

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Karol "KZ" Bolton, Kevon Martis, Dawn Bales

MEETING LOCATION

301 N. Main Street - Adrian, MI

Minutes: Monday, October 9, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Bolton and Martis

Absent: Commissioner Bales

Also Present: Monica Hunt, Mary Bohling, Francine Zysk, Jennifer Ambrose, Shannon Elliott, and Rebecca Borton

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Martis, seconded by Bolton, to approve the September 11, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

II. MSU Extension: Mary Bohling, MSU District 12 Director, introduced herself. She submitted the 2022 MSU Annual Report and shared a presentation on how the Extension Office brings the vast knowledge and resources of MSU directly to individuals, communities, and businesses. Last year, MSU Extension offered 565 programs locally and were attended by 4,900 participants; including programs on financial responsibilities and challenges, emergency response involving livestock, natural resources, ag business, health and nutrition, and local government. There were 27 companies assisted by the Extension Office and 1,759 youth participants. The 4-H Livestock Auctions supported four local pantries. The 4-H Program empowers young people with skills to lead for a lifetime.

III. Department Highlights

A. Health Department: Monica Hunt provided some highlights including:

- Flu vaccine clinics have been busy
- Drug Take Back Day is set for 10/28
- Project Connect is set for 11/1
- Would like a few more recipes for the Community cookbook
- Working with Adrian College on public health Q&A
- Working with Siena Heights University nursing students

Monica clarified that the covid boosters currently being provided at the Health Department are private vaccines, which are billed to insurance companies. They are waiting to obtain State vaccines for those who are uninsured or underinsured.

B. Community Development: Francine Zysk reported on the following:

- The community book read went very well
- The preliminary results have been reviewed and the Opioid Assessment is being prepared.

Commissioner Van Doren briefly joined the meeting.

C. Community Survey: Jennifer Ambrose provided a summary of the ZenCity community survey on senior resources that shows 56% of seniors polled do not feel connected to resources in our community and knowledge was ranked as the highest barrier.

IV. Local Land Use Resolution

Comm. Martis shared a resolution expressing support to maintain local control over local land uses including, but not limited to short-term rentals, industrial solar installations, industrial wind turbine installations, carbon dioxide capture and sequestration, and sand and gravel mining. The State is considering the adoption of a clean energy plan that could take local control over renewable energy buildout out of the hands of local governments.

Comm. Martis explained that the County does not have the authority to create a moratorium, but we can provide a resolution of support and he would like to be the voice of Lenawee County at Wednesday's hearing.

There was discussion and a couple of recommended changes were addressed.

The public hearing at the Capitol is set for this Wednesday. Comm. Martis would like to have the full Board of Commissioners' backing prior to the public hearing.

Motion Martis, seconded by Bolton, to recommend approval of the resolution as amended to the Personnel/Ways & Means Committee. Motion carried.

V. Updates / Other Business

Comm. Martis mentioned Craig Dunham has an interest in speaking to the commissioners regarding defibrillators. Comm. Bolton has a meeting to talk to him.

Shannon Elliott announced that the next legislative dinner is set for November 16th and the State of the County will be a topic. She noted that the Admin Office is considering other topics to discuss well.

Guest Speakers: Meija Knafli, River Raisin Watershed, and Jacob Hurt, Region 2 Planning are scheduled to be guest speakers next month on November 6th.

VI. Public Comment: No public comment was offered.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Martis, seconded by Bolton, to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 a.m. Motion carried.

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