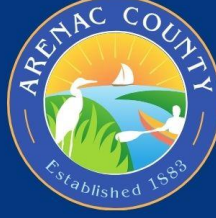


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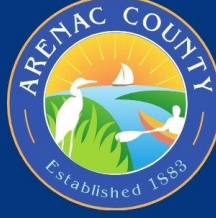
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Date: August 8, 2024

- I. Call to Order: 8:35 am
- II. Roll Call:
 - a. Present-Robert Balzer, Jennifer Pierson, Amanda Lauzon, Dennis Stawowy, Curt Hillman, Brad Mason, Kimberly Nelson, Dale Wiltse, Harold Woolhiser, Deb Morgan
 - b. Absent: Heather Bauman, Leona Daniels, Pat Killingbeck, Mike Stodolak
- III. Pledge
- IV. Approval of Minutes/Secretary's Report
 - a. Minutes postponed and to be approved next month. Could not gain access to Amanda Warner's notes
- V. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve: Deb Morgan Supported: Curt Hillman
 - a. Review of elections: Posted on the County Clerk website
 - b. Amanda Warner resignation: Letter of resignation was sent to Julie who is not looking to replace Amanda's position and move her hours to 4-H, Board of Commissioners to move on that decision.
- VI. Director's Report – Jennifer Pierson
 - a. See attached report
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Adjustments of the Golden shovel: Move forward with adjustments and to be approved at next meeting and release it
 - b. Strategic Plan follow through: Mike Stodolak, Curt Hillman, Brad Mason, Heather Bauman, and Jennifer Pierson to sit on the committee and get a meeting date set up
 - c. Fairground enhancement:
 - i. Working on bids for work to be done
 - ii. Farmers Market Pavilion- hopefully significant changes by 2025 fair
 - d. SPARK grant:
 - i. Waiting for pack regarding bids, Moving slow but coming along
 - e. Acronym Soup:
 - i. Being hosted in Gladwin and wants it brought back to Arenac County
 - f. County Website & Facebook:
 - i. Updates have been done and more to come. Currently still waiting to gain access to our facebook page
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. MyNeighborhood Grand:
 - i. Hopefully 5 homes being built in AuGres

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- IX. Public Comment:
- a. Harold: Building updates almost done. Working on getting new commissioners to next meeting. Forest Lake Dam project
 - b. Brad: \$2 million sewer improvement grant in progress, Water to High School needs to get contract bids, Spartan Tire – Moving forward, Fire Truck Loan in way
 - c. Dale: Housing project New: Breaking ground finally, Senior Housing Development, AuGres car show had a great turn out of appx 220 cars registered
 - d. Curt: Had the car show at the Depot and people are still talking about the oldest car that was there. 3 concerts left of the season. Depot days will be the first weekend in October. Santa Parade will be November 29. We have already started working on Christmas lights and will be adding more this year. Received \$130 thousand in funds from Give Local Bay back in May to take care of the Depot.
 - e. Kim: MyMichigan Medical Center in Standish has officially transitioned, everything has been going great and great things to come.
 - f. Amanda Lauzon: Horizon Care Day is September 12th. The old Granton was purchase by Kevin and Natalie King and they are turning it into the “The King’s Dish.” They will offer homemade soup and other homemade food, some bar food. And will specialize in “Create your Own” protein bowls.
 - g. Bob: Consumers Property Awards, please pass along to non-profits. Take advantage of these. President/CEO coming to midland to discuss projects in rural areas.
- X. Next Meeting: September 12, 2024 at 8:30 am
- XI. Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Pierson
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