

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Terrance Augustine, Joseph Brehler, Blake Mulder and Barbara Rogers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jane Whitacre

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Jeremy Whittum, Ruthann Clark, Claudine Williams, Morgan Feldpausch, Travis Keeton, Rachel Cuschieri-Murray and John Fuentes

The December 14, 2022 regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Lautzenheiser.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Augustine moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mott moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rachel Cuschieri-Murray was present to introduce herself as the new Executive Director of the Eaton Conservation District. A brief overview of District programs, activities and upcoming events was provided.

An update of the remaining appointments was presented and reviewed. It was reported that Charamy Cleary and Ben Tirrell had expressed interest in the Purchase of Development Rights Selection Committee. The representative of the Conservation District on the Selection Committee was included as Ms. Murray to replace retired Director Sue Spagnuolo.

It was also reported that the County's representative to EATRAN, Vicky Beers, had discussed the need to be replaced due to scheduling conflicts that prevent her from attending and participating in EATRAN meetings with Chairman Whittum. Rob Piercefield has expressed interest in being appointed to the remainder of the term. Discussion held.

Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend the appointment of Charamy Cleary, Ben Tirrell and Rachel Cuschieri-Murray to two-year terms expiring December 31, 2024 on the Purchase of Development Rights Selection Committee; to remove Vicky Beers as the County's Northwest Quadrant representative on EATRAN at her request and appoint Rob Piercefield to the remainder of the three-year term expiring December 31, 2024 as the County's Northwest Quadrant

representative on EATRAN, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Controller/Administrator Fuentes reviewed the monthly reports for the Construction Code Enforcement Department. Discussion held.

Community Development Director, Claudine Williams, was present to provide the Department's monthly report. It was reported that the County received no applications in response to its solicitation of the availability of State Purchase of Development Rights grants funds. An update was also provided on the progress of the Master Plan update project.

Resource Recovery Coordinator, Morgan Feldpausch, was present to provide the monthly update on behalf of the Designated Implementing Agency. It was reported that the legislature passed a package of bills updating Part 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. As a result the County will need to update its Solid Waste Management Plan. The approved legislation also included funding to local units for the necessary planning activities. Discussion held.

An update was provided on the Michigan Materials Management County Engagement grant project, the Michigan Green Communities Program and Local Governments for Sustainability membership. Discussion held.

Parks Director, Travis Keeton, was present to provide the Department's monthly update. An outline of a proposed local grant program to be funded by the Parks Millage was provided. The outline included outstanding decision points that need to be determined to finalize the program. Discussion held regarding the creation of a Parks sub-committee/workgroup in January 2023 to recommend a local grant program to the Committee and Board for approval.

There was discussion regarding eliminating the current motor vehicle entry fees for County parks after the passage of the Parks Millage. Discussion held.

Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend amending the Parks Department fee schedule to eliminate motor vehicle entry fees, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mulder seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried. Commissioner Rogers opposed.

Director Keeton discussed future staffing changes to address additional maintenance projects. Discussion held. The consensus of the Committee was that organizational changes and staffing levels would be a matter discussed and recommended through the to-be formed Parks Millage sub-committee/workgroup.

An update was provided on the County's DNR SPARK grant application which is due December 19. There was discussion regarding the grant scoring criteria including extra consideration for applications demonstrating local funding participation. Further discussion held.

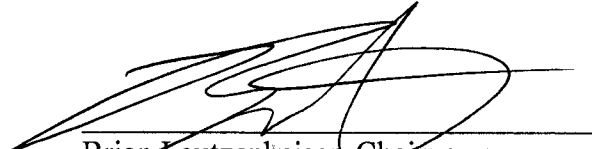
Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend to the Ways and Means Committee the approval of a budget amendment in the Parks and Recreation Fund of \$100,000 to be utilized as local matching funds for the County's SPARK grant application. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A revised resolution authorizing the Drain Commissioner to require deposits for preliminary costs associated with an application to lay out and designate a drainage district was presented and discussed. It was reported that resolution includes a maximum deposit and limits the application of such deposits to municipal and developer applications. Discussion held.

Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend approval of the resolution authorizing the Drain Commissioner to require deposits pursuant to the Drain Code, as presented, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Augustine and Brehler opposed.

Chairperson Lautzenheiser adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held in January 2023 on a date to be determined at the Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 3, 2023, in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.



Brian Lautzenheiser, Chairperson