

Commissioner Tansky:

SC4 is putting in geothermal power, doing window replacements and working on the parking lots. People for SC4 can park free at the city lot north of McMorrان until 2:30 p.m.

He complimented RESA on the Nature Trail at Pine River.

Commissioner Heidemann:

Parks and Recreation has grown a lot since 2003. Recently he had expressed concerns about the ability to track where the money is going. Jim Bier, one of the PARC alternates, came up with a spreadsheet for tracking each project in terms of what the scope was and how much was budgeted so we could follow each project monthly. He commended Jim Bier for his work.

In the *Planning and Zoning News* there was an article about how cities and counties that increased their advertising can improve their market share and get a good return on their investment during poor economic times, more so than during good economic times.

Bill Kauffman:

Advised the commissioners that in June he will be coming in with details on the Belle River Watershed Advisory Committee duties. The Advisory Committee is in the process of being put together and they would like a representative from the MPC. They will need names of interested individuals in August. The Committee feels it is important to insure that they are consistent with the goals of MPC, Health Department, etc. Commissioners are asked to give it some thought. They will be meeting once a month for about a year.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. April 21, 2010

Commissioner Murphy stated there was a minor correction on page two, third line down, it should say, "they are." Fulton stated that she also had a correction where complement should be compliment. **Motion** by DeBoyer, supported by Heidemann to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Acceptance of Communications

Motion by Cooper, supported by Sheehy to receive and file the communications. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Financial Reports

A. Report ending 04-30-2010

Kauffman gave an update on the financial reports. There is a \$38,000 SCCOTS billing that will go out this week and an invoice for Grant Township for a little over \$1,200. In addition, the County appropriation for April had not been received at the time the financial reports were completed

He also reminded the commissioners that under Charge for Services, \$56,000 is budgeted, and of that \$50,000 is for work that we do for the EDA. It is included as revenue and will be dealt with as a transfer in. Staff will prepare courtesy invoices and track amount of work we do for the EDA. Given the work we have been doing the last couple of months, we should not have any problem hitting \$50,000.

Motion by Lockwood, supported by Sheehy to acknowledge receipt of the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consent Agenda

- A. CHR: EN100264 – City of Port Huron 21st and Erie Street Projects
- The proposed project is consistent with the St. Clair County Master Plan Goals and Objectives.
 - The proposed project is consistent with the Berlin Township Master Plan.
 - The office of the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission endorses the project.

The elements of the proposed projects will result in enhancement of urban conditions and improve the quality of life for neighborhood residents. The proposed infrastructure improvements are a good use of CDBG funds and are in keeping with the overall mission of increasing homeownership, supporting community development and increasing access to affordable housing free from discrimination.

- B. Greenwood Township Map Change from Ag/Rural Residential to B-2 (General Business)
Staff recommends St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission concur with Greenwood Township Planning Commission and approve the requested conditional rezoning, as presented.

Staff further recommends Greenwood Township make provisions in its Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance for land use activities it deems desirable or beneficial to the township and its residents. Staff recommends Greenwood Township update its Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance accordingly, in particular adding language facilitating a Conditional Rezoning consistent with P.A. 110 of 2006, Section 125.3405. The Michigan Township Association offers on its Web site model language for conditional rezoning.

Motion by Lockwood, supported by Sass to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Work Program Reports

Trevor Floyd

Updated the commissioners on the FEMA maps and the fact that Marysville and Burtchville sent their paperwork in and it was returned. They are still in the process of resubmitting the paperwork.

Staff continues to work with communities that are not participating in the program.

An update to the State of Michigan's GIS Business Plan was given. They had funding to put the plan together, but funding is not available for implementation.

Geoff Donaldson

Land Bank Authority

1. They have approved their bylaws and several members will be attending the conference in June.
2. A workshop is scheduled for June as well where the Genesee Institute will look at strategy setting, based on the visioning sessions held last year.

Brownfield Redevelopment Grant

They are looking at bringing in experts to help with the first steps which need to be done in a very short timeframe. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) will be assisting. There is no cost to the county as they are a member of MAC.

Solid Waste

Staff met with the SCC Landfill Director and engineering firm that does work for them. There are some proposed changes and staff will be scheduling a meeting of the Solid Waste Planning Committee at the end of June.

There are three vacancies, one for the solid waste industry and two for the general public. If you are aware of anyone interested in sitting on the committee, let Geoff know.

David Struck

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

Of the \$700,000 grant received, \$507,000 has been committed. All funds must be leveraged or committed by June 30.

MSHDA

CDBG: On pace to get funds committed.

RENTAL REHAB: all units in Marine City have tenants in them now.

Kara Diedrich:

Census

As of April 27, 2010, 77 percent of the U.S. Census form in Michigan have been returned. St. Clair County was at 80 percent.

USDA

Representative Candice Miller's office and the USDA had a workshop at the county building to explain the various programs available for funding of rural development housing, and business development.

EDA

Diedrich and Floyd are working on a map for the EDA showing the many wind power farms in the area. It will include the owner and what the power is.

Border Economic Study

Staff will continue working on the final edits of the Executive Summary of the study.

Michael Latuszek

Bridge to Bay Trail

St. Clair Township is working on their portion of the trail to connect with the Marysville Trail.

Port Collaborative Meeting

This will be in Muskegon where the Port Authority will talk about different types of ports.

Lori Eschenburg

Gave a slideshow of the sample imagery for 2010 compared to the 2005 imagery.

