

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, September 9, 2014  
9:00 a.m.

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

**MINUTES**

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tim Ervin, Consultant for Alliance for Economic Success (AES); Tamara Buswinka, contracted Regional Planner for AES; Tom Kaminski, County Administrator/Controller; Russell Pomeroy, County Treasurer; Members of the Public; Justine McGuire, Manistee News Advocate; Jill M Nowak, County Clerk

The Special Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Hilliard at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Mr. Bergstrom

Roll Call – All members present

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Dontz to approve the Special Meeting Agenda.

Motion Carried

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Tim Ervin and Tamara Buswinka, Alliance of Economic (AES), appeared before the Board to present the final draft of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners Strategic Plan.

Mr. Ervin and Ms. Buswinka thanked and congratulated the Board of Commissioners for their important work during the strategic planning process.

Mr. Ervin and Ms. Buswinka presented a Power Point presentation which included the purpose of the Strategic Plan, Vision, Mission Statements and Values. The presentation also included the roles and responsibilities of the County Board of Commissioners, an Organizational Structure of the County, seven (7) Goals with Strategies and Actions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steven Blank reiterated that the Deep Water Port and Rail were very important to the County’s infrastructure as well as Housing issues.

Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Dontz to approve the Strategic Plan with the addition in Goal #5 to read ...”To Maintain and Develop Public Infrastructure...”; to add Rail as a Strategy under Goal #5 Infrastructure; and on page 29 to delete Kathy Morin’s email address from the letter.

YEAS:        7        Bergstrom, Dontz, Hilliard, Krolczyk, Marshall, Schmidt, Shafer

NAYS:        0        None

Motion Carried

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It was a consensus of the Board to widely distribute copies of the Strategic Plan to whoever would like a copy. The Board also suggested that the Strategic Plan be presented again at the September County Board meeting to capture the presentation on the Public Access Television Channel for the public’s benefit.

Adjourn at the Call of the Chair at 10:34 a.m.

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