

HAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2022 MEETING

The Hand County **Planning and Zoning Commission** met in regular session in the commission chambers of the courthouse on October 4, 2022. Chairman Greg Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. with the following commission members present: Jim Jones, Jim Eschenbaum, Luke Wernsmann and Dan Jensen. The meeting was broadcasted live on YouTube with a link on the county's Facebook page.

Jaime Russell, Zoning Director, informed the P&Z Commissioners that she and Eric Senger of NECOG will need suggestions from the commission to start their renovation of the zoning procedures and probably ordinance changes. Commissioner Jones offered several areas in which the commissioners had received community feedback.

Russell's office issued building permits to Chris Johnsen – move in a home (Gilbert Township), Brady VanZee – build storage shed (Alpha Township), Kenneth & Libby Jones – Shed (Midland Township), DDN Investments, LLC – building (Miller Township), and Paul & Louis Arens – Grain bins (Park Township).

Russell informed the commission that no plats needed reviewed. Russell did summarize the three latest project which were subject to conditional use permits. Summit Carbon Solutions show 2 more easements filed for a total of 20. Sweetland Wind Farm will be obtaining a building permit for their Operations and Maintenance building, and Christiansen Farms appears to have the structures up for four of their satellite swine units with two looking mostly roofed.

Chairman Palmer invited comment from the public, none was offered.

There being no further business before the P&Z Commission, it was moved by Wernsmann / Eschenbaum to adjourn the meeting (1:11 PM). Motioned carried.

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Consent Agenda: Auditor DeBoer summarized the consent agenda for the commission. In the acknowledgements, the commission considered the August 2022 Financial Report of the Register of Deeds, the library minutes and financial report for August 2022 and the payroll ledger for September 2022. Auditor DeBoer explained the items up for approval included the minutes of the September 6, 2022 meeting, the minutes of the September 26, 2022 meeting, the claims / vouchers for payment of bills and adoption of the Harassment and Discrimination policy for the new employee handbook. The discussion of the compost pile at the rubble site was removed to be discussed individually. It was moved by Eschenbaum / Jones to approve the consent agenda as discussed. Motion carried.

Steve Melinick, Colonial Life Insurance representative, met with the commission to offer a supplemental life insurance policy to employees. If the county commissioners approved, each eligible employee would receive a policy worth \$10,000 and the monthly premium would be \$2.00. Melinick was careful to explain the policy