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, February 19, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Rich led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Commission members were present:

   a. Larry Emig
   b. Ken Ford, Secretary
   c. Rich Jacobs, Chair
   d. Rick Johnson
   e. Jerry Lindquist, Vice Chair
   f. Pamela Shinn
   g. Greg White

Dan Massy, Recording Secretary, was also present.

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


   (20-01) Motion by Larry Emig, supported by Jerry Lindquist, to approve the agenda with the one addition. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Organizational (Annual) Meeting: At the first meeting each year the Commission elects its officers, reviews its goals, and establishes meeting dates for the remainder of the year.

   a. Election of Officers: The Chair turned the meeting over to the Recording Secretary.

   (20-02) Motion by Rick Johnson, supported by Larry Emig, to reappoint Rich Jacobs as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

   The Recording Secretary returned the meeting back over to the Chair.

   (20-03) Motion by Rich Jacobs, supported by Rick Johnson, to appoint Jerry Lindquist as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Jerry Lindquist, supported by Rich Jacobs, to reappoint Ken Ford as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Meeting Dates, Times, and Location: The Commission decided to move its meeting dates from the third to second Wednesday of the months it meets. The time (4:00 p.m.) and location (County Courthouse) will remain the same as previous years.

Motion by Larry Emig, supported by Greg White, to set April 8th, June 10th, and October 14th as tentative 2020 meeting dates.

c. Review of Goals: The Commission’s 2019 goals were reviewed and potential 2020 goals discussed.

Motion by Larry Emig, supported by Rick Johnson, to adopt the following three 2020 goals:
- Complete the County Master Plan,
- Remain Informed on Environmental Issues Affecting the County, and
- Expand the Commission’s Knowledge on Alternative Energy’s Impact on Land Use.

5. Approval of the Minutes of October 17, 2019:

Motion by Rick Johnson, supported by Greg White, to approve the minutes as written. Recommendation carried unanimously.


Motion by Rick Johnson, supported by Jerry Lindquist, to accept the Financial Report and place on file. Recommendation carried unanimously.

7. Unfinished Business:

a. Broadband Update: Dan provided the Commission an update on the status of bringing broadband into Osceola County. Dan briefed the Commission on an issue involving placement of fiber in the road right-of-way. Dan will be talking with the Road Commission Manager and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Dan also informed the Commission about a proposed Telemedicine Forum that will likely take place in Reed City this June. The forum will be sponsored by Connect Michigan. Osceola County was one of five counties in the State that was part of a rural telemedicine study and Connect Michigan is now looking to implement some of what they learned from the study.

b. Osceola Landfill: Dan updated the Commission on the status of the Osceola Landfill. The State has taken over responsibility for the monitoring wells and the facility is currently being used only as a transfer station.
c. **Master Plan:** Dan updated the Commission on the progress of updating the Master Plan. Basically, he is at the point of collecting public input. He will attempt to do so through the use of an online survey.

d. **Brownfield Authority:** Last year Dan spoke about the Planning Commission also serving as the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board. During today’s meeting it was agreed the best way to accomplish this is *not* for the Commission to serve as the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board, but for the *Board of Commissioners to appoint five to nine individual members from the Planning Commission to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board*. All Commission members present agreed to serve on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board.

The Planning Commission and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will remain separate entities; however, when a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meeting is necessary, if possible, it will be held just prior to a Planning Commission meeting.

8. **New Business & Correspondence:**

a. **Reed City Schools, Forest Management Plan:** Both Ken and Rich spoke about the 337 acres of forest around the Reed City Schools. Their discussion included locations of the forests, history of their development, the value they provide, the fact that an advisory board needs to be formed, and possible roles for the Planning Commission. The information needs to be documented in the Master Plan.

b. **Correspondence:** None

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

10. **Adjournment**

    *(20-09)*  
    *Motion by Jerry Lindquist, supported by Larry Emig, to adjourn.*  
    *Motion carried unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned by Rich Jacobs, Chair, at approximately 5:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for April 8, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse.