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**REGIONAL SUMMIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Friday, April 9, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center  
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

Minutes

Members Present: Nikki Koons (on-line, Norman Twp.) and Karen Goodman, Chairperson (on-line, City of Manistee)

Members Absent: Eric Gustad

Others Present: Lisa Sagala, County Administrator/Controller; Julie Schmeling, Administrative Assistant; Julie Griffis, HR Generalist; and Jill M. Nowak, Manistee County Clerk.

The County Board and its Committees are operating remotely and electronically by Zoom under the Manistee County Board of Commissioners Resolution #2020-17, which declared a Local State of Emergency through December 31, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**DISCUSSION RE: 17<sup>TH</sup> REGIONAL SUMMIT IN 2021**

The tentative date of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regional Summit is Thursday, September 16, 2021.

Julie Schmeling emailed the Commissioners and asked if there were any topics/ideas/feedback that they wanted discussed at the Regional Summit that were not already noted but she did not receive any responses. Mary Riley, MSUE asked if they could offer any services for the Summit, It was suggested that MSUE had presented on Open Meetings Act (OMA) at an event which was well received and that attendees may find this informative. There are some exciting things going on in the Townships and it is hoped that the Townships agree to present on their Townships at the Summit. A letter

should be sent to Townships, Supervisors and/or Planning Commission to ask them to present. If the Townships don't want to present maybe the County Commissioner representing their Townships would do so. Past Summit evaluations show that municipalities want more Township/Village involvement, so the Committee wants to open the Summit up to them. One of the outcomes of the Summit is for collaborative and information sharing, i.e. share ideas, cost savings, experiences within townships. Some municipalities may still want to do things on their own, but collaboration efforts can really be beneficial. The Committee would also like to reflect on the good that came from the Covid pandemic, what we have learned or what we would do differently.

There was no update on the venue, but all agreed a bigger location is needed to allow for social distancing. Larger buildings like the Stronach Hall, VFW Hall in Kaleva or the Onekama Fairgrounds Lions Pavilion, but we understand there is some repair work being done there due to water damage. Break out sessions was also suggested but then we would need an even bigger building. The agenda could be the morning with County subjects/speakers and the afternoon dedicated to townships/villages/city. Thoughts of recognition for front line workers was suggested as well as CDC and Health Department rules.

Julie Schmeling will get a list of Township/Village/City Planning Commission members from the Planning Department. Also, a suggestion of offering the Summit in person and by Zoom was made. If offered also by Zoom, we will need video capability at the venue.

**OTHER ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 10:39 a.m.

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Karen Goodman, Chairperson

Absent  
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Eric Gustad

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Nikki Koons