

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Thursday, September 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. in the Escanaba City Council Chambers, Room C101, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, Delta County.

Present: Dave Nyberg, from Governor Snyder's Northern Representative Office, Escanaba Delta County Commissioners David Rivard and John Malner, Ryan Bergman Delta County Administrator, Ed Oswald Delta County Sheriff, Escanaba Mayor Marc D. Tall, City Manager James V. O'Toole, Escanaba City Clerk Robert S. Richards, Robert Valentine City Treasurer/Human Resources, Kimberly Peterson Escanaba Recreation Director, Eric Buckman Interim Gladstone City Manager, Emma DeGan and Peter Van Steen of CUPPAD, David Anthony of the Hannahville Community, Stacey Haughey of the Department of Natural Resources, Chuck Hurst of Northern Initiatives, Judy Trudell of Maple Ridge Township, Greg Johnson of Bark River Township, and members of the public and media.

Escanaba City Manager James O'Toole, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation – Delta County Jail Project Update.

Delta County Administrator Ryan Bergman and Delta County Sheriff Ed Oswald provided those in attendance with an update on the proposed Delta County Jail project.

- Proposed Millage would be on the November 8th Election Ballot;
- Not many changes with the design, but went to 185 to 160 beds;
- 102 felons, since 2015, were released back into the community early due to overcrowding;
- Average County Homeowner cost would be \$34 per year.

Presentation – Northern Initiatives Community Development Financial Institution.

Chuck Hurst from Northern Initiatives provided information on the services and financial loans that were available to small business owners, entrepreneurs, and community organizations that might not qualify for loans from traditional banks for a variety of reasons.

- Since they started, they have issued 1000 loans, which amounted to over \$5,000,000;
- Primarily focused on Rural Communities;
- Revolving Loan Manager for the Upper Peninsula, Region 51;
- Loans look at creating jobs in the community.

Update – Delta County Non-Motorized Pathway System Master Plan – Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission (CUPPAD).

CUPPAD members provided an update on the status of the Delta County-wide Non-Motorized Pathway System Master Plan that was currently under development.

- Encouraged the Public to attend the next Steering Committee meetings. Current information regarding the plan could be found on their CUPPAD Web Site.

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Dave Nyberg, from Governor Snyder's Northern Representative Office, provided an update on the following:

- Legislature was back in Session;
- Major Policy packages, especially Energy and Environment, were being looked at;
- Provided an update on Electrical Energy Initiates and closing of Upper Peninsula Power Plants, and the Forest Industry;
- Reviewed and discussed the MERS State Municipal Pension systems.

Committee Member Announcements and Updates.

Those in attendance also provided Items of mutual interest and concern in their municipalities.

Next scheduled meeting was October 12, 2016.

Hearing no further public comment, meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Robert S. Richards, Escanaba City Clerk, Recording Secretary