

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 17, 2024

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, July 17, 2024 including the availability of virtual attendance by the public.

Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by all.

Roll call. Commissioners present: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Trevor Youngquist, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Jacob Toomey, Scott Hansen, Brian Lautzenheiser, Frank Holmes, Barbara Rogers and Jim Mott.

Commissioners absent: None.

Controller Sobie requested the second public comment section be moved to follow New Business.

Commissioner Toomey moved the approval of the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of the June 20, 2024 minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Mudry. Carried unanimously.

Communications: None.

Chairman Mott moved the approval of #24-7-74 Resolution of Appreciation for Tracey Gordeneer Treasurers Office.

WHEREAS, Tracey Gordeneer will be retiring from Eaton County on July 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Tracey worked in the Treasurer's Office as a Deputy Treasurer from August 5, 1996 and then as the Chief Deputy Treasurer from January 11, 2013, and is retiring with 28 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Tracey has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Tracey's years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Tracey provided to Eaton County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 17th day of the month of July in the year 2024.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Chairman Mott moved the approval of #24-7-75 Resolution of Appreciation for Marianne Gay District Court.

WHEREAS, Marianne Gay has retired from Eaton County on July 12, 2024; and
WHEREAS, Marianne worked in the District Court as a Deputy Clerk from June 30, 2014, and has retired with more than 10 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Marianne has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Marianne's years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Marianne provided to Eaton County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 17th day of the month of July in the year 2024.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Chairman Mott moved the approval of #24-7-76 Resolution of Appreciation for Jody Strang Prosecutors Office.

WHEREAS, Jody Strang will be retiring from Eaton County on August 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Jody worked in the Prosecutor's Office as a Legal Assistant from November 9, 1988, and then a Victim Advocate in 1999, was promoted to the Victim Witness Coordinator in 2017, and is retiring with more than 35 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Jody has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Jody's years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Jody provided to Eaton County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 17th day of the month of July in the year 2024.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Bank Intercounty Drain Project Update presented by Spicer Group.

Public Comment: Chief Judge Cunningham introduced newly appointed Circuit Court Judge Kelly Morton and newly appointed District Court Judge Adrienne Van Langevelde.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #24-7-77 Resolution to Amend the Sheriff Department Fee Schedule.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners has approved a User Fee Schedule for the Eaton County Sheriff Department; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee has reviewed and is recommending an increase to the rate for accident reports from \$7.00 to \$10.00 and the addition of a fee of \$10.00 for police reports;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the attached recommended Sheriff Department User Fee Schedule effective August 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any other User Fee Schedules established by the Sheriff Department are superseded by the attached schedule.

Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #24-7-78 Resolution to Approve SEMCO License Agreement.

WHEREAS, Eaton County owns and operates the Eaton County Sub-System which is part of the statewide public safety communications system known as the Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS); and

WHEREAS, SEMCO, a public utility company with a role in public safety, has reached an agreement with MPSCS officials to become an end user of the MPSCS System; and

WHEREAS, SEMCO has submitted a request to Eaton County to use the Sub-System for trucks/devices daily assigned to their Battle Creek Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County and SEMCO have agreed a non-exclusive license agreement shall be granted to SEMCO for use of the Sub-System subject to the terms and conditions of said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners approves a License Agreement with SEMCO; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners or his designee be authorized to sign any necessary documents.

Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #24-7-79 Resolution to Approve Memorandum of Agreement with the American Red Cross.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners established an emergency management program under resolution #02-09-99; and

WHEREAS, a primary function of Eaton County Emergency Management is to maintain, enhance, and activate, when necessary, the county's Emergency Operations Center (EOC); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Clerk to receive/request reimbursement from the Eaton Voting Grant in an amount not to exceed \$110,000; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller be authorized to approve any necessary budget amendments to increase expenditures and increase grant revenue if the grant is approved by the Michigan Department of State and the Michigan Bureau of Elections; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners or his designee be authorized to sign any necessary documents.
 Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of 24-7-81 Resolution to Approve 2023/2024 Budget Amendments.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2023/2024 Appropriations Act of September 20, 2023, states that any amendment to increase a salary and/or a Capital Outlay line-item in excess of \$2,500.00 or any amendment to increase the total budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be amended by the Board of Commissioners, except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and
 WHEREAS, such amendments are needed in order to comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act of 1978, P.A. 621.
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments be approved and added to the 2023/2024 Eaton County Budget:

GENERAL FUND

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 101.101

Increase	Interest & Dividends	\$ 1,250,000
Decrease	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 1,250,000
To increase budget based on updated revenue projections.		

