

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024
9:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Barbara Rogers, Blake Mulder, Joe Brehler, Brian Lautzenheiser, Scott Hansen, and Trevor Youngquist.

ABSENT: Commissioner Terrance Augustine

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Jim Mott, Connie Sobie, Claudine Williams, Chris Garrison, Travis Keeton, Brandy Miller, Deb Penfield, Drain Commissioner Richard Wagner, Stacy Hissong, and Chris Mattson.

The January 10, 2024 regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Rogers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Youngquist seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Youngquist moved to approve the December 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. None.

Construction Code, Planning and Zoning Director, Chris Garrison, presented the department's monthly report. A contract has been signed for the BS&A online permitting system and the Department has a meeting on December 8, to begin discussions on its implementation. The goal is to be live in February. It was noted there are ongoing discussions with Equalization and the Treasurer's Office regarding moving to a cloud based BS&A system.

Brandy Miller, Zoning Administrator, gave an update on the Master Plan. It was reported the Planning Commission, at their December 5th meeting, moved to recommend the Board of Commissioners approve the Draft Eaton County Master Plan to be sent out for the required sixty three (63) day review and comment period. It was also requested by the Planning Commission the Board of Commissioners relinquish their final approval authority of the plan as long as no changes are made during this period. A Resolution to Reserve Right to Final Approval of the 2024 Eaton County Master Plan was presented. Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Board of Commissioners as presented. Commissioner Youngquist seconded. Commissioner Brehler opposed. Motion carried.

Ms. Miller also informed the Committee of an upcoming training in February for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals members presented by the Michigan Association of Planning regarding clarification of regulations.

Resource Recovery Program Assistant, Debbie Penfield, presented the department's monthly report. The Department received notice from EGLE of the initiation of the material management planning process which has been reported on for the past several months. The County now has 180 days to return a notice of intent to prepare a plan. Discussion was held. The Committee was informed the deadline for licensed waste haulers to submit second period reporting is January 15, 2024. To date zero reports have been received out of the nine (9) registered haulers. Discussion was held.

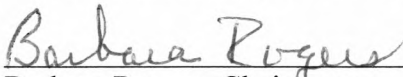
Parks Director, Travis Keeton, presented the department's monthly report. An update on Community Grant Projects was given and discussion was held in reference to a request from Barry County for a path connector to Maple Valley Schools from the county line at Curtis Road.

Chris Mattson, Project Manager at Spicer, and Stacy Hissong, General Counsel for the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners, gave a presentation regarding the Bank Intercounty Drain Project.

Limited Public Comment. None.

Chairperson Rogers adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioner Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813.


Barbara Rogers, Chairperson