduce negative impacts and risks to our environment.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Salgat, Burke, Mrozinski, & Woolhiser. No: None. Absent: Kroczaleski.

Resolution carried by a four (4) yes to zero (0) no and one (1) absent vote. Chair directed that the County Clerk distribute as directed.

Motion 8: Authorization of Budget Line Item Transfer:

Moved by Ms. Burke & 2nd by Ms. Salgat to authorize the Budget & Finance Committee to prepare a Budget Adjustment of up to \$7,000 to the Building Department Budget to pay for required National Flood Insurance Program required inspections of about 40 homeowners affected properties by the May 18-19, 2020 Flood. Motion carried.

Committee will prepare a proposed Budget Adjustment and transfer of funds into the Arenac County Building Department Budget Inspection Line Item from an appropriation adjustment.

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Motion 9: Authorizing Chair to Contact Legal Counsel regarding Forest Lake Property Owners Association Request for Assistance from United States Department of Agriculture:

Moved by Ms. Burke & 2nd by Ms. Mrozinski to authorize the Board Chair to contact Civil Counsel regarding any proposed Contractual Agreement between Arenac County and the Forest Lake Property Owners Association regarding proposed USDA Grant and administration of the grant. Motion carried.

Additional Commissioners Comments/Reports:

Commissioner Mrozinski: Noted that there needs to be resolution about the house at the Pt. Au Gres County Park, and possible rental limitations, from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Commissioner Salgat: Noted that there is a Parks Commission sub-committee looking at these details regarding the structure and further, what is needed to effect any permitted usage.

Commissioner Burke: Noted that rural Broadband, is being installed in some other rural counties, noting Benzie has been very successful.

Commissioner Woolhiser: Noted that Flood Victims in the designated Counties, including Arenac, are waiting on a Presidential Declaration which would make many avenues of assistance available to Arenac County Residents as well as Businesses and Local Governmental Units.

Commissioner Salgat reported that as of Monday, June 22nd, County Parks are open and that the Au Gres Park has three part time/seasonal employees and Oasis Lake has six scheduled employees on board. She further noted that the Central Michigan District Health Department has received a grant to test ten beachfront locations in Arenac County this year periodically for e-coli, and the Health Board is finally meeting again in person at the Clare County Courthouse Conference Room.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ms. Salgat & 2nd by Ms. Burke to adjourn at 2:35 PM. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Signed,

Attest: Harold Woolhiser, Chair of the Board

Ricky R. Rockwell, Arenac County Clerk

Public Notice of Meeting:

Tuesday

July 14, 2020

The Arenac County Board of Commissioners will meet on the above date in scheduled session as follows in Room 201 of the Arenac County Building at 120 North Grove Street in Standish, Michigan for a regularly scheduled meeting:

@ 10 AM in Committee of the Whole
@ 1:30 PM in Board Session

Departments with bills should have said submitted to the County Clerk's Office for listing in the Book of Bills before Friday Noon on July 10th for inclusion in Claims to be presented.

Individuals wishing to attend the Board Meeting should enter the Courthouse through the public entrance in front and will be directed to the meeting room. Anyone requiring special assistance should contact the Board Office at 989 846 6188.

Signed,

Ricky R. Rockwell, Arenac County Clerk Dated: June 25, 2020

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