



# Manistee County Board of Commissioners

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## REGIONAL SUMMIT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, November 1, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center  
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

### MINUTES

Members Present: Karen Goodman, Gene Lagerquist,  
Mark Bergstrom, Chairperson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Julie Schmeling, Administrative Secretary; Dave Kieft Jr. County  
Administrator/Controller; Jill M. Nowak, County Clerk

The meeting was called to Order at 10:15 p.m. by Mark Bergstrom, Chairperson

**NOTE – Items requiring Board Action are indicated in BOLD**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON PLANNING-DECEMBER 2019

Details for the Employee Recognition Luncheon were discussed. The Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 12 Noon. Ms. Schmeling reserved the First Congregational Church for a maintenance fee of \$25. Ms. Schmeling also spoke with Jerry Zupin to cater the luncheon. There has been \$1,000 allocated in the budget and the cost is \$13 per person. Employees will be recognized for milestone years of service to the County.

The proposed menu (Appendix A) was reviewed and decided. The menu will consist of Chicken, Polish Sausage, Seasoned Redskins, Green Bean Casserole, Sweet & Sour Cabbage, Salad, Christmas Cookies, punch and coffee.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Lagerquist to allocate up to \$1,000 for the Employee Recognition Luncheon and church rental. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

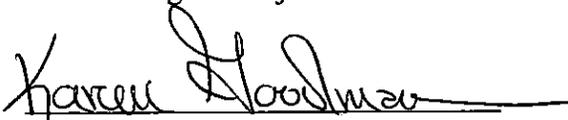
**16<sup>th</sup> REGIONAL SUMMIT EVALUATION FORM RESPONSES**

Evaluation responses from the 16<sup>th</sup> Regional Summit (Appendix B) were briefly reviewed by the Committee. Overall the responses were very positive. The suggestions for future Summits will be used for future planning (i.e. maybe have Township presentations). The attendance was one of the largest ever and the LRCR location was well received.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

A suggestion was mentioned that the Regional Summit should be held every other year rather than every year. After discussion, of the large attendance and the positive feedback, the Committee agreed that a Regional Summit will be held each year.

The meeting was adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 10:27 a.m.

  
Karen Goodman

  
Gene Lagerquist

  
Mark Bergstrom, Chairperson

# APPENDIX A

Employee Recognition Luncheon – Tuesday, December 17, 2019

First Congregational Church – 12:00 Noon

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- Pick 2

Chicken

Swiss Steak

Polish Sausage

Meatballs

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- Pick 1

Cheesy Potatoes

Mashed Potatoes

Rice Pilaf

Seasoned Redskins

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- Pick 2

Green Bean Casserole

Buttered Carrots

Corn

Sweet & Sour Cabbage

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Salad

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Christmas Cookies

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Punch & Coffee

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\$13 per person

16<sup>th</sup> Regional Summit

September 19, 2019

Evaluation Form Feedback

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What did you like?

Nice venue – but too much cold air in the room in the AM.

Good AV and sound system.

Liked the seating plan

Appreciated sticking to the timeline

Sarah Archer's presentation was \*\*\*

Mark Fedder = great closing

Lunch – venue – housing/planning discussion

Sarah Lucas and presentation kept me interested in what she had to say

Defense attorney

Waste

Different offices telling what they are doing in the community right now

Informative & helpful – thank you!

Housing, Indigent legal defense, Recycling, Lissette Reyes Presentation

Sarah Howard, Rob Carson, Mark Fedder (always great!)

Sarah Howard – Council on Aging

Everything ran timely

Lots of great information about Manistee

Diversity of speakers

Short updates from participants

The summit ran smoothly

Information exchange and networking

Speakers were very good

Food was good

Housing & Economic Development info

Variety of Speakers

Overview of county activity

The enthusiasm and thoughtful commitment by all the presenters  
 The range of issues presented

What info did you gain from this?

