

Arenac County Committee Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2020

Commissioners Present: **Woolhiser, Burke, Salgat, Mrozinski and Kroczaleski** (delayed)

Commissioners Absent:

10:00 a.m. Meeting opened.

Public Comment: Mr. Michael Bowers, Arenac County Emergency Manager, presented an update to the May 18-20 Flood Event, Presidential Disaster Declaration and F.E.M.A. Disaster Assistance. Mr. Bowers explained that any Arenac County resident or business who was impacted by the flooding, must continue their registration at www.disasterassistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362. Insuring that all victims have this information is crucial, deadline for registering for assistance is September 8, 2020. Mr. Bowers outlined several F.E.M.A. programs and the Governor's new mask requirements.

Ms. Frances Whitney, NEMCSA Outreach & Communications, presented NEMCSA's Annual Report. Ms. Whitney outlined the community and family programs, and services available, and the Flood assistance NEMCSA has available.

Ms. Nancy Selle & Ms. Judy Bell requested approval to seek legal review of GIS bylaws for the formation of the Arenac County GIS Authority.

Ms. Selle stated the Parks Board would be addressing the status of the house at Pt. AuGres park. She asked that a letter be written to the DNR requesting the house be used as a weekly rental. If the DRN approves, the house will need to be inspected, and estimates for any needed repairs will be obtained.

11:00 a.m. Five Minute Break

Ms. Kathy Metner, Ms. Stephanie Buffman, of the Arenac EDC and Ms. Jackie Morgan of the USDA Rural Development, presented information on funding the Arenac County Event & Agricultural Center. Ms. Morgan explained in detail the USDA Community Loan program. Ms. Morgan explained the advantages in funding with an USDA loan. Discussions also included possible millage, the project aspects already covered by grants, and what funding is available for the improvements to the industrial park property.

Health & Safety: Ms. Burke reported that Enbridge has donated \$5,000.00 to help flood victims in Arenac County.

Budget & Finance: Mr. Woolhiser reported on the Spring Tribal 2% Grant awards. Awards included GIS Mapping, LaFave Road Paving, BS&A Tax Software and Sheriff's vehicle.

Budget & Finance: (continued)

Mr. Woolhiser stated the need to continue the health mitigation screening at the public entrance to the County Building. Mr. Woolhiser stated that an advertisement for (2) temporary part time Security Guards at a rate of \$11.50 per hour, was placed in the Arenac Independent. This would relieve the Sheriff Department from mitigation at the front door. Ms. Burke added that approximately 100 visitors a day are coming in the County Building. Mr. Woolhiser & Ms. Mrozinski would be on the hiring committee. Mr. Woolhiser also stated that CARES Act application has been submitted, and additional information was being gathered for the COVID-19 expense application.

Judicial & Legal: Ms. Salgat requested the County prepare a resolution requesting speed study from MDOT for the Forest Lake district. Mr. Kroczaleski asked if the township was preparing the resolution language.

Ms. Salgat also stated that changes have been made to the MIDC program, and a meeting was scheduled later in the week.

Building & Grounds:

County Affairs:

Unfinished Business:

12:11 p.m. meeting adjourned

Sincerely,

Jeri Klabis, Board Secretary