

Calhoun County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Minutes
APRIL 25, 2011

Present: Comrs. Daniel Kesselring, Robert Bolton, Larry Rizor, Dian Schubel, Rebecca Rocho, and Blaine VanSickle and Staff: Planning Consultant Jennifer Bomba, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris McComb and Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey

Excused: Terance Lunger

1. Meeting was called to order: 4:00 p.m.
2. Roll was called by the Deputy Clerk.
3. Approval of Agenda

“Moved Rocho, supported by Rizor to approve the April 25, 2011 County Metropolitan Planning Commission agenda as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

4. Public Comments

There were none.

5. Approval of minutes:

“Moved Rizor, supported by VanSickle to approve the March 28, 2011 Calhoun County Planning Commission minutes with the amendments of item number 5, add ‘On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED’ and item number 8 the first sentence to read ‘Comr. Rizor asked the Commissioners to support the trail through the Ott Preserve and attend the Board of Commissioners’ meeting on April 7’.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

6. Communication

There were none.

7. Township Planning and Zoning Coordination

A. PA 116 Application from Douglas and Angela Myers for property located in Section 13 of Newton Township. The parcel consists of approximately 139 acres, 115 in cultivation and 24 acres of swamp, woods, etc. The applicant has requested a 10-year contract. The Planning Administrator would recommend for approval by the Department of Agriculture.

“Moved Comr. Rizor, supported by Comr. Rocho to approve the PA 116 Application from Douglas and Angela Myers for property located in Section 13 of Newton Township.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

8. New Business

A. 2010 Calhoun County Metropolitan Planning Commission Annual Report

The annual report is a requirement of the Michigan Planning and Enabling Act and must be sent to the Board of Commissioners. Planning Consultant Bomba sent out the draft and received a few comments. She stated the content has not changed; it is a snapshot of what the Planning Commission did in 2010. The report can be sent to the Board in written format but Bomba would like to do a presentation. The Commissioners are invited to attend the Board meeting to make themselves known to the Board. This report is from the Planning Commission only, not the Planning Department so it doesn't have any of the duties that the Planning Department does that the Commission doesn't.

“Moved Comr. Rocho, supported Comr. Schubel to approve the submission of the 2010 Calhoun County Metropolitan Planning Commission Annual Report to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

9. Department report

A. Address appeal status report

Planning ~~Department Consultant~~ Bomba gave an update on the address appeal status report, saying it is scheduled for oral arguments on Friday, April 29, between the attorneys. She stated it hopefully won't go further than that and it is possible they can make a determination on that date.

B. Communications from last month

Eaton County's draft master plan was received for review but there were some errors in the distribution so Eaton County will be redistributing and giving another 63 days for comments. Their Master Plan was sent to Calhoun County as part of the Coordinated Planning Act. They have much different authority than Calhoun County because the townships have given control to the county.

C. Planning Consultant Bomba has been talking with Administration on the best way to get input from local entities, perhaps to do a survey that discusses goals and objectives or ask if locals would be interested in a face to face meeting. This may be a way to initially gather information and move on to better goals and objectives. Funds just aren't there for a lot of planning right now so one of the questions could be to ask if they would be interested in joint planning. Bomba has also been talking with administration about regional planning.

10. Member Comments

Comr. VanSickle asked for more information on the PA 116.

11. Public comments

There were none.

12. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

“Moved Comr. Rizor, supported by Comr. Schubel to adjourn the April 25, 2011 Calhoun County Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting at 4:45 pm.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Chris McComb
Deputy Clerk