Planning Department moved across the street  
 "Housing North" - was not familiar with this organization  
 Nice change to meet with new people  
 Lots of info on housing  
 More community involvement  
 All should be defended - We all need to partake in this  
 Grant information contacts  
 New focus in the state and Manistee & Benzie Counties for  
 increasing and improving legal services for the indigent  
 population.  
 Outline of Trails System progress and vision realization  
 No tanglers (plastic bags, etc) for recycling  
 Same, not a lot other than Rod, everything about Manistee,  
 forgot outlying area.  
 Lots of good info  
 Oak Wilt - Josh Shields  
 Nothing! - People spoke of the same thing for past several years,  
 we learn more at monthly MTA meetings  
 That is would seem that Manistee County/Township only cares  
 about the town of Manistee. Not much about the  
 surrounding townships and how the other townships could  
 get help.  
 Better structured awareness of programs and issues/opportunities  
 Nothing more than I get from MTA meetings  
 Needs & programming for solutions  
 A lot of info on housing and the need  
 Outdoor recreation trails impact on economic development  
 I have taken a little bit from each speaker  
 Some positive changes occurring  
 Better dialogue, speak more honestly about where they county  
 and city are economically

A better understanding of the challenges Manistee County and City face. They understanding of Manistee City's involvement in progressive development  
 The realization of the housing issues  
 Awareness and importance of the trail programs  
 Contact info

What didn't have value to you?

Having Mr. Bergstrom reading aloud from written bios that each participant had.

Kyle seems very smart & capable, but he mumbles, couldn't understand him

Sarah Howard – don't read aloud to adults (love her...but)

Josh Shields – not broad appeal on this topic – too detailed – should have shortened his presentation

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Nothing

Content – all has value to me because we are part of community. That means I need to be concerned about all issues that affect each person

All the "going to do" and nothing getting done but spending money in the studies

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Rising Tide – pertains mostly to the city of Manistee, not the County as a whole

All was about city not surrounding areas.

Sarah Archer – same everytime she speaks. She needs to talk about new things in recycling

Most everything was about how things can make the town of Manistee. Very, very little about the smaller townships within the Manistee County except for the trails.

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This was geared mostly towards the city of Manistee, not the

entire County.

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- Nothing
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- Of least interest – recycling
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What would you like to see next year?

- Update on housing situation in the county
- Update from County Commission with Q & A
- Recycling
- Wagoner Senior Center
- Renewable/clean energy
- Updated on med & rec marijuana – also HEMP production
- More Community involvement
- Some more of change is good
- Progress
- More of the same
- Would appreciate more participation from “partners” from the other townships beyond Manistee & the city. Issues addressed specific to these townships could be jobs, housing, services (health) childcare
- How can we support renewable energy?
- Law enforcement issues with Sheriff Dept, City Police Department, State Police, Tribal Police? Maybe introduce the new dog in the Sheriff’s Department (one who replaced Beno)
- Things that contribute to surrounding areas not just City of Manistee
- Timers! Some speakers just kept talking way over their allotted time
- Local, state & federal program opportunities & updates. Some small group exercise or discussion

Fewer speakers regarding the city. Find topics that are of importance to the entire county!

More of the same – slightly different speakers for variety

More of the same

Impact of volunteers

I would like to hear more about the smaller villages/townships in the county.

A presentation that measures progress in real data/percentages of the collaboration efforts spoke about today.

Reports on the work ongoing for housing and economic Development

Presentations on the developments in the arts

Progress reports of all that was presented today

#### What could we do better?

Nice Job!

Ask the Townships beforehand what they would like

Pull in not just executive people, more industry for working man. Some that have not had the education

Please ask presenters not to rely on written material (reading it)

Very much appreciate the focus and purpose of the Regional Summit

Well-satisfied, itw as all good.

Actually I'd also like to hear from organized labor

Print names on name tags bigger so easier to read

Well, lunch could have a healthy option. Some don't eat pasta & bread so all we got was salad or meat drowned in sauce

Talk about how you're going to help the smaller Manistee township we pay taxes to Manistee county, but get very little support. The only thing I heard was about the trails for the smaller townships

Presenting an overview of the state of the county

If a majority of the discussions are about the City, please rename to Manistee City Summit.

Well done!

2 breaks in the morning shorter

Well done!

Start to measure results of collaboration, so progress is demonstrated not by individual organizations but because of all efforts

Questions of the young professionals attending the summit regarding what types of housing would suit their needs...affordable subdivisions, lofts, rentals, renovated homes, homes that require renovation...if not from them, specify, perhaps some info gathered by the presenters