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REGIONAL SUMMIT COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, March 4, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

Minutes

Members Present: Eric Gustad, Karen Goodman, Chairperson.

Members Absent: Nikki Koons (by Zoom 10:11 a.m.)

Others Present: Lisa Sagala, County Administrator/Controller; Kristyn Malkowski, Administrative Assistant; Julie Griffis, HR Generalist; Sheriff Brian Gutowski; Mike Szokola, County Planner and Jill M. Nowak, Manistee County Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

NOTE – Items requiring Board Action are indicated in BOLD

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

FEEDBACK REGARDING THE 2021 REGIONAL SUMMIT

The Committee reviewed the feedback (Appendix A) regarding the 2021 Regional Summit. Lisa Sagala, County Administrator/Controller stated there was mention of having the Regional Summit every other year.

2022 REGIONAL SUMMIT

Discussion of ideas for the Regional Summit were suggested. Maybe in the off years to offer training for local elected officials, employee customer service, CPR and AES training for employees, or a lunch and learn program. The Summit could be shortened to just the morning and then the afternoon could be training. There are a lot of exciting things going on in Manistee County that it was thought that in 2022, a Summit should be held and then maybe next year could be the off year with other opportunities. Other ideas for topics could be BARC, Primary election winners at all levels. Or all aspects of a

subject, like anything to do with housing i.e. rentals, low income, Land Bank, Filer Townships Hamlet project, New Hillcrest apartments, Housing North, Habitat for Humanity, Rehabilitation, and hopefully the Housing Coordinator will be in place by then and he/she could speak. Another subject could be childcare opportunities, i.e. the Tri-care program, Noah's Place. Other suggestions were the Mental Health crisis, Opioid and Covid. Have two (2) or three (3) subjects and then have people or organizations speak under that umbrella. Something that affects a problem or community of the whole.

Julie Griffis, HR Generalist, suggested that the presentations be reviewed before the Summit and be sure that handouts are available for the presentations.

For the next meeting, members were asked to bring ideas/topics. Also bring ideas for a venue. The dates being looked at for the Summit are September 8, 22 or 29, 2022.

OTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2022. However, Ms. Sagala and Ms. Griffis will be on vacation. It was requested to change the date to April 8, 2022 at 10 a.m.

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

Karen Goodman, Chairperson

Eric Gustad

Nikki Koons

2021 Regional Summit Feedback

Positives:

- Enjoyed Township, Sheriff, and Chief of Police presentations – very informative
- Land Bank presentation was interesting
- Open meetings Act – very important and informative

Things to improve upon:

- 45-minute presentations – too long
- Slides were too small, couldn't read screen
- Presenters that read entire slides
- Need microphones for audience members
- Need handouts with information on them for the presentations
- Longer break times for networking

Topics for 2022 Regional Summit:

- Recycling program
- Economic Development
- Rental/Affordable housing for lower income
- Opioid Update
- Mental Health/Covid
- Land Bank