Eschenburg attended a conference in Sandusky on travel, tourism and recreation. She was the only person in St. Clair County who attended.

Items covered traffic, changes in employment, growth projections, regional revenue projections, etc.

Bill Kauffman

Public Relations/Lobbying

The two firms gave reports to BOC on the work they have been doing for the county. One of the things the two groups worked together on was background information on bioreactor that was shared with Congresswoman Miller who in turn will share with Army Corps of Engineers and Department of Defense, as well as with senators Levin and Stabenow.

Tomorrow the public relations and lobbying firms will meet with NEXT Energy to talk about the bioreactor project and what kind of service they can offer.

Medical Marijuana Clinic

Kauffman recently met with the supervisor from Kimball Township regarding medical marijuana clinics and talked about what is going on with respect to the project. In addition, other communities have been calling and asking questions as to how the clinic relates to zoning, etc. Staff is planning on a workshop in the next 60 days to provide information to the local units on how the Sheriff will be dealing with the issue and it is hoped to bring in municipal attorneys to talk about the zoning and land use issues.

SEMCOG Economic Regional Strategy

Those that helped were asked to submit projects. Our office has submitted some projects on behalf of the county that would have regional significance. SEMCOG General Assembly will act on this tomorrow.

Last week SEMCOG reconvened the 7-County Directors Meetings with the City of Detroit's Planning Department being included. SEMCOG is in the process of putting together a Sustainability Plan. The goal is to fund projects at a regional level and have a relationship to land, water, jobs, and transportation. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Housing and Urban Developing are working with the Department of Transportation on a new transportation bill. This will require dealing with land issues and economic development if you want to receive funding. SEMCOG is trying to stay ahead of the game, enabling all communities to be one-step ahead of the process.

SEMCOG started the Community Sustainable Recognition Program. What they are trying to do, as part of bigger effort, is recognize communities that demonstrate they are looking at issues as a whole. The St. Clair County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution at their last meeting to participate in this project. They are offering three levels of certification. In order to attain the various levels of certification it must be demonstrated what you have done. Our department will be working on of this with Administration taking the lead. The value is in marketing St. Clair County as a green and sustainable community.

Motion by Tansky, supported by Cooper to accept the Work Program Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Chairperson's Report

Chairman Murphy stated that his report was in the supplemental packet.

Case No. U-15900

This issue deals with a case on renewable energy plans with an opportunity to make comment via electronic filing or going to the public hearing and giving testimony.

Wind Energy Development in Tuscola County

Chairman Murphy sent an e-mail to Bill Kauffman and David Haynes on how the farmers in Tuscola and Bay counties collectively negotiated their contract with wind energy developers. He is suggesting we meet with St. Clair County farmers, where potential landowners get to agree to certain format, similar to Tuscola/Bay.

Motion by Andrews, supported by Heidemann to accept the Chairman's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Old Business

A. County Index

Tansky stated he is in the process of putting together a file.

B. MPC Survey Results

The results were in the agenda packet with a brief overview by Kauffman. Basically it says that everyone is happy with the services provided, most areas are important and we should maintain the current level of activity. The department is in the process of making some changes to what is worked on by staff as a result of the survey.

12. New Business

A. SCCOTS FY2010 TIP Amendment(s)

1. SCCOTS FY2008-2011 TIP

Latuszek gave an overview of the proposed amendment as a result of the low bid received for the Wadhams Bridge project.

At their meeting of May 12, 2010, the SCCOTS Advisory Committee approved an amendment of the SCCOTS FY2008-2011 TIP for FY2010, reprogramming Surface Transportation Program (Urban) funds released from the FY2010 Wadhams Road Bridge project in the amount of \$1,525,535.

Recommendation: To approve amendment of the SCCOTS FY2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program, as presented.

Motion by Sass, supported by Andrews to approve the amendment of the SCCOTS FY2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with all ayes.

2. SCCOTS FY2011-2014 TIP

A brief overview of the proposed amendment was given by Latuszek.

At their meeting of May 12, 2010, the SCCOTS Advisory Committee approved amendment of the SCCOTS FY2011-2014 TIP. In lieu of detailing individual

projects in the SEMCOG FY2011-2014 TIP most projects will instead be displayed as line items, a general listing of federal sources and corresponding amounts.

Recommendation: To approve amendment of the SCCOTS FY2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program, as presented.

Motion by Smith, supported by Sheehy to approve the amendment of the SCCOTS FY2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with all ayes.

B. City of Port Huron Grant Request – Letter of Support

Kauffman reported that he met with the director of the City of Port Huron Planning Department and they have requested the County apply for grant monies on their behalf.

The grant would be from the Michigan Strategic Fund to do projects that create jobs and rehabilitation of buildings as well as improve energy efficiency in the buildings. The City has been working with the owners of the Sperry's building and the grant would help with a gap in their funding. These would be HUD dollars that come through the State of Michigan. Inasmuch as the City of Port Huron is an entitlement community, they cannot apply for the grant. They are going through the Board of Commissioners (BOC) rather than the Metropolitan Planning Commission. The City will complete the application and bring to the BOC.

They are requesting the MPC send a letter of support for the project.

A brief discussion took place. **Motion by** Tansky, supported by Secory to authorize the chairman to sign the letter of support for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Motion by DeBoyer, supported by Sass to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Sheehy, Secretary

Prepared by:
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