

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, September 15, 2008.

Members present: Julie Kanouse, Ned Bever, Fred Fowler, Deb Sikorski, Sara Fronczak, Andy Welden, Robert Henthorne

Members absent: Reb Turner, Ken Lautzenheiser

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: *J. Kanouse moved to approve the Minutes of August 25, 2008 as written. N. Bever supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Approval of Agenda: Additions to the Agenda were as follows: 1) 2009 Budget, 2) Hillsdale County Fair. Agenda was approved as amended.

Public Comment: None

Agenda Items: **Act 156 of 1851** states that the Board of Commissioners is to go through the Ordinance adoption process. *The proposed Ordinance* was *reviewed* by the Planning Commission, specifically the **Training** Section. It stated that each member should attend some kind of training. There was discussion on how stringent the Planning Commission wants to be. Jasneet is to change the wording, so that it is not as stringent. The proposed Ordinance is to be reviewed and brought back to the October meeting.

There was also discussion on *members, appointments & term*. All members should hold 3 year terms. R. Turner's appointment expires December 31, 2008 and he is retiring. He is to find a replacement to represent Industrial Development/Economic Development.

Liaisons, staff section remain the same. Liaisons need to be educated.

The proposed Ordinance is to be reviewed and brought back to the October meeting. *J. Kanouse moved to approve the proposed Ordinance and it will have Attorney approval before going to the Board of Commissioners. N. Bever supported. Motion unanimously approved.*

The Planning Commission also read that a commissioner should not be serving as Chair. *R. Henthorne moved to acknowledge the rules of the Chairperson, but the change will not take place until January 2009. N. Bever supported. Motion unanimously approved.*

The 2009 proposed budget was also reviewed. *J. Kanouse moved to review the 09 budget in the October meeting. Robert Henthorne. N. Bever supported. Motion unanimously approved.*

Communications: Hillsdale City Planning Commission would like to hold a joint training session. Consensus is to hold a joint session with the County and City Planning Commission possibly in April.

Additional Business: Members talked about the Conservation/MSUE Fair Booth as the place to encourage people to fill out "Picture Hillsdale" surveys. Jasneet will give a survey update next meeting.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Welden, Chair

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