

Board of Commissioners meeting 7/14/26

****Not official minutes****

All commissioners are present

*Public comment on agenda item: A concerned citizen asked about the master plan- he encouraged the commissioners to vote no on data centers. Another citizen said the data centers have a lot of red highlighted areas and the concerned language for land use- packet is 60 pages. Ben Franz stated his concern also, and stated that not everything is posted online, we need to be precise in the language.

*Child Support Specialist: Someone was promoted from within the department from Unit 4 to Unit 6. Motion passed

*Jail health care administration LOU (letter of understanding) motion passed

*Department Head Update: Bob North, Ivy (intern) gave a successful update -45 new nixel signups, raffled out 2 weather radios. 7,214 people are now on nixel. Cooling centers would be at the library 3 people have utilized the cooling centers. *Joel Vernier stated that MidMichigan Community Action has funds to place people in hotels.

*Computer purchase data: County administrator had a quote from Dell-\$6,940 motion passed.

*Car deer accident: Undersheriff Cuddie would like to get the car repaired, he has 3 quotes, recommends High Caliber Auto-motion passed.

*Chamber of Commerce invoice: invoice for the membership passed.

*Tree removal: Cottonwood tree is blocking an ac unit-\$1,200 from Oakridge Tree Service. Motion passed.

*Vehicle maintenance: 3 bids approved for T & J Automotive to do the work.

*Early elections: closing the commissioner room, July 28th at Sage Township Hall October 27 will be announced later.

*MMP update: To add Commissioner Mester to the board, materials management board.

*Master Plan-Planning Commission:

- 63 day review period-beginning of review process
- 72 page document
- A lot of errors-commissioner Donaldson stated pg 25 second column FEMA plan, sentence is not finished, he's embarrassed, a lot of data is not accurate.

Commissioner Moore stated that rushing this master plan would be a disservice to the county. Matter will not be taken off, discuss later.

*Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Visnaw: attended meetings, Sept 11th IT training for all county employees
- Commissioner Donaldson: attended Sage Twp meeting, discussion over blight, Gladwin Twp the city to work together on blight.
- Commissioner Mester: introduced himself as the former Billings twp supervisor, thanked everyone for the appointment as commissioner.
- Commissioner Moore: Street Fest was good. Four Lakes Task Force meeting online July 8th minutes are posted. Ross Lake improvement board-have to have a public meeting Aug 28th 5:30pm public hearing. Gladwin Conservation District sent the county a thank you card.
- Commissioner Winarski: 2 grants awarded for the airport, new truck and security fencing for north end.

*Public comment: Citizens thanked the commissioners for their stance on the master plan.