

MENOMINEE COUNTY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

March 26, 2024

****APPROVED****

The Menominee County Economic Development Committee met on March 26, 2024 at 3:00 PM at the Menominee County Courthouse in Menominee, Michigan.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Westrich at 3:05 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

III. Roll Call

Present: Chair Westrich, Commissioner Gromala, County Administrator - Jason Carviou

Absent: Commissioner Aubert & Menominee County Treasurer – Barb Parrett

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Gromala, seconded by Commissioner Westrich to approve the agenda. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. Approval of Previous Minutes (February 2, 2024)

Motion made by Commissioner Gromala, seconded by Commissioner Westrich to approve the previous meeting minutes from February 2, 2024. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Business

A. Marinette/Menominee Regional Guide

Administrator Carviou provided an updated proof for the County's ad in the Marinette/Menominee Regional Guide. The updates for this year included a new array of pictures and a highlight of Enstrom Helicopter Corporation. The guide will be going to the printer in the next week or two and we should have copies by last-April or early-May.

B. Menominee County Destination/Visitor Guide

Administrator Carviou reported that he was not able to contact Marinette County since the last Economic Development Committee meeting to gather additional information. The next month is also going to be very busy with grant reporting & applications and the start of the FY2025 Budget.

Commissioner Westrich stated that she would try to reach out to Jenny Short at Marinette County and gather some information as well.

B. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2024 at 3 PM – just before the County Board Meeting.

C. Open Discussion

Commissioner Gromala reported that he spoke to the County Board Chairman from Alger County regarding a hotel room tax. The hotel room tax was established by the City of Munising with help from the Chamber of Commerce – it is not a county-wide hotel room tax. Commissioner Gromala has requested a copy of the ordinance that established the hotel room tax as a reference.

The Committee discussed the strong desire to try to expand the motorized trail system in Menominee County and how to make that happen. Administrator Carviou suggested that the County should coordinate a meeting with all of the snowmobile & ATV clubs in Menominee County. The County could then explore the challenges limiting the development and expansion of the existing trail system, whether there is a desire from the existing groups to expand the trail system, and what the County could do to help. Commissioner Westrich will reach out to NORMENCO and put together a list of any other groups and sportsmen clubs in the County that we should include in a meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Commissioner Comment

None

X. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Gromala, seconded by Commissioner Westrich to adjourn.
Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MEETING ADJOURNED