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REGIONAL SUMMIT COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, March 5, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

Minutes

Members Present: Nikki Koons (on-line, Norman Twp.), Eric Gustad (on-line, Filer Twp.) and Karen Goodman, Chairperson (on-line, City of Manistee)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Lisa Sagala, County Administrator/Controller; Julie Schmeling, Administrative Assistant; Julie Griffis, HR Generalist; and Jill M. Nowak, Manistee County Clerk.

The County Board and its Committees are operating remotely and electronically by Zoom under PA 254 of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

NOTE – Items requiring Board Action are indicated in BOLD

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION RE: 17TH REGIONAL SUMMIT IN 2021

Commissioner Goodman noted that there are two new Commissioners on the Regional Summit Committee. As a recap, the purpose of the Committee is to plan and organize the Regional Summit. The Regional Summit is a gathering of Township, Village, City Officials from local governments, school officials, Elected Officials, Agency officials and public that are interested. Discussions concerning County topics, events or matters that are important to our County as a whole are usually the topics. There was not a Regional Summit in 2020 due to Covid but it is hoped to hold the event in person in 2021. If that is not possible, it is hoped that the event could be held virtually. This Committee also plans the Employee Recognition Luncheon that is held in December each year. This luncheon was also not held in 2020.

For the Regional Summit, venues are usually rotated into different areas of the County based on available locations. Past locations include the Casino, Norman Township Hall, the Ramsdell Theatre Hall. The budget is \$1,000 which helps pay the expenses of the event such as venue, invitations, mailing, continental breakfast, lunch and prizes. Attendees are asked to pay a fee to attend the event and therefore the County usually breaks even.

The event is usually held in September. The date of Thursday, September 16, 2021 is the possible tentative date for the 2021 Regional Summit.

New venues suggested could be Manistee National, Portage Point Inn and if food is not available, maybe food trucks are possible; the Casino is always welcoming.

Possible subjects suggested were manufacturing, Planning (new Staff), law enforcement (new elected Officials), Health Department-Pandemic update, EDO, Network Northwest, Recreation Plan, WSCC and the new building, Infrastructure and connectivity broadband with Manistee Connect and Connect MI (Ms. Koons and Ms. Goodman will reach out to their contacts) and possibly blend these groups; grow plant on the northside, new City Manager, the positives that have come out of Covid, how Manistee County came through it and be thankful, HSCB Collaboration with Rose Fosdick and the school health center, new Wagoner Center or any non profit who pulled things together during Covid. Again, look at the good things, success and growth from 2020. Give local municipalities a chance to talk about their Township or Village or City, The Land Bank is doing good things collaborating with the Habitat for Humanity, Mark Fedder of the Historical Museum is always a favorite.

Commissioner Dontz was suggested to be the Host, also an introduction of old and new Commissioners, new Staff. Invite Agencies or Department to set up tables with information if space allows. Prizes and gift bags and appreciation gifts are always nice.

Julie Schmeling will send a request to County Commissioners for topic ideas and feedback. Ms. Schmeling will report back to the Committee.


SCHEDULE MEETINGS FOR 2021 REGIONAL SUMMITT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

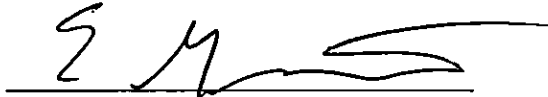
Regional Summit Committee meetings have been held in the past on the first Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. (Appendix A) This date and time worked for members of the Committee except in April, the meeting will be held on the second Friday of the month (April 9, 2021).

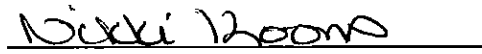
OTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 10:44 a.m.


Karen Goodman, Chairperson


Eric Gustad


Nikki Koons

2021 CALENDAR

www.wiki-calendar.com

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- HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES:**
- Jan 1 - New Year's Day
 - Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
 - Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day
 - Apr 4 - Easter Sunday
 - Apr 5 - Easter Monday
 - Apr 15 - Tax Day
 - May 5 - Cinco de Mayo
 - May 9 - Mother's Day
 - May 31 - Memorial Day
 - Jun 20 - Father's Day
 - Jul 4 - Independence Day
 - Jul 5 - 'Independence Day' observed
 - Sep 6 - Labor Day
 - Oct 11 - Columbus Day (Most regions)
 - Oct 31 - Halloween
 - Nov 2 - Election Day
 - Nov 11 - Veterans Day
 - Nov 25 - Thanksgiving Day
 - Nov 26 - Black Friday
 - Dec 24 - Christmas Eve
 - Dec 25 - Christmas Day
 - Dec 31 - New Year's Eve