

HILLSDALE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes

The **Hillsdale County Planning Commission** convened in the Intermediate School District Conference Room, 310 W. Bacon Street, Hillsdale, Michigan, on Monday, March 15, 2010.

Members present: Ned Bever, Gary Reppert, Sarah Fronczak, Brad Densmore, Ken Lautzenheiser

Members absent: Deb Sikorski, Wendy Moore, Fred Fowler

Others present: Nicolas Wheeler, William Bishop

Call to Order: Ned Bever called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: *B. Densmore moved to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2010. G. Reppert supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Approval of Agenda: *K.Lautzenheiser moved to approve the agenda with the addition of item F "Sarah Fronczak Report on attending Citizen Planner" B. Densmore supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Public Comment: *None*

Agenda Items:

PA-116 Applications

- a. Camden Township Enrollment – Silas & Naomi Eicher (175.03 acres more or less in sections 21 and 28 of town 8 south, range 4 west) - A PA-116 on the applicant's four properties was found to be consistent with the County's Master Plan. K. Lautzenheiser moved to recommend approval. S. Fronczak supported. Motion unanimously carried.**
- b. Adams Township Enrollment – Kenneth & Patsy Cook (30.68 acres more or less in section 27 of town 6 south, range 2 west) - A PA-116 on the applicant's property was found to be consistent with the County's Master Plan. B. Densmore moved to recommend approval. S. Fronczak supported. Motion unanimously carried.**
- c. Adams Township Enrollment – Kenneth & Patsy Cook (39.48 acres more or less in section 34 of town 6 south, range 2 west) - A PA-116 on the applicant's property was found to be consistent with the County's Master Plan. S. Fronczak moved to recommend approval. B. Densmore supported. Motion unanimously carried.**

Economic Development Representative – *N. Bever reported that the Hillsdale County Economic Development Partnership Board anticipates appointing someone by July to the position and that person should then be the representative to the planning commission.*

Education Representative – *It was reported that Michael Potts, Superintendent of Jonesville and Reading Schools is interested in the position and will file an application with the County Board of Commissioners.*

HCPC Ordinance Status – *There was discussion on the Hillsdale County Planning Commission Ordinance that is authorized under public act 33 of 2008. K. Lautzenheiser*

indicated that it is time to move forward and hold a public hearing that will allow the public to comment before the County Board of Commissioners officially vote on the ordinance. There was further discussion concerning the power that the ordinance delegates to the planning commission over capital improvement projects by government.

Hillsdale County Master Plan Status - *N. Bever will talk with Jasneet Sharma for a status report on the assistance received by the Michigan State University Land Policy Institute. There was discussion on the billing for this service as to whether it has been completed and where the money will come from to pay the final billing.*

Sarah Fronczak Report on attending Citizen Planner – *S. Fronczak reported on her attendance at the sessions of the Citizen Planner that have occurred to date. She reported that the focus seems to surround zoning mostly and does not really cover planning for those communities that want to plan but not necessarily implement zoning. She suggests that possibly documentation or a manual that would cover the basics of planning for those communities interested in only planning for the future. It was discussed that the Michigan Township Association might be a source for this type of documentation. S. Fronczak will do further research on this and G. Reppert will contact the Michigan Township Association for any possible resources or presentations.*

Communications

- a. Wendy Moore Resignation** – *W. Moore submitted a resignation letter as she will be moving out of the area. K. Lautzenheiser moved to accept the resignation. B. Densmore supported. Motion unanimously carried.*
- b. Village of Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Master Plan** – *Notice of the Joint Master Plan for the Village of Jonesville and Fayette Township was received. It was the consensus to request a hard copy of the master plan for our records.*

Public Comment: *William Bishop asked when the Technology and Economic Development Committee for the County Board of Commissioners will meet to review the Planning Commission Ordinance. K. Lautzenheiser answered that this will be taken up by the Commissioners as a whole most likely at future Strategic Planning meeting of the board. William Bishop also asked if the Master Plan is being changed or merely reviewed. He was told that this is why the planning commission is undertaking the study with the Michigan State University Land Policy Institute. Nicolas Wheeler commented on the Picture Hillsdale County project and that because it appears that not all of the tasks noted in the memorandum of understanding have been completed that the planning commission should not pay the final invoice at this point.*

Adjournment: *K. Lautzenheiser moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. B. Densmore supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Fronczak, Secretary

Recorded by: Nicolas Wheeler, Equalization Director, County of Hillsdale