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## MINUTES OF THE CLARE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

July 19, 2012 Clare County Court House, Board of Commissioners Meeting Room at 6:00 P.M.

~~Un~~approved Minutes



### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Rod Williams at 6:00 P.M.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance was given

### ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Rod Williams, Roger Carey, Jerry Bridges, Virginia Collins, Dr. Raymond Augenstein, Jerry Burger and Leonard Strouse

Absent: Lori Ware

### READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Roger Carey to approve the minutes, supported by Leonard Strouse. Motion Carried with 7-ayes / 0-nays.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jerry Bridges to approve the agenda, supported by Roger Carey. Motion Carried 7-ayes / 0-nays.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Chairperson introduced Don David and Terry Collins.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Rod Williams attended a training seminar in Beulah, MI on "Ethics, Incompatibility of Office and Conflict of Interest". Rod said the program covered "What to do if you believe you have a conflict of Interest".

### BUDGET REVIEW

None

### CORRESPONDENCE

None

### OLD BUSINESS

We had another discussion on the Addressing Issue in Clare County. Rod Williams provided an update on his research on the subject saying, "the County has the authority to change addresses, if there are issues or conflicts with the operation of the 911 Dispatch Center. Rod said, "this is the Legal Opinion from the MTA (Michigan Township Association) Legal Council". He cited examples from Jackson County and

Cass County, where both Counties have handled the problems by making necessary changes in their respective Counties.

Rod also reported that Clare County Community Development is fielding questions from Consumers Energy and ATT, asking what the County is planning to do (or is doing) to correct the (wrong) Addresses in Clare County.

Don David (again) provided the Planning Commission with Information on the current position some of the Townships are taking, concerning this issue.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Don David gave us a report from the "State Defense Advisory Commission". Don said the "SDAC" is studying the issue "Defense of the Indigent in the State". This is the (Legal Defense Fund Costs) for defending these people. The State is looking at mandating a Defense Fund (budget) in each County, to be included in next years budgets. Don said, "at this time, we can't afford to push the issue in Clare County".

The Planning Commission will prepare a report for the Clare County Board of Control, making some suggestions and recommendations, on the issue.

There was a discussion on Capital Improvement Projects in Clare County. Don David made the following suggestions of projects that might be included in the CIP:

1. An additional Exit from the basement, or perhaps a tunnel connecting the County Building with the Jail Building.
2. There are three (3) houses that need to be torn down on the West side of the Jail.
3. Window replacement in part of the county Building that are no longer energy efficient.
4. Installation of Fencing for an Impound Lot for the Sheriff Department.

Rod said he will detail a letter to the County Board addressing these projects and asking the Board for direction on the above list of projects, or any additional projects the Board may want to add.

A motion was presented by Dr Raymond Auenstein, supported by Jerry Bridges asking for directions from the County Board. Motion carried: 7-years/ 0-Nays.

- b. Jerry Burger, Roger Carey and Virginia Collins led a discussion on Fracking.

A motion was made by Jerry Burger, seconded by Roger Cary to have the Planning Commission prepare information that would introduce the Townships to the issues of "Fracking", especially Hamilton and Sherman Townships, since they are already concerned about Fracking in their areas. Motion carried: 7-Yaes / 0-Neys.

Jerry Burger and Roger Carey said they would prepare a letter (as a Draft) for discussion at the next Planning Commission meeting.  
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- c. We discussed updating the Master Plan for Clare County. Rod Williams said the only information available at this time from the US Census Bureau, are the demographics of Clare County. The Demographics only cover households, or men, women and children in the home.

Rod stated the Master Plan must also be reviewed by a "Licensed" ~~Master~~ <sup>JVB</sup> Planner. The Planning Commission can prepare the necessary changes to the Master Plan and then have it reviewed by a ~~Master~~ <sup>Licensed</sup> Planner. <sub>JVB.</sub>

## REPORTS

- a. East Michigan Council of Governments-  
Jerry Burger reported that at their last meeting, the Council was involved in the ABCD Training program.
- b. Soil Conservation-- None
- c. Clare County Community Development-- None
- d. Parks and Recreation--
1. Jerry Burger reported that the "New" Campground in Farwell (across for the Farwell Trading Post) is busy making improvements and upgrading the Park.
  2. Jerry Burger said a "New" Clare County Map will be available soon.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

August 16, 2012 @ 6:00 P.M. at the Clare County Board Room

## ADJOURN

Motion by Jerry Burger to adjourn the meeting, supported by Roger Carey,  
Motion carried 7- ayes / 0- nays  
Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry V. Bridges, Secretary