COUNTY CLERK 101.215

Increase	Personnel - Fringes	\$ 7,500
Decrease	Contingency	\$ 7,500
To increase budget for changes in employee elected health insurance.		

EQUALIZATION 101.257

Increase	Personnel – Wages & Fringes	\$ 5,000
Decrease	Contingency	\$ 5,000
To increase budget for changes in employee turnover costs.		

CIRCUIT COURT 101.281.31

Increase	Legal Services Appointed Attorney Appeals	\$ 60,000
Increase	State Revenue – Attorney Fees	\$ 60,000
To increase budget for increase in attorney fee rate as increased by the State of Michigan.		

Increase	Settlement Revenue – Walmart	\$ 390,000
Increase	Interest & Dividends	\$ 75,000
Decrease	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 668,800
To increase budget for recognition of additional opioid settlements and interest revenue received to date.		

DONATIONS – YOUTH FACILITY 707

Increase	Donation Revenue	\$ 900
Increase	Other Services & Charges	\$ 1,900
Decrease	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 1,000
To increase budget for non-Child Care Fund eligible needs or incentives and miscellaneous youth expenses.		

DONATIONS – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 720

Increase	Donation Revenue	\$ 5,000
Increase	Other Services & Charges	\$ 5,000
To increase budget for victim advocate revenue and corresponding expenses.		

DRAIN DEBT 851

Increase	Special Assessment Revenue	\$ 300,000
Decrease	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 300,000
To increase budget to recognize drain debt home owner pre-payment revenues. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.		

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways & Means Committee for \$15,975,721.14 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report: Controller/Administrator Sobie stated department heads will attend the Ways & Means Committing meeting on July 26th to present the public services their offices provide.

Controller/Administrator Sobie also reported on the following items:

- Damage to the Keehne Environmental Area boardwalk.
- Resource Recovery Department grant funding recycling trailer. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on August 1st in Vermontville Township.
- Possible grant opportunity from Michigan High Speed Internet Office (MIHI) through Michigan's Inclusive Training, Technology and Equity Network (MITTEN) grant program to bolster digital inclusion and capacity building efforts for regional entities and collaboratives throughout the state.
- Bargaining meetings continue with the four remaining union groups. Discussions have been going well.

Commissioner Comments: Chairman Mott spoke of the upcoming Fireman Fest on July 27, 2024 in Olivet. On August 1, 2024 the Eaton County Sheriff's Department

WHEREAS, the purpose of the EOC is to establish a central location where government at any level can provide interagency coordination and execute decision-making to support incident response; and
WHEREAS, the American Red Cross provides services to help people prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters; and
WHEREAS, Eaton County and the American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter have agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for cooperation and support to assist individuals, families, and communities who have been or could be impacted by an emergency disaster; and
WHEREAS, said MOU provides the descriptions of readiness and the clarification of roles and responsibilities of the Red Cross and the County of Eaton to the community and other agencies.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners approves entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this MOU supersedes any previous agreements and shall remain in effect until July 31, 2029, unless extended or terminated; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners or his designee be authorized to sign any necessary documents.
Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the 2023 MERS Annual Meeting Delegate Commissioner Pearl-Wright as Officer Delegate with Andrea Cherwinski as Officer Alternate, and Nolan Brown as Employee Delegate with Jennifer Hankins as Employee Alternate.
Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #24-7-80 Resolution to Approve Early Voting Reimbursement Grant Application.

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan's Fiscal Year 2024 budget includes a grant to provide funding for the implementation and execution of early voting as required under Section 4(1)(m) of Article II of the Constitution of Michigan of 1963 and in accordance with Public Acts 81-88 of 2023; and
WHEREAS, under Section 4(1)(m) of Article II of the Constitution of Michigan of 1963, registers electors have the right to vote in each statewide and federal election in person at an early voting site prior to Election Day; and
WHEREAS, grant funding is available, with no match requirement, from the Michigan Department of State and the Michigan Bureau of Elections to fund election materials, equipment, vendor support, and staffing support for early voting implementation of County Early Voting Site Agreement(s); and
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Clerk collaborated with 19 municipalities of the County to accommodate early voting sites and entered into County Early Voting Site Agreement(s) with those municipalities; and
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Clerk has completed and submitted the required application, along with the countywide early voting plan in September of 2023 ; and
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Clerk is requesting reimbursement for expenses in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

SHERIFF - CORRECTIONS 101.301.51

Increase	Inmate Medical Services	\$ 100,000
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 100,000
To increase budget for cost of medical services for individuals prior to being booked into the County Jail.		

