

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Whole  
Arenac County Board of County Commissioners:  
October 26, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Commissioners Woolhiser, Mrozinski, Burke, Salgat and Hergott

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Mark Thompson – MMR, Mrs. Valley, Mandi Hecht – Arenac Independent, Mike Bowers – Arenac County Emergency Mgr., Kathy Methner – EDC, Stephanie Buffman – EDC, Deb Morgan – EDC, Rich Castle – Consumers Energy, Heather Bauman and Tony Meyaard – Equalization Director, Theresa Irving – Building Dept. and Dennis Stawowy – Treasurer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**MMR – Mark Thompson** – Mr. Thompson presented the board with a proposed contract for MMR Services in Arenac County. The proposal would be for two (2) years, with three (3) physical ambulances in Arenac County. Two years would also mirror the current millage collection years. Ballot language was submitted for placement on the 2022, with a proposed rate of 1.35 mills. Discussion on cost increases over the next five years schedule. Discussion on placing the Arenac County Emergency Manager position on the MMR Advisory Board, Section III. MMR would like to have the contract signed by January 1, 2022.

**Arenac County EDC – Agricultural & Events Center**– Kathy Methner and Stephanie Buffman – Ms. Methner gave an update on the Agricultural and Events Center status. The State of Michigan budgeted 2.8 million towards Phase I, onsite infrastructure, by request of Michigan House Representative Mr. Wentworth, for the Arenac County Agricultural and Events Center. Mr. Stawowy will request from, Mr. Wentworth, a copy of the request for funding for better clarification on how funding is to be used. There is currently a Tourism Grant available for the campground portion of project, as well as other grant opportunities to help reduce the cost of the project. Ms. Methner would like to place proposal on the ballot in November 2022. Communications with the Arenac County Fair Board along town hall meetings, will help with getting information out to the community about the project. Mr. Hergott inquired as to who would be signing the contract with the state for the 2.8 million. Mr. Woolhiser stated more information is needed and that it be put in writing for additional transparency. Ms. Mrozinski stated to avoid confusion, everyone needs to be on the same page pertaining to rules, fee schedules and maintaining the rental the grounds/facilities by the fair board and others. Ms. Salgat indicated that clarification of use of monies from the state is needed. Discussion on who is heading the project, EDC or a subcommittee of EDC. Ms. Methner explained that a subcommittee is heading the project. Ms. Methner stated the new center was designed with the assistance and recommendation of the Fair Board and Agricultural Society.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS:**

**Maintenance** – Mr. Hergott and Ms. Salgat interviewed candidates for the Maintenance Supervisor position. Two candidates are scheduled for interviews during the afternoon board session.

**COUNTY AFFAIRS:**

**Jim Mosciski, Sheriff** – Ms. Mrozinski – A letter of opposition to Senate Bills 597 and 598 was submitted to the Arenac County Board of Commissioners, by the Arenac County Sheriff Department.

## BUDGET & FINANCE:

**American Rescue Plan Act** – Mr. Woolhiser – A recommendation from the ARPA sub-committee, for the purchase of BS&A Software, using ARPA funds, was submitted to the board for approval. The estimated cost for the financial/payroll software is approximately \$90,000.

**2021 Apportionment Report** – Tony Meyaard will present the 2021 Apportionment Report during afternoon session. Resolution 2021-15 to be placed on the afternoon agenda for approval.

**Correspondence** – Mr. Woolhiser acknowledged correspondence, via U.S. Postal Service, received from an Arenac County Jail inmate, be placed on file in the clerk's office.

**ACBC Secretary** - The board secretary submitted a list of her emails and passwords along with other pertinent files/data relevant to the incoming board secretary.

**Iosco-Arenac District Library Board Appointment** – Recommendation to appoint Linda Eyer to the Iosco-Arenac District Library Board for one (1), four (4) year term; 1/1/2022-12/31/2025

## HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY:

**Courthouse Security Review** - Ms. Burke – Concerns about public filming in the county building. A review of the installed “panic” buttons to make sure they are all working, that all offices have them as well as how to properly use them was discussed. Emergency Director, Mr. Bowers is currently in a discussion with Ms. Slocum to develop a plan.

## JUDICIAL & LEGAL:

**Community Corrections Grant – Resolution #2021-16** – Community Corrections Board have concluded, at this time, that the funding is not sufficient for the required services. CCB will revisit the grant in the future. Placed as an action item on afternoon agenda.

**Maintenance Interviews** – Two (2) final candidates will attend the afternoon meeting for an interview by the board as a whole.

**SESC Backup Inspector** – Communications from the SESC department indicating the use of the Arenac County Drain Commissioner as a SESC back up inspector, to inspect and take photos, in the event the current Arenac County SESC Inspector is unable, due to illness or being out of town. EGLE requires to have someone on record in these instances. Drain Commission, Larry Davis, is currently certified to complete these inspections. Mr. Hergott contacted Mike Kraut at EGLE for more information. Placed as an action item on afternoon agenda.

**Netsource NAS Backup Storage** – A quote from Netsource, #NSOQ31145, New Synology. This would be a onetime fee and would ensure the county meets the standards of compliance by having the capacity to back up data. This quote, in the amount of \$5,827.63, encompasses the sheriff and county buildings.

A kickoff meeting with department heads, when the county switches servers, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE: None**  
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**  
**NEW BUSINESS: None**  
**OLD BUSINESS: None**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

Adjourn at 11:08 a.m.