



Manistee County Board of Commissioners

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COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS STUDY SESSION

Tuesday, September 11, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Margaret Batzer (entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.), Mark Bergstrom, Jeff Dontz, Karen Goodman, Pauline Jaquish, Richard Schmidt and Brook Shafer.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: David Kieft Jr., County Administrator/Controller; Matt McCauley, CEO Networks Northwest; Dennis Terhorst; Valarie Bergstrom; Shari Wild; Laura Heintzelman; Members of the Public; Jill M Nowak, County Clerk

Called to Order by Chairman Dontz at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Mr. Bergstrom

Roll Call

It was noted by Chairman Dontz that this is a Study Session not a Special Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

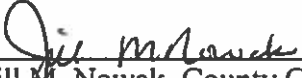
None

DISCUSSION CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Matt McCauley, CEO of Networks Northwest, appeared before the Board to give guidance on improving and developing economic development. Mr. McCauley explained that Networks Northwest is a 10 County Public Agency with 190 units of government that includes approximately 300,000 people. The Agency administers various programs related to three (3) main areas: Talent, Business and Community. Mr. McCauley presented a power point touching on these areas as well as attracting economic activity and putting into place policies that maximize potentials in Manistee County.

Questions and comments from Commissioners pertaining to what the structure of economic development looks like, identifying people, industries and agencies (private and public) to support economic development, identifying strengths of those players at the table and mapping out lanes, having one point of contact, identify a clear vision/path and go around road blocks. Find your "maniacs" about economic development and the passion will be there.

The meeting was adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 7:33 p.m.



Jill M. Nowak, County Clerk