



Southcentral Michigan Planning Council

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Annual Meeting

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 25th, 2025
MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
MEETING LOCATION: Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
4400 S 26th St
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Call to Order

- I. Representative Attendance
 - a. Present
 - i. Bomba
 - ii. Coney
 - iii. Conklin
 - iv. Gisler
 - v. Hazelbaker
 - b. Absent
 - i. Gleesing
 - ii. Mingus
 - iii. Zwick
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion by Bomba to approve agenda with a corrected date and adding a resolution to apply for Economic Development District status. Seconded by Hazelbaker. **Motion carried.**
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Motion by Coney to approve minutes. Seconded by Conklin. **Motion carried.**
4. Public Comment
 - a. None
5. Transportation
 - a. KATS staff submitted a memo and discussed workplan for the year. Additionally staff discussed this upcoming re-creation of the Byways committee.
6. Administrative
 - a. FY 2025 Budget Update
 - i. Staff presented the estimated budget for FY 2025.
 - b. FY 2026 Budget Presentation
 - i. Staff presented the budget draft for FY 2026
 - ii. Motion by Hazelbaker to approve budget. Seconded by Conklin. **Motion carried.**
 - c. FY 2026 Workplan
 - d. Meeting Schedule
 - i. Staff submitted a meeting dates for FY2026. Meetings will continue on the 4th Wednesday of the month, with meetings cancelled in November 2025 and July 2026 and an early meeting on December 10th 2026. Motion by Conklin to approve schedule as presented. Seconded by Coney. **Motion carried.**
 - e. Election of Officers

- i. Motion by Bomba for a slate of Coney – Chair, Gleesing – Vice Chair, Hazelbaker as treasurer. Seconded by Conklin.
 - ii. Motion amended by Bomba for Hazelbaker as secretary and treasurer. Seconded by Conklin.
Motion carried.
- 7. Economic Development Administration
 - a. CEDS Application
 - i. Staff gave update that the grant application is still pending EDA approval
 - b. District Status Application
 - i. Staff discussed plan to apply for Economic District status concurrently with CEDS development.
 - c. Conflict of Interest Policy
 - i. Motion by Coney to approve conflict of interest policy with correction to region and ensure board members are termed “representatives”. Seconded by Conklin. **Motion carried.**
 - d. Resolution to apply for district status
 - i. Motion by Hazelbaker to resolve to apply for Economic Development District status. Seconded by Coney. Motion carried.
- 8. Other Contracted Work
 - a. Michigan Association of Regions
 - i. Staff gave update on administrative work for MAR
 - b. Kalamazoo County Materials Management
 - i. Work has begun on data collection
 - c. Department of Natural Resources Spark
 - i. Discussion by representatives of joint plans for communities based on river plans around kayaking spots
- 9. Staff Report/Other
 - a. Update on Planning Work
 - i. Village of Homer
 - 1) Plan is authorized for distribution
 - ii. St. Joseph County
 - 1) Municipalities have been invoiced
 - b. Update on the Materials Management work
 - i. Lee Adams discussed work in Branch and St. Joseph joint plan
- 10. Correspondence
 - a. None
- 11. Representative Comments
 - a. Commissioner Gisler discussed Kalamazoo County purchase of property in downtown Kalamazoo.
- 12. Adjournment

Upcoming Schedule (tentative):
 Wednesday, October 22, 2025, Virtual
 Wednesday, November 19, 2025, No Meeting
 Wednesday, December 10, 2025, In Person