

PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: August 9, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Roger Rycenga, Matthew Hehl, Edward Berghorst, Dennis Swarout,
Philip Kuyers

STAFF & GUESTS: Mark Scheerhorn, Consultant; June Hagan, Fiscal Services
Director; Travis Parsons, Human Resources; Mark Knudsen, Planning &
Grants Director; Erika Rosebrook, Assistant Administrator; John Scholtz,
Parks & Recreation Director; Greg Rappleye, Corporation Counsel; Sherri
Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Media

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

PP 07- 036 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and amended
adding Action Item #2A – Upper Macatawa Conservation Easement and
removing Discussion Item #8 – Closed Session to Discuss Property
Acquisition.
Moved by: Swartout UNANIMOUS

Approve by consent the Minutes of the July 10, 2007, meeting as
presented.

SUBJECT: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FLEIS AND VANDENBRINK ENGINEERING, INC.

PP 07-037 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the
Professional Services Agreement with Fleis and VandenBrink
Engineering, Inc. to prepare a feasibility study and grant application for a
non-motorized pathway through Upper Macatawa Conservation Area at a
cost of \$85,205.
Moved by: Swartout UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: RED PINE TIMBER SALES

PP 07-038 Motion: To receive bids for red pine timber sales at the Port Sheldon
Natural Area and VanBuren Street Dunes and approve and forward to the
Finance & Administration Committee the Timber Sale Contract with the
high bidder, Rothig Forest Products at \$68 per cord for Port Sheldon and
\$55 per cord for the VanBuren Street property.
Moved by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: UPPER MACATAWA CONSERVATION
EASEMENT

PP 07-039 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the conveyance of a Conservation Easement to the Land Conservancy of West Michigan on 88.89 acres at the Upper Macatawa Natural Area and authorize payment of \$5,000 to the Land Conservancy for easement monitoring and stewardship.
Moved by: Swartout UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: HARBOR HUMANE SOCIETY SERVICE
AGREEMENT

PP 07-040 Motion: To approve and forward to the Finance & Administration Committee the Service Agreement between Ottawa County and the Harbor Humane Society.
Moved by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: SENTENCED WORK ABATEMENT PROGRAM
COST-ANALYSIS

PP 07-041 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the recommendation to increase the hourly fee-for-service rate to \$5.68 effective June 1, 2008.
Moved by: Kuyers UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: OTTAWA COUNTY SHERIFF'S SENIOR
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM EVALUATION

PP 07-042 Motion: To receive and forward to the Board of Commissioners the Ottawa County Sheriff's Senior Volunteer Program Evaluation.
Moved by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HB4852

PP 07-043 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners a Resolution in opposition to HB4852, a bill intended to impose additional fees on the use of telephone devices.
Moved by: Swartout UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN INTERIM
SMOKING BAN AT THE OTTAWA COUNTY
COURTHOUSE COSTRUCTION SITE

PP 07-044 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners a Resolution to establish an interim smoking ban at the Ottawa County Courthouse Construction Site through December 31, 2009.
Moved by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Building Projects Update – The building projects update was presented by Mark Scheerhorn.
2. Juvenile Justice Funding – Mark Knudsen reported the Michigan Department of Human Services increased rates for their juvenile justice facilities. The County only has one individual in the Maxey Training School at this time. Mark will be opposing this increase with the lobbyist.
3. SB 641 – Reimbursement for Remonumentation Program - Mark Knudsen explained Senate Bill 641 to the Committee. He will work with Senator Kuipers regarding the County being paid back 10 years or less for the County Remonumentation Plan.
4. HB 4906 – Hazardous Waste Spill Reimbursement – Greg Rappleye reported on HB 4906 – authority for the local units to recover costs on hazardous waste spills. Representative Meekhof presented the bill Greg Rappleye wrote. Greg is writing a response and will have copies of the response for the Board next Tuesday.
5. SB 410 & 411 – E911 Surcharge – Mark Knudsen reported that the landlines revenue source is in jeopardy. Beginning January 1, 2008, would require each wireless supplier to collect an emergency 911 charge from each of its prepaid customers and require the money to be deposited in the E911 fund.
6. HB 4919 – PA 2 Funding – Mark Knudsen explained HB 4919. June Hagan has contacted LCC and other county programs of how the loss in money would affect their programs. The media needs to do a better job of reporting on the tax shift from the State to the local units.
7. PA 312 – Binding Arbitration – Travis Parsons reported on PA 312 – Binding Arbitration. Human Resources and the MML are in the favor of PA 312.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

PP 07-045 Motion: To adjourn at 10:07 a.m.
Moved by: Hehl

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