Sandstone Charter Township Board of Trustees Meeting

July 14, 2025

Draft MINUTES

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Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Gary W. Britten, Clerk Kimberly M. Britten, Treasurer Betty Sue VanWinkle, Trustees Jeff Hale, Nicole Cantrell, Cheryl Marks, Steve Noble

Pledge of Allegiance led by G. Britten

Public comment on agenda items: None

Agenda additions/deletions: None

Motion to Approve Agenda by Marks, **Second** by Hale — *Motion carried*

Motion to Approve Minutes by Hale (with corrections), **Second** by Marks — *Motion carried*

Motion to Approve prepaid bills by Hale, **Second** by Cantrell — *Motion carried*

Motion to Approve payment of payroll/Treasurer disbursements by Marks, **Second** by Hale — *Motion carried*

Sheriff's Report by Deputy Amy Bretes

Bldg. Inspector/Zoning Admin Report by Bryan Powers

County Commissioner Report by Tony Bair

Guests: MI Class rep. Jeff Anderson

Planning Commission Report by Niki Cantrell

Treasurer's Report by Betty Sue VanWinkle (monthly bank balances) **Motion** by Hale to close our General Fund Savings account at True Community and put the money in MI CLASS, **Second** by Marks. — *Motion carried*

Clerk's Report by Kim Britten Introduce MAMC Grant

Fire Board Report by G. Britten **Motion** by Noble to open the intergovernmental agreement for discussion of revision or replacement, **Second** by Cantrell. G. Britten will contact interested parties. — *Motion carried*

Unfinished Business

Website discussion; reviewed Revize proposal.

New business:

a) **Motion** by Cantrell to schedule Fall Clean-Up day for Saturday, October 11, 2025, which will include garbage trucks, metal collection bin and electronic recycling; **Second** by Marks. — *Motion carried*

b) **Motion** Marks to raise Zoning Administrator fee to $70, **Second** by Noble. — *Motion carried*

d) **Motion** by G. Britten to amend Public Improvement budget by increasing budged expenditure from $13,000 to $24,000, **Second** by Hale. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes

c) **Motion** by Noble to approve payment of Yearling lighting invoice of $23,460, Second by Marks. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes — *Motion carried*

e) **Motion** by Cantrell to approve audit contract with Drake in the amount of $10,000, **Second** by Marks. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes — *Motion carried*

Supervisor Report by G. Britten

a) JCDOT Policy regarding 70/30 road maintenance cost distributed to Board

b) PLDFA Update: PLDFA meeting in August; still working on due diligence reports

c) Supervisor recommended Planning Commission should consider developing a "workable ordinance" to cover utility scale wind/solar/battery projects.

d) Benn Rd Bridge update: we will find out in October or November whether the replacement project has been approved by the state.

e) Ordinance & other issues: Andy Trail dispute improving; no progress on 5000 Bennett

Board Comments: None

Public comments – open topic: None

Motion to adjourn by Marks, **Second** by Hale *Motion carried*

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Kimberly M. Britten
Clerk, Sandstone Charter Township