

# Antrim County

## Economic Development Corporation

Mission Statement: Retain, expand, and promote County-wide economic growth and stability.

### December 17, 2019 Minutes

Members present: Mike Allison, Veronica Welter, Dave Heeres, Rachel Krino, Kathy Peterson, Sherry Comben, Pete Garwood,

Members Absent: John Meeske, Bonnie Robbins

Others Present: Ed Boettcher, Margie Boyd

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 by Mike Allison

#### **2. Public Comment**

None.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Sherry Comben, seconded by Rachel Krino, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting.**

**Motion Carries - unanimous**

#### **4. Antrim County Business Park Update**

Pete Garwood, County Administrator, noted the results of the appraisal ordered by the Board on the Antrim County Business Park property in Mancelona. He indicated the appraisal came back with a property value of \$76,000. The Board of Commissioners voted to sell the property to Heritage Energy Solutions for the offered amount, retaining the mineral rights. Rachel Krino noted while this purchase may not add to the tax rolls, the perception of a green community would be attractive to people considering a move to Antrim County.

#### **5. Road Map Update**

Mr. Garwood noted the EDC will have to recommend a 2020 budget amendment once the map has been printed.

Motion by Kathy Peterson, seconded by Veronica Welter to recommend the Board of Commissioners approve a 2020 budget amendment for \$4,035 for the portion of the cost of the County road map.

Ms. Krino expressed concern about the cost of printing. Mr. Garwood said he would contact Burt Thompson with the Road Commission to get a breakdown of what is covered by the cost. Mr. Garwood indicated the map would be bigger than the current version, include more information, and have a web version. Ms. Krino indicated the original design will not fit on the current specifications provided by the road commission.

Motion withdrawn.

**Motion by Mike Allison, seconded by Dave Heeres to recommend the Board of Commissioners approve a 2020 budget amendment in the amount of \$2,500 for the County's portion of printing road maps.**

**Motion Carries - unanimous**

#### **6. Various Matters**

Ms. Krino noted multiple winners of the Antrim Pitch Night competition were primarily from the Mancelona area. She announced the installation of a charging station for electric cars at Shanty Creek Resorts. Shanty Creek was given a large rebate from Consumers Energy for the construction of the station, which is also the first of its kind in Northern Michigan. Ms. Krino also mentioned Paddle Antrim is close to their goal of \$275,000 to fund the water trail. Signage for the trail will start to be placed in the spring.

Mike Allison informed the committee he just signed two grants – one from Rotary Charities, the other from MISHDA – for the Village of Mancelona that will help with rehabilitating homes in the village. The MISHDA grant will help rehabilitate at least five homes. Mr. Allison also showed the group a marketing piece for Explore 131 North. He said the campaign has successful in spreading information on the area. The piece is available online.

Mr. Allison told members Community Resource Development hosted a meeting on local land banks and brownfield properties. Sherry Comben, County Treasurer, recommended a land bank establish a clear mission that a county Board of Commissioners can support in order to create funding for the program. She noted that the State land bank is more actively looking to work with local units.

Kathy Peterson told members that it was just announced the largest number of millennial millionaires is located in Traverse City.

Veronica Welters announced the ribbon cutting for the Town Club in Elk Rapids will be this coming Friday.

#### **7. Public Comment**

The 2020 organizational meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**Motion by Mike Allison, seconded by Veronica Welter, to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion carries - unanimous**

*Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.*