VETERAN SERVICES 101.689

Increase	Veteran's Burials	\$ 5,000
Decrease	Contingency	\$ 5,000
To increase budget for burial benefits for veterans.		

TRANSFERS OUT 101.999

Increase	Transfers Out – Health Insurance Fund	\$ 132,500
Decrease	Contingency	\$ 132,500
To increase budget for health self-insurance cost based on the increase in claims costs.		

GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY REPORTING

Beginning Balance	\$ 150,000
County Clerk – Fringes	\$ 7,500
Equalization – Wages & Fringes	\$ 5,000
Veteran Services – Veteran's Burials	\$ 5,000
Transfer to Health Insurance Fund	\$ 132,500
Ending Contingency Balance	\$ 0

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**PARKS AND RECREATION 208**

Increase	Project Costs	\$ 100,000
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 100,000
To increase budget, not to exceed \$100,000, for the replacement of stairs at Fitzgerald Park as proposed by the Public Works and Planning Committee.		

CDBG HOUSING 236

Increase	Project Costs	\$ 35,000
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 35,000
To increase budget for increased grant project expenses.		

CONSTRUCTION CODE 249

Increase	Proceeds from Borrowing	\$ 27,850
Increase	Vehicle	\$ 27,850
To increase budget for recognition of new vehicle purchased in fiscal year 2023/24.		

OPIOID SETTLEMENT 284

Increase	Settlement Revenue – Distributor	\$ 10,000
Increase	Settlement Revenue – Teva	\$ 33,500
Increase	Settlement Revenue – Allegan	\$ 43,000
Increase	Settlement Revenue – CVS	\$ 41,000
Increase	Settlement Revenue – Walgreens	\$ 76,300

and Charlotte City Police Department will be hosting an active shooting drill at Charlotte Schools. Chairman Mott also thanked Controller Sobie and her staff for securing appropriations for the Bank Intercounty Drain from the State of Michigan and for potential funds we may receive via U.S. Senator Gary Peters' office for Federal Funding.

There was no Unfinished Business or Old Business.

New Business: Prosecutor Lloyd presented the Resolution to Support a Fixed Tax Limitation Millage in the November 2024 Election.

Chairman Mott moved the approval of #24-7-82 Resolution to Support a Fixed Tax Limitation Mileage in the November 2024 Election.

WHEREAS, the Property Tax Limitation Act, being Public Act 62 of 1933 (MCL 211.201 *et seq*), allows for separate tax limitations; and

WHEREAS, the County faces a projected budget shortfall of \$23 million for the 2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee has met and has unanimously voted to recommend a fixed tax limitation millage rate for an indefinite period or until altered by the voters of Eaton County; and

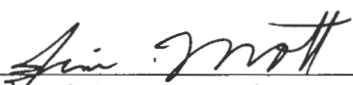
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to place the Tax Limitation Proposal on a ballot for public consideration.

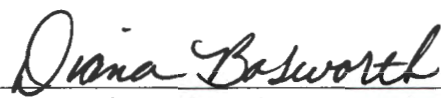
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners sees the important role the County Government and staff play in providing services and public safety to all residents and so STRONGLY SUPPORT the Tax Limitation Proposal at the election on November 5, 2024.

Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Discussion held. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Prosecutor Lloyd spoke regarding the above resolution.

Chairman Mott adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m.


Chairman of the Board of Commissioners


Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
TRACEY GORDENEER
TREASURERS OFFICE
JULY 17, 2024**

Chairman Mott moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

WHEREAS, Tracey Gordeneer will be retiring from Eaton County on July 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Tracey worked in the Treasurer's Office as a Deputy Treasurer from August 5, 1996 and then as the Chief Deputy Treasurer from January 11, 2013, and is retiring with 28 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Tracey has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Tracey's years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Tracey provided to Eaton County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 17th day of the month of July in the year 2024. Carried unanimously.

