

FACILITIES, CAPITAL & STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom

Commissioners Present: Todd Britton, Chair
Brenda Fournier
Travis Konarzewski
John Kozlowski

Others Present: Jesse Osmer, County Administrator
Nick Akins, Maintenance Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Todd Britton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ROLL CALL

All members present.

APPROVE AGENDA

Administrator Osmer request removal of the airport budget adjustment and property usage – food trucks from the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were heard regarding the fairgrounds, Fair Board, 4H, and the Blackwater contract.

AIRPORT MONTHLY UPDATE

Chair Britton read the monthly airport update on behalf of Airport Manager Mick Higgins.

- Enplanement numbers are down. Total enplanements were 2,483 compared to 2,936 last year.
- Fuel sales for SkyWest, Jet Retail A, and Retail 100 Low Lead were all up for April.
- Equipment is all operational.
- The SkyWest fueling audit was completed on April 9th and the airport is in compliance with SkyWest rules and regulations.
- The airport received two new plow trucks.
- The airport is currently having the FAA Airport Certification Inspection.
- T-Hangars-waiting for confirmation of the contract agreement and start date.
- Acquiring a Rotary Plow.

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

Maintenance Superintendent Nick Akins gave the monthly maintenance update:

- All county parks are up and running.
- There are roof leaks at the jail and it is covered under warranty.

- Pool shutdown has begun. No leaks have been found, and the pool is getting cleaned.
- There is one car left in winter storage at the fairgrounds.

Superintendent Akins will get a total of the vehicles stored at the fairgrounds to Commissioner Konarzewski.

FAIRGROUNDS INSPECTION AND ZONING

Administrator Osmer reported there have been a lot of concerns regarding safety at the fairgrounds. He reached out to local and out-of-town inspection companies in which some declined, are booked months out, or are just unable to do the fairground's inspection but gave a reference. Voicemails were left for companies in Cheboygan, Gaylord, and Tawas. It has been approximately three weeks, and he is still not able to locate anyone that can do an inspection anytime soon.

Administrator Osmer reported he has spoken with Montiel at the City of Alpena regarding zoning for the fairgrounds, and it will be a three-to-four-month process. The fairgrounds currently is zoned as residential and to continue utilizing the fairgrounds for anything other than housing this needs to be addressed. Administrator Osmer believes camping can continue but is still looking into that. Discussion was made to continue the zoning process as it is the county's property and would be on the county regardless of if there was a tenant.

SCULPTURE PARK

Administrator Osmer reported a plaque will be installed where the eagle sculpture is being placed and presented discussion on putting a name on the plaque as a placeholder that can always be redirected in the future. The three options presented were: 1) Semi Quincentennial Park; 2) Jessie Square; and 3) Fremont. A decision would be preferred by the beginning of next month to move forward with having the plaque created for the end of June celebration. He asked for any other suggestions to be sent to him for Thunder Bay Arts Council to consider as well.

NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Chief Deputy Treasurer Amanda Repke presented a reimbursement request from Northern Lights Arena in the amount of \$5,472.84.

Moved by Commissioner Konarzewski and supported by Commissioner Kozlowski to recommend approval of the NLA reimbursement as presented.

Discussion was made on why NLA did not use the funds provided through the Youth and Rec grant for the speakers as the charges are part of the speaker upgrades. Discussion was made on the difference between the dehumidifier original quote and actual cost and if there is a warranty.

Commissioner Konarzewski retracted his motion and made a new motion to table until further information is received from NLA supported by Commissioner Kozlowski. Chair Britton will speak with NLA for more information. Motion carried.

NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA MONTHLY REPORTS

Chair Britton presented the Northern Lights Arena monthly reports to receive and file. Discussion was made on the "Loan to/from Alpena Rink Management" and "Live Barn" surcharge. Chair Britton will speak with NLA for clarification. Moved by Commissioner Konarzewski and

supported by Commissioner Kozlowski to receive and file the Northern Lights Arena monthly reports subject to the questions as presented. Motion carried.

RECYCLING REPORTS

Chair Britton presented the monthly recycling reports to receive and file. Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Kozlowski to receive and file the recycling reports as presented. Motion carried.

FAIRGROUND MANAGER REPORTS

Chair Britton presented the Fairground Manager monthly reports to receive and file.

*****The internet went down at 9:53 a.m. and Zoom was lost.***

Moved by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner Fournier to receive and file the fairground monthly reports as presented. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

The Committee went into closed session at 9:54 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter and opened session at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken with all members present.

***Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Kozlowski to adjourn the meeting with support from Commissioner Konarzewski. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Todd Britton, Chair

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