

ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Joint Meeting with Planning Commission
DRAFT - Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 29, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room

CALL TO ORDER

The Alpena County Board of Commissioners met with the Planning Commission Members and was called to order by Chairman Robert Adrian in the County Annex Building, Howard Male Conference Room, Alpena, Michigan and via Zoom on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Robert Adrian called for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called with the following Commissioners present: Don Gilmet, District #1; Dave Karschnick, District #3; Brenda Fournier, District #5; Kevin Osbourne, District 6; Marty Thomson, District #7; John Kozlowski, District #8; and Robert Arian, District #2. Commissioner Bill Peterson, District 4, excused.

Alpena County Planning Commission Chair Tammy Thomson called Roll Call and the following Planning Commission members were present: Taylor Herron, Juergen Thusat, Chuck LeFebvre, Fred Wegmeyer, Earl Martin, Michelle Smith, Kevin Osbourne, and Tammy Thomson. ExOfficio for MSU Extension Mary Dunckel was also present.

INTRODUCTIONS

Planning Commission Members introduced themselves to the Commissioners and the Board of Commissioners along with County Administrator Mary Catherine Hannah, County Clerk Keri Bertrand, and County Board Assistant Lynn Bunting introduced themselves to the Planning Commission.

REVIEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

County Administrator Hannah gave a background of the draft Capital Improvement Plan and County Master Plan with the Capital Improvement Plan Budget Planning and trying to tie out all the projects and goals in the Master Plan and will look at in the spring on obtaining a budget with score from the Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners to help rank projects by priority.

Planning Commission Members gave their input and recommendation on the draft Capital Improvement Plan they reviewed to the following:

1. Table of Contents – Locate by department rather than content and how to lay out.
2. Goals – Top three with building locations.
3. Animal Control Facility – Reach out to public and do survey.
4. Add entities/departments: Beaver Lake Park, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, MSU Extension, Fairgrounds, etc.

5. Format update.

Administrator Hannah will update and move forward to present to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Travis Konarzewski reported he has nothing to add and is just sitting in to see what the Capital Improvement Plan is and what is being discussed.

CIP RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion and recommendations from the Alpena County Planning Commission. Moved by Juergen Thusat and supported by Earl Martin to approve the Capital Improvement Plan recommendations from the Alpena County Planning Commission. Roll call vote was taken: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gilmet and supported by Commissioner Fournier to approve the Capital Improvement Plan and recommendations from the Planning Commission as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Gilmet, Karschnick, Fournier, Osbourne, Thomson, Kozlowski, and Adrian. NAYS: None. Commissioner Peterson, excused. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Commissioner Kozlowski shared his concerns with the funding sources available for paying for the larger projects. Commissioner Gilmet reported that the CIP is a planning tool and department heads, and others will be looking at other grant funds for projects that may be available. Commissioner Karschnick reported this is a good start and projects can be put towards a later date.

Administrator Hannah reported that until the projects are budgeted, there is no final funding source.

Chairman Adrian thanked the Planning Commission for attending and assisting with the Capital Improvement Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Osbourne and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Robert Adrian, Chairman of the Board

Keri Bertrand, Clerk