Jim Mott
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Diana Bosworth
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
TRACEY GORDENEER
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JULY 17, 2024**

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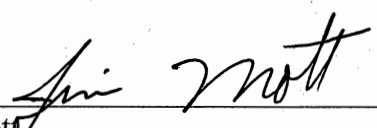
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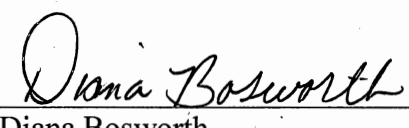
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Tracey's years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Tracey provided to Eaton County; and

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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
MARIANNE GAY
DISTRICT COURT
JULY 17, 2024**

WHEREAS, Marianne Gay has retired from Eaton County on July 12, 2024; and

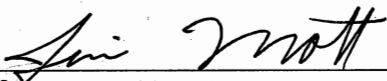
WHEREAS, Marianne worked in the District Court as a Deputy Clerk from June 30, 2014, and has retired with more than 10 years of service; and

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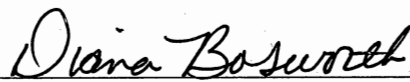
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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
MARIANNE GAY
DISTRICT COURT
JULY 17, 2024**

Chairman Mott moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
JODY STRANG
PROSECUTORS OFFICE
JULY 17, 2024**

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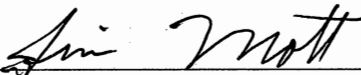
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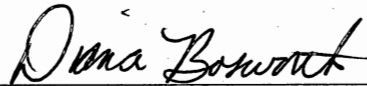
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Jody's years of public service.

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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
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PROSECUTORS OFFICE
JULY 17, 2024**

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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JULY 17, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
FEE SCHEDULE**

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners has approved a User Fee Schedule for the Eaton County Sheriff Department; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee has reviewed and is recommending an increase to the rate for accident reports from \$7.00 to \$10.00 and the addition of a fee of \$10.00 for police reports;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the attached recommended Sheriff Department User Fee Schedule effective August 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any other User Fee Schedules established by the Sheriff Department are superseded by the attached schedule. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JULY 17, 2024

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SEMCO LICENSE AGREEMENT

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

WHEREAS, Eaton County owns and operates the Eaton County Sub-System which is part of the statewide public safety communications system known as the Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS); and

WHEREAS, SEMCO, a public utility company with a role in public safety, has reached an agreement with MPSCS officials to become an end user of the MPSCS System; and

WHEREAS, SEMCO has submitted a request to Eaton County to use the Sub-System for trucks/devices daily assigned to their Battle Creek Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County and SEMCO have agreed a non-exclusive license agreement shall be granted to SEMCO for use of the Sub-System subject to the terms and conditions of said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners approves a License Agreement with SEMCO; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners or his designee be authorized to sign any necessary documents. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JULY 17, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE
AMERICAN RED CROSS**

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners established an emergency management program under resolution #02-09-99; and

WHEREAS, a primary function of Eaton County Emergency Management is to maintain, enhance, and activate, when necessary, the county's Emergency Operations Center (EOC); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the EOC is to establish a central location where government at any level can provide interagency coordination and execute decision-making to support incident response; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross provides services to help people prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County and the American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter have agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for cooperation and support to assist individuals, families, and communities who have been or could be impacted by an emergency disaster; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners approves entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners or his designee be authorized to sign any necessary documents. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**JULY 17, 2024****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COUNTY CLERK EARLY VOTING GRANT
REIMBURSEMENT****Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan's Fiscal Year 2024 budget includes a grant to provide funding for the implementation and execution of early voting as required under Section 4(1)(m) of Article II of the Constitution of Michigan of 1963 and in accordance with Public Acts 81-88 of 2023; and

WHEREAS, under Section 4(1)(m) of Article II of the Constitution of Michigan of 1963, registers electors have the right to vote in each statewide and federal election in person at an early voting site prior to Election Day; and

WHEREAS, grant funding is available, with no match requirement, from the Michigan Department of State and the Michigan Bureau of Elections to fund election materials, equipment, vendor support, and staffing support for early voting implementation of County Early Voting Site Agreement(s); and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Clerk collaborated with 19 municipalities of the County to accommodate early voting sites and entered into County Early Voting Site Agreement(s) with those municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Clerk has completed and submitted the required application, along with the countywide early voting plan in September of 2023 ; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Clerk is requesting reimbursement for expenses in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Clerk to receive/request reimbursement from the Eaton Voting Grant in an amount not to exceed \$110,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller be authorized to approve any necessary budget amendments to increase expenditures and increase grant revenue if the grant is approved by the Michigan Department of State and the Michigan Bureau of Elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners or his designee be authorized to sign any necessary documents. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**JULY 17, 2024****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2023/2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS****Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2023/2024 Appropriations Act of September 20, 2023, states that any amendment to increase a salary and/or a Capital Outlay line-item in excess of \$2,500.00 or any amendment to increase the total budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be amended by the Board of Commissioners, except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, such amendments are needed in order to comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act of 1978, P.A. 621.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments be approved and added to the 2023/2024 Eaton County Budget:

GENERAL FUND**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 101.101**

Increase	Interest & Dividends	\$ 1,250,000
Decrease	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 1,250,000

To increase budget based on updated revenue projections.

