

## **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Planning and Environmental Services Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Morse on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Roll was called. Present: Mr. Walker, Ms. Meyette, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Beggs, Mr. Christians and Mr. Morse. Mr. Hardy attended via zoom.

Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator, Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Dr. Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Coordinator; and Ms. Jodi Nichols, The Right Place, were also present.

Public participation was provided via teleconference using Zoom. The online meeting ID was 829 8481 5914.

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2021, Planning & Environmental Services Committee.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Dean Gustafson representing the Oceana County Economic Alliance and Ms. Jami Cutter, representing Great Lakes Energy and the Oceana County Economic Alliance were also in attendance via zoom.

No public comment on agenda items.

Dr. Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Coordinator, provided an update on the Indigent Defense System. Dr. Moore reported that at the MIDC board meeting held on February 23, 2021, the proposed changes to the grant manual were adopted. She pointed out that clarification was requested regarding whether stand-by counsel is a county expense or an MIDC expense. MIDC members explained that the statute does not address the responsible party.

Ms. Jodi Nichols, The Right Place, provided an update on the economic development activities for Oceana County in 2020. Ms. Nichols reported on the various services and programs that are available for existing businesses as well as those seeking new business opportunities. She mentioned that the Oceana County Economic Alliance will be offering a virtual community breakfast this year. It will be Monday, April 13, 2021 via Zoom with updates from local businesses and opportunities for networking. Ms. Nichols stated that the Oceana County Economic Alliance Board would welcome a representative from the County Board of Commissioners.

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Tammy Carey, Executive Director for the Community Foundation for Oceana County and current president of the Oceana County Economic Alliance, joined via zoom. She thanked Ms. Nichols for her presentation and the continued support of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners and the partnership with The Right Place. Ms. Carey briefly touched on the community assessments that have and will be completed. Ms. Carey thanked the Board for allowing the time for her to speak on behalf of the Community Foundation and the Oceana County Economic Alliance.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Morse adjourned the Planning and Environmental Services meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson  
Oceana County Clerk