

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Whole
Arenac County Board of County Commissioners:
September 7, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.**

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

Guests: Ms. Valley, Kaylin Czymbor – Drain Assistant, Francis Ommani – NEMCSA and Christy Slocum.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kaylin Czymbor – Drain Assistant – Ms. Czymbor represented Mr. Davis in reporting that an individual lost their life amongst logs on the Rifle River last week.

NEMSCA – Francis Ommani – Ms. Ommani gave an annual report presentation, 10/1/2019-9/30/2020, for Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, NEMSCA. The report included financials as well as the programs and services provided while reaching out to twenty two counties. Ninety six percent of funding goes back into the community and programs. Discussion on the various programs/services offered which include Early Childhood Services, School Success Partnership program, Central Intake and Client Services, Homeless and Prevention Programs, as well as Senior Services. Ms. Ommani stated she would reach out to the Sunrise Senior Center to assist with programs.

Cristy Slocum – Retirement of employee Judy Bell. Discussed timeline for replacement and six weeks training period.

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Rifle River Meeting - Mr. Hergott – The meeting was held at the community center and well attended. The meeting was recessed and will resume at a location in Ogemaw, during evening hours. Mr. Hergott would like the board to pass a resolution in support of the Rifle River Drainage District proposal.

2022 Board Rules – Mr. Hergott would like to see in the Board Rules that no decisions should be made on the same day information has been received. Ms. Salgat stated that there are times when the board would need to have that option. Mr. Woolhiser offered that the chairman could make that decision at the time of a particular request, if needed.

Maintenance Dept. – Mr. Hergott does not feel that the new window expense should come out of the maintenance budget. Mr. Woolhiser explained that the Homeland Security Grant funds have been depleted. The window was redesigned to fit the space, therefore considered a building project.

Old Air Handler Rooftop Unit – Hergott – An offer of \$100 was made for the old air handler rooftop unit. Waiting on a professional evaluation of the unit's value as scrap. After further discussion, it was decided sell the unit as scrap, as is.

Arenac Opportunities, Inc. – Mr. Hergott updated the board pertaining to AOI. Mr. Hergott asked the board if they wanted him to follow through with obtaining information about funds from when AOI and Arenac County Transit were one entity. Ms. Mrozinski stated the Arenac Public Transit Authority was reviewing the financials.

COUNTY AFFAIRS:

Sunrise Senior Center Service Agreement – Ms. Mrozinski indicated that Craig Horn is reviewing the service agreement. Mr. Woolhiser stated Mr. Horn reviewed said contract and stated it looked good. The next step is to have the Sunrise Senior Center Board approve and sign said agreement. Arenac County Treasurer, Mr. Stawowy is reviewing upcoming millage language for Sunrise Senior Center. Ms. Salgat commended Ms. Mrozinski on her work to complete the task of the agreement.

Arenac Public Transit Authority Board Appointments – Ms. Mrozinski – There are three (3) APTA board seats that will expire this year. A request for re-appointment to consist of the following individuals, Ms. Mrozinski, Mr. Bowers and Ms. Selle. Terms are for two (2) years, 10/1/2021 to 9/30/2023.

BUDGET & FINANCE:

City of Au Gres – Event Center Support – The Arenac County Board of Commissioners received and acknowledged a letter of support from the City of Au Gres for the Arenac Event and Agricultural Center. Letter to be placed on file.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal 2% Grants - Mr. Woolhiser – Review of the SCTG applications will be scheduled for the next board meeting. All applicants must have their applications turned into the board by September 17, 2021.

HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ambulance Board - Ms. Burke – the Ambulance Board is continuing to work on an agreement. Once an agreement has been completed, it will need to be reviewed by county legal counsel. The next Ambulance Board meeting is scheduled for September 8th.

MSU Extension Access – Ms. Burke requested temporary MSU Extension room access for two (2) 4-H class assistants. Mr. Woolhiser stated more information is needed to see if they need access during regular business hours or after hours as well.

JUDICIAL & LEGAL:

Rifle River Drain – Ms. Salgat attended a meeting held at the Arenac Community Center pertaining the Rifle River Drain. Ms. Salgat stated the meeting was well attended. Ms. Salgat stated there are more questions that need to be answered. Board discussion ensued. Mr. Hergott was able to answer some of the board's questions about the project as well some of the benefits moving forward with the process to incorporate Ogemaw County into the drainage district.

M-65 Road Closure: Ms. Salgat stated she was informed that the closed portion of M-65 would be open by November 2021.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Woolhiser – Would like to reiterate that the old roof air handler is to be sold as “scrap”. Mr. Woolhiser also stated that the Freon has been removed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Soldiers and Sailors Board – Ms. Selle – A request was made by the Soldiers and Sailors Board for a locking file cabinet and their own room to meet in, if there were availability.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Mrozinski – Fair Board update – The Fair Board made good profits this year due to a well-attended fair. Moving forward, the Fair Board is looking at other events to add at the fairgrounds. There is a Bump & Run scheduled for mid-September.

Adjourn at 11:05 a.m.