

HILLSDALE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes

The **Hillsdale County Planning Commission** convened in the Intermediate School District Conference Room, 310 W. Bacon Street, Hillsdale, Michigan, on Monday, August 25, 2008.

Members present: Ken Lautzenheiser, Andy Welden, Deb Sikorski, Julie Kanouse, Sarah Fronczak, Fred Fowler, Robert Henthorne

Members absent: Reb Turner, Ned Bever

Others present: Deb Coffing, Jasneet Sharma

Call to Order: Chair Andy Welden called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: *K. Lautzenheiser moved to approve the Minutes of June 23, 2008 as written. R. Henthorne supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was amended to add 'Survey Update'. Agenda was approved as amended.

Public Comment: None

Agenda Items: Jasneet Sharma reviewed the new *Planning Enabling Act changes* with the Planning Commission. She explained why an Ordinance has to be formed and former resolutions rescinded. This Ordinance is to be adopted by July 1, 2011. Jasneet stated the changes as follows:

- One member can be a non qualified elector
- City Representative – 3 year term
- Pursue liaisons – Road Commission, Drain Commission, Health Dept.
- Review and comment on proposed Public Works proposals (county owned)
- Prepare and approve Capitol Improvement Program. Andy is to find out who would be responsible for this.

Jasneet gave a survey update. She stated that there are 328 total people to date (1% of population) that have completed survey. Jasneet and Andy are to check with the Conservation District to set up display at the Conservation booth – Hillsdale County Fair for people to complete the survey.

Communications: The *Columbia Township Land Use Plan* was reviewed. *R. Henthorne moved to authorize the Chair to send a thank you letter to Columbia Township in Jackson County. J. Kanouse supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Public Comment: William Bishop had questions reference the three township sewer system.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Welden, Chair

Recorded by: Deb Coffing, Executive Secretary, Board of Commissioners