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## COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS STUDY SESSION

Monday, July 14, 2014  
1:00 p.m.

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room  
415 Third Street, Manistee, MI

### MINUTES

Members Present: Ken Hilliard, Chairperson; Mark Bergstrom; Jim Krolczyk; Alan Marshall; Richard Schmidt; Brook Shafer; and Jeff Dontz.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tom Kaminski, County Administrator/Controller; Russ Pomeroy, County Treasurer; Phil Vadeboncoeur, Stronach Township Supervisor; Bob Rishel, Stronach Township Planning Commission; Larry Thompson, Stronach Township Planning Commission; Phil Landis, Stronach Township Trustee; Patrick Dougherty, Attorney, Stronach Township; Rob Carson, County Planner; Ford Stone, County Prosecutor; Thomas Smith, Drain Commissioner (entered at 1:30 p.m.); Jill M. Nowak, County Clerk.

Others Present: Members of the Public

The Study Session was called to Order by Chairman Hilliard at 1:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Mr. Bergstrom

Roll Call – All members present.

Attorney Patrick Dougherty requested an update of the account for the Kettle Hole Drain Fund. Mr. Pomeroy, County Treasurer distributed and explained the report. Discussion followed.

Mr. Vadeboncoeur explained the position of Stronach Township and Mr. Dougherty briefly discussed the history of the creation of the drainage district as well as history of difficulties that have been encountered with the drain project. Mr. Hilliard, County Board Chair, fielded questions and answers from Stronach Officials and County Commissioners. Discussion followed.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was received by John King, Phil Landis, Ethel Plouhar, Annie Hooghart, Tom Walden as well as other Officials of Stronach Township.

Mr. Hilliard asked Attorney Dougherty to submit to Mr. Kaminski's office what Stronach Township's expectations are of the County. Attorney Dougherty and Mr. Vadeboncoeur said that will be submitted promptly.

Mr. Kaminski explained the steps and work that has been done on the Kettle Hole Drain Project by the County Commissioners, County Staff and Elected Officials.

All parties agreed they would like to see an amicable solution without further legal action by all involved.

Adjourn at the Call of the Chair.

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