

MISSAUKEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

County Annex Meeting Room

January 6th, 2016 5:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Hartshorne-Shafer (Staff), Blaszak K., Blaszak S., Davis, Fisher, Miller, Schwager, Shaarda

MEMBERS ABSENT: Belser, Vivian

GUESTS PRESENT: Carrie Thompson (CWTA), Aaron Stahl (CWTA), Valerie Shultz (MDOT)

The meeting was called to order at 5pm. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. The October 28, 2015 minutes were approved following a motion by Bruce with support from Susan. All in favor. The January 6, 2016 agenda was approved with the addition of officer elections following a motion by Craig with support from Bruce. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Officer Elections: Motion by Bruce with support from Craig that all positions remain the same. All in favor.
 - a. Chair – Natalie
 - b. Vice-Chair – Susan
 - c. Secretary - Linda

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CWTA Transportation Presentation (Carrie Thompson, Aaron Stahl – CWTA): The Missaukee Public Transit Draft Proposal – Service Options was presented, offering 2-4 buses depending on the addition of a Healthway Express bus for medical appointments. Service hours for each option would be from 6am-6pm for Demand Response Service and 8am-5pm for Healthway Express. An additional add-on service is also optional, providing transport to and from after school activities from 3pm-7pm. The approximate taxpayer cost to residents with a \$100,000 home (\$50,000 taxable value) would range from an estimated maximum of \$30/year for the highest level of service to a minimum of \$17.50/year for the basic level. The addition of the optional add-on would increase the taxpayer cost by \$1.50. Each of these rates was calculated without a farebox factored in. The inclusion of a farebox would decrease each by approximately \$4.00-\$6.00. Monthly passes that discount the fares could also be a possibility. It was emphasized that public transit tends to take time to catch on. The availability of public transit in Missaukee County would generate state and federal funding into the county which could have a positive impact on the local economy. The Public Transit Draft Proposal will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on January 12th at their regular meeting.
2. Ben Jeffs Park update: Nothing new to report
3. ConnectMI update: Nothing new to report

Planner's Education Network (Next meeting 1/22/16)

Objectives to complete for February 24, 2016 meeting:

1. BOC meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

P.A. 116 – N/A

Public Comment** N/A

ADJOURN: 6:30pm - Motion by Susan with support from Don. All in favor.

NEXT MEETING: February 24, 2016 5:00pm**Public Comment Rules authorized by the Missaukee County Planning Commission: Each person recognized by the Chairman shall state their name for the record and will have a limit of 3 minutes to state an opinion. All opinions will be duly noted by the Commission & if requiring an answer will be addressed by the chairman first or his designee or in writing. The audience is asked not to interrupt at any time during public comment.