## AREA PLAN COMMISSION

## MINUTES November 7, 2016

THE MEETING OF THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION OF GRANT COUNTY was held on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM at a regularly scheduled meeting on the first floor of the Grant County Office Complex at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana.

Members present: Bob Bothwell, Myron Brankle, Chuck Briede, Rex Maynard, Jim McWhirt, Bob Monroe, Tyson Nuckols, Dick Treon and President, John Bonham.

Members absent: Mike Burton, Stacy Clupper, Tony Manry, and Karen Owen.

Staff present: Executive Director Larry Strange, APC attorney Bruce Elliott, and Recording Secretary Debbie Wallace.

John Bonham opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**: Chuck Briede moved Bob Bothwell seconded to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2016 meeting. All members present voting yes; vote 9-0; motion carried.

No petitions were filed.

## 2017 meeting schedule

**Motion:** Jim McWhirt moved Tyson Nuckols seconded to approve the meeting schedule for 2017. All members present voted yes; vote 9-0e. Motion carried.

John Bonham welcomed Larry Strange; Larry has been on the radio and interviewed by the newspaper and has attended all the town meetings; just to let the community know about Area Plan.

## Larry Strange -

Office reconfiguration - one thing mentioned is the need to have someone at the front counter at all times; there has been some discussion about moving someone so they are at or visible. He is still evaluating the need for someone to be at front counter. The office has started taking credit card payments; working toward being able to issue contractor registrations and permits on line. The conference room has been relocated to the back of the office.

Evaluations - instituting an evaluation program for the staff; this will be a pilot program for this year. Larry will also complete an evaluation form for himself and submit it to John Bonham.

Take home vehicle option - trying to become more efficient in the office and have inspectors start taking home the county truck and start inspections from their home. Inspector currently comes in the morning, gets his paper work together and then starts his inspects; felt if he didn't come in to the office in the morning it would save time. Rex Malott (part-time building inspector) will be taking a leave for the winter and Ryan Malott will cover while he is gone. Ryan lives in Gas City and if he could take home the truck it would save him time. Larry would like to give Ryan the option to take home the truck.

Chuck Briede questioned if the county had a take home policy for vehicles.

Jim McWhirt stated that is something that would have to be answered by the Commissioners. He would like to know if there is a policy in place before the APC board makes any type of decision on taking county vehicles home.