

**Barry County Planning Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
November 08, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Clyde Morgan at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Tyden Center located at 121 South Church Street in Hastings. The Planning Commission members in attendance included: Morgan, Vivian Conner, Jack Miner, Jack Nadwornik, and Joyce Snow. John LaForge and Robert Vanderboegh were absent. Barry County Planning Director James McManus was also in attendance.

Motion by Miner to approve the agenda as printed. Support by Conner. All ayes - motion carried.

The Planning Commission reviewed the minutes of September 27, 2021. On Page 2, Morgan asked to change the word "blocked" to "locked."

Motion by Miner to approve the minutes as corrected. Support by Nadwornik. All ayes - motion carried.

BUSINESS

The Planning Commission meeting was to review and discuss the Master Plan candidates and to select one to complete the project.

McManus noted he was confident he could work with any of the candidates and noted he has worked with some of them on different projects. He reminded the Planning Commission that he hoped to be around for the entire project, but he could not guarantee it, so he asked the Planning Commission to select the candidate that they felt most comfortable with.

Miner noted that his first choice was McKenna and Associates and noted that they already work in Hastings, Rutland Township, and a few other jurisdictions in the County.

Conner said she was impressed with Beckett & Raeder's presentation and the quality of their graphics.

Snow said she had listed McKenna and Associates as her first choice and noted they had done regional planning and were familiar with creating policies for areas with rural character. She said she had Beckett & Raeder as her second choice.

Nadwornik noted he had Rowe Professional as his first choice. He said he was impressed with their methods of getting public involvement, including doing pop-ups at various venues. He said he had McKenna and Associates as his second choice.

Morgan noted all of the candidates had good credentials to complete the plan, but he had listed McKenna and Associates as his first choice.

McManus noted all of the candidates budgets were in line with the county's allocation. He suggested the Planning Commission select a first and second choice.

Motion by Nadwornik to select McKenna and Associates as the consultant to complete the Master Plan. Support by Snow. 4 ayes-Miner, Morgan, Nadwornik, Snow - 1 nay-Conner - motion carried.

For the second choice, Snow said she could support Rowe Professional and noted they were familiar with Blue Zones. Miner said Rowe Professional was already working in Middleville, and they had experience working with solar, wind and floodplains.

Conner said she was comfortable with either Rowe Professional or Beckett & Raeder.

Motion by Miner to select Rowe Professional as the backup consultant for the Master Plan. Support by Snow. All ayes - motion carried.

McManus said he would contact McKenna and Associates and he hoped to start the project in January.

Morgan adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jack Nadwornik, Secretary