

**Calhoun County Planning Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**July 28, 2014**

Present: Comrs. Robert Bolton, Blaine VanSickle, Suzanne Ebright, Terence Lunger, Angie Kline, John Coulter and Kelli Scott. Staff: Planning Consultant Jennifer Bomba, Community Development Educator Ingrid Ault and Deputy Clerk Chris McComb.

Excused: Sarah Kelly

1. The July 28, 2014 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 Scott, supported by Kline to approve the July 28, 2014 Calhoun County Planning Commission agenda as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

4. Public Comments

There were none.

5. Approval of June 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes

“Moved Ebright, second by Scott to approve the June 23, 2014 Calhoun County Planning Commission minutes as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

6. Communication

There was none.

7. Old Business

There was none.

8. New Business

- a. Recommendation to Support MDNR Purchase of Property Located in Marengo Township

Planning Consultant Bomba stated the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) proposal to purchase the land and allow the Calhoun Conservation District to manage the property for public access was consistent with the Marengo Township Zoning and Master Land Use Plan, as well as the County’s

Master Plan. The only drawback was that the property would come off the tax roll. Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved Coulter, second by Kesselring to recommend the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners support the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ purchase of property located in Marengo Township.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED. Ebright abstained due to her employment with the MDNR.

9. Township Planning and Zoning Coordination

a. 7-14-01, Leroy Township: Zoning Map amendment for property located in Section 28

Planning Consultant Bomba stated that Township zoning amendments were required to come before the County Planning Commission for approval. The item then goes back to the township board for their approval and implementation. Staff recommended for approval with the comment to make sure an amendment at the plan level to represent this designation change was considered as well.

“Moved Kesselring, second by Scott to approve 7-14-01, Leroy Township: Zoning Map amendment for property located in Section 28.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

10. Department Report

Planning Consultant Bomba introduced Community Development Coordinator Ingrid Ault, explained the structure of this new department and expressed what a positive step this was for the county.

Community Development Coordinator Ault gave the commission an overview of her experience and some of the projects she has worked on.

11. Member Comments

There were none.

12. Public Comments

There were none.

13. Announcements: The next Calhoun County Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for August 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment: 4:38