
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Whole
Arenac County Board of County Commissioners:
May 25, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Present: Commissioners Woolhiser, Mrozinski, Salgat, Burke and Hergott.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judy Valley – Inquired about the status of Rifle River cleanup.

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Netsource – Mr. Hergott – would like to see breakdown of billings. Mr. Woolhiser addressed a billing that was from the Windows 10 upgrade; project was paid for from a 75/25 Tribal Grant (\$38,000), with \$9600 being the county's portion.

Job Descriptions – Mr. Hergott - Would like to see on file a copy of all job descriptions, from all offices. Would like to see annual evaluations included.

Interior Building Security – Mr. Woolhiser – Discussion on status of a floor plan with accurate panic button locations and room number signage on all rooms as previously discussed. Inquired if battery replacement on door locks were completed. Mr. Hergott will look into. Mr. Bower will bring UpNorth Security in to review and give recommendations for security purposes. It was also stated that the courts do a building assessment on entire building for security purposes as well. .

COUNTY AFFAIRS:

Arenac Public Transit Authority – Ms. Mrozinski – APTA had their organizational meeting. APTA will meet at 5:30, on the third Wednesday of each month.

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Arenac County Treasurer – Mr. Stawowy informed the board that the county has received \$1,445,000, the first installment of two, from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The second installment is expected in 2022. Mr. Stawowy has invested these funds until a decision is made on how these monies will be spent. Federal guidelines have been issued on how funds may be spent. Funds may be used for infrastructure purposes as well as matching money for grants, if the grant falls under the original intent of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. A new fund number has been established for said funds, #214. Discussion of creating a subcommittee to review potential projects and expenses was reviewed.

Equalization Director Contract – Anthony Meyaard, Assessing Solutions submitted a five year contract for Professional Services from 2022 through 2026, for board approval.

Equalization L-4029 Tax Rate – Authorization of Chairman and Clerk to sign L-4029 Tax Rate Request. A truth and taxation hearing will be scheduled.

2% Tribal Grant Distribution: Mr. Woolhiser and Mr. Stawowy will attend the distribution ceremony on May 28, 2021.

Arenac County Parks – Opening day is May 27, 2021. Employees have been hired for summer employment for Oasis Lake and Pt. Au Gres. Youngman Park is slated to be opened as well. Youngman is to be officially renamed to Youngman-Fidler Park in honor of those who donated said land to the Arenac County Parks.

HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY:

Medical Advisory Board - Ms. Burke – MA Board met with discussion of expenses and funding. The next millage would have to be at full amount. Possibility of putting service out for bids. Scott from MMR stated the mental health and overdose cases have risen during the pandemic.

Building Status – Ms. Burke – The courts current status is level 3, with the possibility of changing soon. The building status will change back to open as of Monday, June 7, 2021. The Health Screener's last day will be, Friday, June 4, 2021.

JUDICIAL & LEGAL:

MDOC – Ms. Salgat – A letter has been sent to MDOC pertaining to moving out of basement office, from Braun Kendrick, with no response as of this date.

Parks – Ms. Salgat – Parks are getting ready for opening weekend. The Boy Scouts have cleaned Oasis Park with Youngman Park next on their schedule. Mr. Klabis cut the dead trees around camp sites and on trails. Mr. Woolhiser suggested having someone near Youngman Park close the gates in the evening, as in the past, to avoid vandalism. The house at Pt. Au Gres Park needs requires a quote on the repairs needed in order to use it as a rental. This information will need to be provided to the Michigan DNR Grant administration for approval before the house can be rented.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

Sunrise Senior Center – Mr. Woolhiser - Commissioners would like an annual report from Sunrise Senior Center Board of Directors along with their classification of an organization. An annual audit is also being requested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Security - Office Windows - Review of 2017 Window Security project: The following offices are still in need of a service window: Guardians office, Circuit Court office (Pugh) and Drain Commission office. Mr. Bower will look into.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emergency Manager – Mike Bower - Mr. Bowers discussed the hiring of a Critical Infrastructure Scoring Grant intern, to be paid 100% from a 2019 grant; 90-120 day reimbursement after paperwork is submitted. As part of a Homeland Security Grant, Mr. Matzke has been working with Mr. Bower as an intern, documenting the breakdown by infrastructure, within Arenac County. This information gives value if an emergency occurs within Arenac County, in comparison with the other thirteen counties in our region. Mr. Matzke would be a temporary employee through August 1, 2021, not to exceed \$4,000. Mr. Bower to check on Liability insurance.

Rifle River Meeting – A letter was received from the DNR that was to be read at the last meeting held at Big Bend Campground, pertaining to the Rifle River. Letter was given to Mr. Bower, to read at the next meeting scheduled for May 26, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

Employment Services – Mr. Bill Borushko - Employment advisement. Placed on afternoon agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Adjourn at 12:05 p.m.