

**Calhoun County Planning Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**June 23, 2014**

Present: Comrs. Robert Bolton, Blaine VanSickle, Sarah Kelly, Suzanne Ebright and Kelli Scott. Staff: Planning Consultant Jennifer Bomba, Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey, and Deputy Clerk Chris McComb.

Excused: Terence Lunger, Angie Kline, and John Coulter

1. The June 23, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. Roll was called by the Deputy Clerk.
3. Approval of Agenda

"Moved Ebright, supported by Scott to approve the June 23, 2014 Calhoun County Planning Commission agenda as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

4. Public Comments

There were none.

5. Approval of March 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes

"Moved Scott, supported by Ebright to approve the March 24, 2014 Calhoun County Planning Commission minutes as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

6. Communication

There was none.

7. Old Business

There was none.

8. New Business

- a. Proposal to Lease County-Owned Property Located in Newton Township, Section 9

Planning Consultant Bomba explained that the Board of Commissioners had requested the Planning Commission review this request to lease a piece of property owned by the county and previously used by the Road Department as a gravel pit. She stated it was located in Section 8 on the north side of D Drive South, was zoned as medium density agricultural, which fit with how property was being used. She

explained that the Battle Creek Balsa Bees, an amateur remote control airplane club, had been using it and had put in a covered pavilion, flight stations, a maintenance shed, and bleachers. She explained the area was less intensive residential, not farming, and fit with permitted uses. She noted the request from the Balsa Bees was for a ten year lease but she would like to recommend the Board of Commissioners go ahead with a five year lease with an automatic five year renewal.

Member VanSickle stated he thought a five year lease was fair and he didn't believe there were any objections because no one was at the meeting to comment and he had announced the proposal at the BOC meeting.

“Moved Ebright, supported by Bolton to recommend the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve a five year lease with an automatic five year renewal to the Battle Creek Balsa Bees for property located in Section 8 on the north side of D Drive South.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

b. Membership Recommendations

Planning Consultant Bomba reviewed the recommendations for membership.

“Moved Scott, supported by Kelly to approve the recommendations of Dan Kesselring to represent agricultural, forestry and land use interests; David Walters to represent the governmental/municipality interests of the county; and Linda Freybler to represent the recreational and tourism interests of the county to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Calhoun County Planning Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2016.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

9. Township Planning and Zoning Coordination

a. 6-14-01, Eckford Township: PA 116 Application for property in Section 21

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved Scott, supported by Kelly to approve 6-14-01, Eckford Township: PA 116 Application for property in Section 21 as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

b. 6-14-02, Sheridan Township: PA 116 Application for property located in Sections 14 and 15

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved Bolton, supported by Ebright to approve 6-14-02, Sheridan Township: PA 116 Application for property located in Sections 14 and 15 as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

c. 6-14-03, Leroy Township: Draft 2014 Leroy Township Master Plan

Staff recommended for approval.

"Moved Scott, supported by Bolton to accept the 6-14-03, Leroy Township: Draft 2014 Leroy Township Master Plan as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

10. Department Report

Planning Consultant Bomba stated she was settling in to her new office on the Garden Level and the new conference room was a nice asset. She stated the surrounding offices were occupied by Community Development services.

11. Member Comments

There were none.

12. Public Comments

There were none.

13. Announcements: The next Calhoun County Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for July 28, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment: 4:44