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**REGIONAL SUMMIT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Friday, January 5, 2024  
10:00 a.m.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center  
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Eric Gustad; Nikki Koons and Janice McCraner, Chairperson

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Julie Griffis, HR Generalist; Lisa Sagala, Controller/Administrator;  
Lindsey Marquardt, County Clerk

The meeting was called to Order at 10:01 a.m. by the Chairperson.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**SUMMIT RECAP**

The 2023 Regional Summit was a huge success. Janice McCraner thanked Administration staff for their assistance in preparing for the Summit.

**EVALUATIONS**

Evaluation forms from the 2023 Regional Summit were reviewed. (APPENDIX A)

## SUMMIT 2024

Ideas for the 2024 Regional Summit were discussed. The consensus is to focus on countywide entities and issues. Possible venues, costs and sponsorships were discussed. The date for the 2024 Regional Summit will be September 19, 2024.

## SCHEDULE 2024 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The 2024 Regional Summit Committee meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month at 10:00a.m., with the exception of the month of July which will be held on the second Friday of the month at 10:00a.m. (APPENDIX B)

## OTHER ITEMS

The meeting was adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 10:37a.m.

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Janice McCraner, Chairperson

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Eric Gustad

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Nikki Koons

# EVALUATION FORM

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4. What would you like to see next year?

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6. Any other thoughts?

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I appreciated the opportunity to hear about ways local government is working with other entities to support economic development.

2. What was your least favorite?

I appreciated hearing from local business owners but feel that maybe a panel discussion with questions posed to each of them would have been better suited. It was a lot of presentation time to hear from them each individually.

3. What info did you gain from this?

It was a good opportunity to network with others.

4. What would you like to see next year?

I would like to hear more from local government directly. Perhaps updates from each department and a discussion around challenges/opportunities for our county.

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N/A

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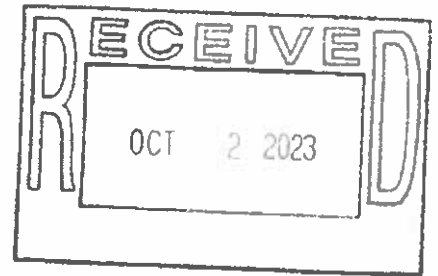
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1. What was your favorite thing?

The Chamber of Commerce update

2. What was your least favorite?

The presentations from the 3 local businesses. I didn't really understand the purpose of this. The Chamber of Commerce talked about economic development and highlighted the new businesses that have opened around the county, so I don't see why these 3 specifically needed their own presentation. Why them and not others? I didn't feel like I gained anything valuable that I couldn't have found out from these businesses' websites or Facebook pages. There could have been a flyer at the tables that said "check out these new local businesses" with their names and websites linked and that would have served the same purpose. It didn't feel appropriate for a county summit.

3. What info did you gain from this?

Where the county stands in addressing some of our biggest issues - housing and childcare. The Chamber of Commerce presentation was insightful and a helpful update.

4. What would you like to see next year?

The County Summit should be the time to get updates on what the county is working on, current projects and future projects, goals, issues, etc. - things we can't usually get updated on otherwise. I would like to see a wider range of the county represented. I'd like to hear updates from the road commission, the health department, the conservation district, the coast guard, the community foundation, maybe an MTA rep or a rep from each township to talk about what's going on in their areas and where they need support. The county summit should be a chance to hear about what's going on all around the county, not just in the city. Unless you frequently attend all the township meetings, there are not many other opportunities to get updates on what's going on around the county. This should be that opportunity.

5. Was the new QR code easy to use?

I didn't know there was a QR code.

6. Any other thoughts?

I appreciate that you offer both breakfast and lunch! Moving to another venue might also be a good way to represent and support other areas of the county.

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1. What was your favorite thing?

Fedder on Museum

2. What was your least favorite?

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3. What info did you gain from this?

I can sign up for alerts on public safety.  
State Police colabrate with FBI. They practice for civil unrest.  
Plastic will outpace fish in oceans.  
Chocolate house has 'all Michigan made'

4. What would you like to see next year?

progress on Gateway

5. Was the new QR code easy to use?

not using

6. Any other thoughts?

keep up the good work

*If ever decide to include clergy  
at the annual meeting, this is my  
nomination (don't know him personally)  
Fr. JIM COLBURN, retired, retreat master  
co-owner, Dempsey Manor +  
jcolburn506@gmail.com*

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*Chance to interact w/other departments*

2. What was your least favorite?

*actually, I enjoyed all of it!*

3. What info did you gain from this?

*Better understanding of presenters motivation.*

4. What would you like to see next year?

*in depth presentation w/discussion w/Road Commission*

5. Was the new QR code easy to use?

*Didn't use it.*

6. Any other thoughts?

*We have a good county "Team"*





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**2024 REGIONAL SUMMIT COMMITTEE  
MEETING SCHEDULE**

To comply with the Michigan Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976

The Manistee County Regional Summit Committee will meet on the following dates in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room located in the Manistee County Courthouse and Government Center, located at 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660:

Friday	February 2, 2024	10:00 A.M. (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)
Friday	March 1, 2024	10:00 A.M. (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)
Friday	April 5, 2024	10:00 A.M. (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)
Friday	May 3, 2024	10:00 A.M. (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)
Friday	June 7, 2024	10:00 A.M. (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)
Friday	July 12, 2024	10:00 A.M. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday)
Friday	August 2, 2024	10:00 A.M. (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)
Friday	September 6, 2024	10:00 A.M. (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)
Friday	October 4, 2024	10:00 A.M. (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)
Friday	November 1, 2024	10:00 A.M. (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)
Friday	December 6, 2024	10:00 A.M. (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)
Friday	January 3, 2025	10:00 A.M. (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)

This meeting will be conducted remotely and live streamed using Zoom and in person in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room. Live meeting can be viewed using Zoom:

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This notice was posted by Lisa Sagala, Controller/Administrator, to comply with Sections 4 and 5 of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (P.A. 267 of 1976) on January 05, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. on the bulletin board located in the main lobby area of the Courthouse and Government Center, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660; giving notice for a regular meeting, posted at least 18 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Lisa Sagala

Controller/Administrator