

A.R.P.A. COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 14, 2023

*CONFERENCE ROOM 302– ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, COUNTY COMPLEX
255 CLAY STREET, LAPEER, MI 48446*

Chairman Kevin Knisely called the meeting to order at approximately 11:10 a.m. in Conference Room 302 in the Administration Office on the third floor of the County Complex.

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Kevin Knisely, Gary Howell, and Tom Kohlman.

Others: Moses Sanzo, County Controller/Administrator; Jackie Arnold, CFO; Doreen Clark, Office Manager; John Bustle, Building & Grounds/Parks Director; Stephanie King, Chief Animal Control Officer; Dave Eady; and Truman Mast (observation only).

AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed.

Motion by Howell, supported by Kohlman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes from the November 9, 2023 ARPA Committee Meeting were briefly reviewed and discussed.

Motion by Kohlman, supported by Howell, to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2023 A.R.P.A. Committee Meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ANIMAL CONTROL – PROPOSED ADDITION

Stephanie King and Dave Eady were present to review their proposed plans that were previously discussed at the last Properties Committee Meeting to expand the Animal Control facility. The proposed unofficial drawings were reviewed and they would like the new areas to include an approximate 40x60 drive in area where the vehicle could drop off animals so they don't attack the public or staff, and the animals won't be able to run away from the building towards the busy road. It would also include a food storage area and bigger kennels to handle the larger dog breeds. Discussed the possibility of having track-style kennels that are adjustable in size to accommodate both big and small breeds. They would also like to have an area specified for dogs in quarantine, puppies, another adoption area and more storage. Discussion followed regarding whether the addition will require fire suppression, and the need for block building for easy cleaning. Lengthy questions and discussion followed and it was a consensus of the Committee that we need to proceed with getting engineered drawings.

Motion by Kohlman, supported by Bustle, based upon the recommendation of the ARPA Committee, to authorize the Buildings & Grounds/Parks Department to proceed with acquiring quotes for engineering drawings and oversight services related to the proposed addition to the Animal Control Building as discussed at the December 14, 2023 A.R.P.A. meeting and report back to the ARPA meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. King gave an update that she has found two part-time Kennel Attendants that will start at the beginning of the year. Dave Eady expressed his interest in continuing on and participating in the Animal Control building expansion project and adoption of the proposed Ordinance if the Committees will allow, as he wants to the Animal Control programs to be successful. He stated that he will be sure to be available to attend the meetings. Commissioner Howell noted that the County will have a new labor counsel at the beginning of the new year and they will be reviewing the draft Ordinance.

TORZEWSKI WATERPARK PROJECT

Jackie Arnold, CFO, gave an update regarding the operating and revenue cost analysis for Torzewski County Park. Discussion followed regarding other revenue opportunities such as a parking/gate fee, advertising and sponsorships for disc golf, etc. Discussed the need for internet/wifi at the Park in order to accept credit/debit card payments and this allows for customers to advertise the park via social media. Moses Sanzo stated that he will be meeting with Starlink to try and work out an agreement for a better governmental rate and he will report back.

ADJOURN

Motion by Kohlman, supported by Howell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 11:50 a.m.

Kevin Knisely, Chairman
Lapeer County A.R.P.A. Committee

Minutes prepared by Doreen Clark, Office Manager