

**CALHOUN COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

Present: Comrs. Daniel Kesselring, Terance Lunger, Larry Rizor, and Blaine VanSickle. Staff: Planning Consultant Jennifer Bomba and Deputy Clerk Chris McComb

Excused: Comr. Robert Bolton, Dian Schubel and Rebecca Rocho

1. The September 26, 2011 Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. Roll was called by the Deputy Clerk.
3. Approval of Agenda

"Moved Member VanSickle, supported by Member Rizor to approve the September 26, 2011 Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting agenda as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

4. Public Comments

There were none.

5. Approval of Minutes

"Moved Lunger, supported by Rizor to approve the August 22, 2011 Calhoun County Metropolitan Planning Commission minutes."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

6. Communication

- A. Communication brought by Planning Consultant Bomba.

The City of Battle Creek is looking at zoning amendments but has not made any official changes.

7. Township Planning and Zoning Coordination

- A. 09-11-01, Clarence Township: Various Zoning Text and Map Amendments

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved VanSickle, supported by Rizor to approve the Various Zoning Text and Map Amendments as requested.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

B. 09-11-02, Marshall Township: PA 116 Application for Kenneth Stautz

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved VanSickle, supported by Rizor to approve the PA 116 Application for Kenneth Stautz for property located in Section 17 of Marshall Township.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

C. 09-11-03, Athens Township: PA 116 Application for Matthew Yoder

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved Rizor, supported by VanSickle to approve the PA 116 Application for Matthew Yoder for property located in Section 34 of Athens Township.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

D. 09-11-04, Athens Township: PA 116 Application for Barbara Korn

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved Lunger, supported by VanSickle to approve the PA 116 Application for Barbara Korn for property located in Section 24 of Athens Township.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

E. 09-11-05, Emmett Township: PA 116 Application for Kenneth & Douglas Stautz

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved VanSickle, supported by Rizor to approve the PA 116 Application for Kenneth & Douglas Stautz for property located in Section 28 of Emmett Township.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

F. 09-11-06, Lee Township: PA 116 Application for Kenneth & Douglas Stautz

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved Rizer, supported by VanSickle to approve the PA 116 Application for Kenneth & Douglas Stautz for property located in Section 16 of Lee Township.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

G. 09-11-07, Lee Township: PA 116 Application for Phillip and Sharon Williams

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved VanSickle, supported by Lunger to approve the PA 116 Application for Phillip and Sharon Williams for property located in Section 29 of Lee Township.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

H. 09-11-08, Newton Township: PA 116 Application for James Smith

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved Rizer, supported by VanSickle to approve the PA 116 Application for James Smith for property located in Section 28 of Newton Township.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

8. Department Report

A. 2010 Census Data –

Planning Consultant Bomba handed out and reviewed the housing data from the 2010 Census. She stated she hasn't seen anything on Village or on socio-economic data but will keep watching for it. The Master Plan had neighborhood meetings when it was first developed and looks at total county housing units and average number of persons per household and age of persons data. The breakout was different in the 2010 census (by age) than the way it was reported in the plan. Bomba stated the Commission needs to look at the way the plan is presented and perhaps put in some graphs instead of just percentages to make it look better.

B. Planning Consultant Bomba stated she attended the Calhoun Conservation District meeting and they discussed Kalamazoo River natural resources and the potential for friendly plan amendments in the townships. They discussed a landscape and wetland functionality test that assigns codes to see what functionality you lose when you lose wetlands.

C. The casino corridor entities will be getting together to share any information on current and/or future plans for the corridor.

9. Member comments

There were none.

10. Public Comments

There were none.

11. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2011.

12. Adjournment

The September 26, 2011 meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris McComb
Deputy Clerk