

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Whole
Arenac County Board of County Commissioners:
February 14, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.**

Present: Commissioners Woolhiser, Burke, Salgat, Hergott and Austin Hazeltine – Board Confidential Secretary.

Absent: Mrozinski

Guests: James Burchfield, Judy Valley, Larry Davis, Darlene Mikkola, Janet Allen, Dick Klender, Patrick Shannon and Mr. Bowers.

Public Comment:

Mr. Burchfield – Questions pertaining to Veterans Affairs Committee and Veteran Services Officer positions.

Mrs. Allen – Submitted a letter of interest for open DHHS board seat.

Register of Deeds – Copier – Mikkola discussed the purchase of a new copier for the Register of Deeds, using MiDeal.

Emergency Manager Updates– Michael Bowers – Candace Peterson of FEMA informed Mr. Bowers that communications, approving Arenac County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan, should be arriving soon. Approval of the HMP will qualify Arenac County to apply for a variety of grants.

The Community Emergency Response Team is holding an event May 6, 2023, 12-6, at the Arenac Community Center. More information to come.

Grants – Mr. Bowers is working on grants in conjunction with the Drain Commissioner to ensure drains are cleared of obstructions.

Election Security Grant – 100% reimbursable – 800mh radio for Arenac County Clerk’s use during elections.

Cyber Security Assessment Grant \$15,000, 100% reimbursement.

Emergency Go-Bags Grant - \$1100, 100% reimbursement.

Mr. Bowers to provide documentation for approval at the next ACBC meeting.

Building & Grounds: Hergott

National Wetland Inventory – Mr. Hergott presented a National Wetland Inventory packet to be placed on record. Discussion on Event and Agricultural property permitting status. Chairman Woolhiser stated the project is currently under attorney/client privilege. Any discussion/review of attorney correspondence must be completed in a closed session. Fleiss & VanderBrink was hired to oversee the Event and Agricultural Center project. Clark Hill is the attorney working with said project.

Maintenance- Maintenance will be removing the crab apple tree on county building property.

County Affairs: Mrozinski - None

Budget & Finance: Woolhiser

Attorney Correspondence - Woolhiser requested a closed session during the afternoon session for Attorney-Client Privilege communications.

Remonumentation Program Professional Services Agreement – Discussion/review of 2023 Remonumentation Professional Services Agreement with Surveying Solutions, Inc., presented by Register of Deeds, Darlene Mikkola.

Health & Public Safety: Burke

Animal Control – Jennings Grant – Discussion: Approval of Jennings Grant, in the amount of \$3,334, awarded to the Arenac County Animal Shelter for 2023. Monies awarded are used for an additional employee to assist at the animal shelter.

Multi-purpose Collaborative Meeting – Burke attended; updated board on Arenac County Public Transit presentation.

911 Employee Retirement – Burke announced the formal retirement of 911 employee Deb Stephens, after 39 nine years of dedicated service with the County of Arenac. State Representative Hoadley to present Ms. Stephens with a plaque.

Judicial & Legal: Salgat

MIDC – Salgat stated all MIDC reporting is up to date. MIDC budget needs to be reviewed to make sure BC/BS is allocated correctly.

Drain Conference – Salgat to attend the Winter Michigan Association of Drain Commissioners Conference.

Oasis Lake Project – The restrooms plans have been scaled back from original plans due to funding. Two (2) cabins are now complete. A third cabin is under construction.

Special Committee: None

Unfinished Business:

Veterans Commission Vacancies – Several letters of interest have been received for the Veteran's Affairs Committee vacancies. Expected to have individuals selected by February 28, 2023.

Discussion pertaining to the number of seats that will make up the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Various Board Vacancies – One (1) letter of interest was received for the Planning Commission; one (1) for DHHS and thirteen (13) for Veterans Affairs, as of today.

Board iPads/tablets Quotes – Tabled for further review.

Salary Resolution 3A – Selle inquired about accuracy of the Building Department part time position at 18 hours on first three (3) Salary Resolutions, then changed to 21 hours on 3A. Selle stated there is nothing on record stating the change of hours. Discussion determined that the resolution was passed at twenty one hours, therefore it is correct at twenty one (21) hours.

New Business: None

2023 Veteran Service Fund Grant Application – Discussion/review on moving forward in applying for the grant.

Netsource Firewall Quote – Hazeltine presented Quote NSOQ33125 for Firewall and Switch Refresh.

Public Comment:

Adjourn: 11:24 a.m.