

**Minutes of the Fairground Enhancement Grant Subcommittee Meeting
Of the Arenac County Board of Commissioners
Thursday, February 1st, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.**

Attendance:

Present: Woolhiser, Mrozinski, Daniels, Smith, Coughlin, Stawowy,
(non-voting) Hazeltine

Absent: Meihls

Guests: Larry Davis (6:53), Nick Czerwinski (6:53), Chris Gwisdala (7:06)

Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call taken.

Motion: To approve agenda with #3 removed. Motioned by Stawowy, seconded by Woolhiser. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve minutes of January 25, 2024 meeting. Motioned by Stawowy, seconded by Coughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

It was requested that the minutes be given to the Board of Commissioners and posted on the County website.

Discussion of budget, and the desire to spend less than 2.8 million. Discussion of event center, bath house, and other large ticket items.

Nathan Smith mentioned that his contact for information on the project only wants it if they are awarded the design-build contract. Preliminary price discussion. Discussion of timeline and time crunch. Comparisons were made with the bath house project at Oasis Lake. Discussion of potential budget. Discussion of the potential to expand the event center building at a later time. Larry Davis suggested adding the location into the nearby Dobson county drain. The location would need to be surveyed. Discussion of permit from EGLE, and the potential to carry drain exemptions once the first permit is obtained. It is a three to six-month process to obtain the EGLE permit. Discussion of potential tiling and drainage solutions. Elevation discussion. Discussion of next steps and timeline; Harold and Larry to attend next Standish council meeting, Martin to contact field tilers, Austin to invite Brad Mason and Kevin King to next meeting. Discussion of liability waivers used by the County. Discussion of layout changes. Austin to send any available event center design documents to the committee.

Motion: To adjourn. Motioned by Coughlin, seconded by Smith, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Next meeting February 20th, 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Austin Hazeltine
County Coordinator
County of Arenac