COUNTY CLERK 101.215

Increase	Personnel - Fringes	\$ 7,500
Decrease	Contingency	\$ 7,500

To increase budget for changes in employee elected health insurance.

EQUALIZATION 101.257

Increase	Personnel – Wages & Fringes	\$ 5,000
Decrease	Contingency	\$ 5,000

To increase budget for changes in employee turnover costs.

CIRCUIT COURT 101.281.31

Increase	Legal Services Appointed Attorney Appeals	\$ 60,000
Increase	State Revenue – Attorney Fees	\$ 60,000

To increase budget for increase in attorney fee rate as increased by the State of Michigan.

SHERIFF - CORRECTIONS 101.301.51

Increase	Inmate Medical Services	\$ 100,000
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 100,000

To increase budget for cost of medical services for individuals prior to being booked into the County Jail.

VETERAN SERVICES 101.689

Increase	Veteran's Burials	\$ 5,000
Decrease	Contingency	\$ 5,000

To increase budget for burial benefits for veterans.

TRANSFERS OUT 101.999

Increase	Transfers Out – Health Insurance Fund	\$ 132,500
Decrease	Contingency	\$ 132,500

To increase budget for health self-insurance cost based on the increase in claims costs.

GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY REPORTING

Beginning Balance	\$ 150,000
County Clerk – Fringes	- \$ 7,500
Equalization – Wages & Fringes	- \$ 5,000
Veteran Services – Veteran's Burials	- \$ 5,000
Transfer to Health Insurance Fund	- \$ 132,500
Ending Contingency Balance	\$ 0

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

PARKS AND RECREATION 208

Increase	Project Costs	\$ 100,000
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 100,000

To increase budget, not to exceed \$100,000, for the replacement of stairs at Fitzgerald Park as proposed by the Public Works and Planning Committee.

CDBG HOUSING 236

Increase	Project Costs	\$ 35,000
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 35,000

To increase budget for increased grant project expenses.

CONSTRUCTION CODE 249

Increase	Proceeds from Borrowing	\$ 27,850
Increase	Vehicle	\$ 27,850

To increase budget for recognition of new vehicle purchased in fiscal year 2023/24.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT 284

Increase	Settlement Revenue – Distributor	\$ 10,000
Increase	Settlement Revenue – Teva	\$ 33,500
Increase	Settlement Revenue – Allegan	\$ 43,000
Increase	Settlement Revenue – CVS	\$ 41,000
Increase	Settlement Revenue – Walgreens	\$ 76,300
Increase	Settlement Revenue – Walmart	\$ 390,000
Increase	Interest & Dividends	\$ 75,000
Decrease	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 668,800

To increase budget for recognition of additional opioid settlements and interest revenue received to date.

DONATIONS – YOUTH FACILITY 707

Increase	Donation Revenue	\$ 900
Increase	Other Services & Charges	\$ 1,900
Decrease	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 1,000

To increase budget for non-Child Care Fund eligible needs or incentives and miscellaneous youth expenses.

DONATIONS – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 720

Increase	Donation Revenue	\$ 5,000
Increase	Other Services & Charges	\$ 5,000

To increase budget for victim advocate revenue and corresponding expenses.

DRAIN DEBT 851

Increase	Special Assessment Revenue	\$ 300,000
Decrease	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 300,000

To increase budget to recognize drain debt home owner pre-payment revenues. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JULY 17, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A FIXED TAX LIMITATION MILLAGE IN THE
NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION**

Chairman Mott moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

WHEREAS, the Property Tax Limitation Act, being Public Act 62 of 1933 (MCL 211.201 *et seq*), allows for separate tax limitations; and

WHEREAS, the County faces a projected budget shortfall of \$23 million for the 2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee has met and has unanimously voted to recommend a fixed tax limitation millage rate for an indefinite period or until altered by the voters of Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to place the Tax Limitation Proposal on a ballot for public consideration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners sees the important role the County Government and staff play in providing services and public safety to all residents and so **STRONGLY SUPPORT** the Tax Limitation Proposal at the election on November 5, 2024. Carried unanimously.