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## COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS STUDY SESSION

Monday, January 4, 2016  
10:30 a.m.

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

### MINUTES

Members Present: Jeff Dontz, Chairperson, Mark Bergstrom, Karen Goodman, Ken Hilliard  
Alan W. Marshall, Richard Schmidt and Brook Shafer.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tom Kaminski, County Administrator/Controller; Tamara Buswinka,  
Alliance for Economic Success (AES) Community Development Director;  
Robert Carson, Planning Director; Barry Lind, Blacker Airport Manager;  
Al Frye; Jill M Nowak, County Clerk

The Study Session was called to Order by Chairman Dontz at 10:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Mr. Bergstrom

Roll Call – All members present.

**CONTINUED REVIEW AMENDING THE MANISTEE COUNTY'S  
STRATEGIC PLANNING DOCUMENT**

Tamara Buswinka, Community Development Director, Alliance of Economic Success (AES) appeared before the Board to moderate a continued review of the County's Strategic Planning Document, and to lead the Board in discussion on potential revisions and/or additions to the document. The County's Strategic Planning document was originally adopted on September 9, 2014. Ms. Buswinka distributed revisions from the December 8, 2015 County Board of Commissioners Study Session.

Robert Carson, County Planning Director was also present to provide a review of the County goals listed within the draft Manistee County-wide Park and Recreation Plan document. Mr. Carson reported that the same document has been reviewed by the County Planning Commission and he received no revisions from them. A Public Hearing will be held on February 16, 2016 for Public Comment and review by the County Board in conjunction with the County Board meeting; with hopes of the Recreation Plan being adopted. Mr. Carson proceeded thru the Recreation Plan indicating how the plan corresponded with the Strategic Plan. The Board asked various questions and provided input. Discussion as to funding, the proper authority and the possibility of a yearly Recreational Summit followed.

Ms. Buswinka then presented the revised Planning document from the December 8, 2015 Study Session. She reviewed the Goals, Strategies and Actions that were amended and how they tied in with the Recreation Plan that Mr. Carson had just presented.

A brief discussion concerning the situation with the Drain Commissioner and the issues surrounding County Drains took place.

A brief discussion took place concerning West Shore Medical Center and the partnership with Munson Hospital. An Ad-Hoc Committee, appointed by the Chair, has met once with Hospital Representatives expressing County concerns. Questions should be directed to this Committee. Members of the Committee are Mr. Dontz, Chairman, Mr. Hilliard and the Hospital Liaison, Karen Goodman. Discussion as to hiring legal representation to protect the County's assets was also discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Adjourn at the Call of the Chair at 1:05 p.m.

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Clerk