



PLANNING COMMISSION

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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call: A meeting of the Osceola County Planning Commission (Commission) was called to order by Rich Jacobs, Chair, at the Osceola County Courthouse on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 4:10 p.m. Rich led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Commission members were present:

- Larry Emig
- Ken Ford
- Peggy Graham
- Rich Jacobs, Chair
- Alan Tiedt
- Greg White

Dan Massy, Recording Secretary, was also present.

2. Brief Public Comments: None; no members of the public were present.

3. Approval of Agenda:

(18-12) *Motion by Larry Emig, supported by Alan Tiedt, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

4. Approval of the Minutes of April 25, 2018: Minutes of the January 25, 2018 meeting were reviewed. No discrepancies were noted.

(18-13) *Motion by Alan Tiedt, supported by Larry Emig, to approve the minutes as presented. Recommendation carried unanimously.*

5. Financial Report: Dan presented the Financial Report. Dan noted several line items where expenditures may slightly exceed the approved budget. This will be addressed by moving money from another line item. There were no questions and the report was placed on file.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. **HB 5638:** Dan provided a handout showing an email thread he had with Representative Aaron Miller's office concerning House Bill 5638, "Natural Resources and environmental protection act". He explained who supported and who opposed the bill, the bill had already passed onto the Senate, and the bill was drafted mainly for the farming community. He did not draft a letter stating the Planning Commission's stance. Although a letter was not sent to legislators the Planning Commission did express its concern over the way the State is handling its water resources.

- b. **Connect Nation:** Discussion took place concerning the Federal Communication Commission's upcoming Connect America Fund auction.

7. New Business & Correspondence

- a. **Cypress Creek – Solar Energy:** Dan shared correspondence he received from Cypress Creek. Cypress Creek is an established solar energy company that is beginning operations in Michigan. They have identified Osceola County as a possible location for operations. The Planning Commission discussed:
- Its desire for this type of development in the county.
 - Cypress Creek states they regularly meet with elected officials, planning staff, and economic development groups. An invitation will be extended.
 - Its willingness to provide assistance if needed.
- b. **2019 Budget:** With the exception of the training line item it was decided the 2019 budget submission will be similar to the 2018 budget. Training was not funded in 2018. A request of \$500 will be made in 2019 in the event there are solar related training issues.

8. Extended Public Comment: None; no members of the public were present.

9. Adjournment

(18-14) *Motion by Greg Ford, supported by Larry Emig, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned by Rich Jacobs, Chair, at approximately 5:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission is October 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse.