

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 20, 2024

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Thursday, June 20, 2024 including the availability of virtual attendance by the public.

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

Commissioner Mulder 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.

Chairman Mott requested the addition of Item #2 under New Business - Public Art Grant Discussion.

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

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of the May 15, 2024 Regular and minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried unanimously.

Communications: Resolutions received from Branch County, Genesee County and Jackson County.

Commissioner Augustine moved the approval of #24-6-64 Resolution of Appreciation for Roger Betz Michigan State University Eaton County Extension Office.

WHEREAS, Roger Betz retired from Eaton County on January 1, 2024; and  
WHEREAS, Roger worked for Michigan State University in the Eaton County Extension office from April 1, 1982 to January 1, 2024 for a combined total of over 41 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Roger has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents of Eaton County and the State of Michigan; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Roger provided to Michigan State University, Eaton County Extension, County residents, and the farming community both locally and statewide.

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 20th day of the month of June in the year 2024.

Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously

Commissioner Augustine moved the approval of #24-6-65 Resolution of Appreciation for Robyn Morehouse Friend of the Court.

WHEREAS, Robyn Morehouse will be retiring from Eaton County on June 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Robyn worked in the County Treasurer's Office from April 28, 1997, until transferring to the Friend of the Court as a Court Financial Assistant on August 15, 2013, and is retiring with more than 27 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Robyn 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 Robyn'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 Robyn provided to Eaton County.

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 20th day of the month of June in the year 2024.

Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #24-6-66 Resolution Opposing MDHHS Plans to Implement New Conflict Free Access and Planning Strategies in Michigan.

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) is a multi-county Community Mental Health Services Program (CMHSP) and a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) serving residents of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties. CMHA-CEI provides specialty mental health services and supports to over 13,000 persons with mental health conditions, youth with serious emotional disturbance, individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and individuals with substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, the public mental health system in Michigan is based on the Federal Community Mental Health Centers Act of 1963 and grounded in the Michigan Mental Health Code, Public Act 258 of 1974. This created a state and county partnership for community mental health and related safety net services; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement ensures that shared state and county mental health policy objectives are accountable to local communities and their elected representatives. This arrangement also ensures that resource and care decisions are ultimately accountable through board governance to the persons and families that need public mental health services, including allocated PA2 funding; and

WHEREAS, CMHSPs are instruments of county government with statutorily defined obligations that mitigate against the likelihood of a pecuniary conflict of interest. These include direct accountability to the community through a public board, open meetings, a guaranteed recipient rights appeal & grievance system, established independent person-centered planning facilitation requirements, and expanding availability of consumer self-determination/self-directed options.

WHEREAS, MDHHS has announced its decision to require CMHSPs to separate service assessment and planning from service delivery, requiring beneficiaries to receive the assessment and planning services from one entity and ongoing direct services from another, separate entity by October 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS after careful review the conclusions are that the current decision:

- Is in conflict with the statutory responsibilities of CMHSPs under Michigan law;
- Erroneously implies profit driven or undue enrichment motives on the part of governmental entities (CMHSPs and PIHPs) instead of recognizing what is actually a formal transfer of governmental responsibility from the State to the Counties for the delivery of public behavioral health services;
- Ignores the capitation-based financing of the Michigan public behavioral health system, which is constant and does not vary by volume of individuals served negating any conflicts of interest in service planning and service delivery;
- Ignores Michigan's current shared risk (with MDHHS) financing system which already mitigates against conflict and self-interest.
- Is in conflict with the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model currently being implemented and expanded in Michigan;
- Ignores, at best, and disregards, at worst, input from persons with lived experience that have consistently stated that the available procedural safeguards are preferable to systemic/structural upheaval inherent in MDHHS announced decisions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in the strongest possible terms, and for the reasons noted herein, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners opposes the MDHHS announced structural strategies for compliance with the federal Conflict Free Access and Planning Rules.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Eaton County respectfully asks the Governor to urge MDHHS to rethink their proposal for the Conflict Free Access & Planning requirements within the context of the 61 year state and county statutory relationship for public mental health services and collaborate with the Michigan Community Mental Health Association to identify procedural pathways for compliance that build on the strengths of the existing CMHSP system.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to US Senator Debbie Stabenow, US Representative Elissa Slotkin, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, Speaker of the House Joe Tate, Senator Sarah Anthony, Representative Angela Witwer, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Nays: Commissioner Youngquist. Carried.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #24-6-67 Resolution to Authorize Application for Byrne Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Grant.

WHEREAS, the Office of Drug Control Policy has Byrne Memorial Grant funds available; and  
WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is desirous of submitting a grant application; and  
WHEREAS, the grant will provide funding for jail-based residential substance abuse treatment program; and  
WHEREAS, the grant application will seek up to \$200,000, and requires a 25% match for this purpose; and  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, acceptance of the grant, if approved will be contingent upon the identification and appropriation of the required matching funds; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the County's participation in the grant is discontinued or requires a County General Fund contribution, the continuation of the grant funded positions will be reviewed by the appropriate committees to determine the necessity of General Fund commitment; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator be authorized to approve any necessary budget amendments to increase expenditures and increase grant revenue if the grant is approved; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners be authorized to sign any necessary documents.  
Seconded by Commissioner Toomey. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #24-6-68 Resolution to Approve DCA 5-24-3.

PREAMBLE: The Eaton County Land Development Code, an Ordinance adopted by the Commissioners of the County of Eaton pursuant to Public Act 183 of 1943, and administered pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, may be amended from time to time by following procedures outlined in Article 13 of the Development Code.  
WHEREAS, Eaton County Planning Commission initiated a petition for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinance). Amendments are proposed to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.1 A), Article 10 Off-Street Parking and Loading (amend Subsection 10.4), and Article 14 Specific Provisions and Requirements (amend Subsection 14.1 Agricultural Business and 14.13 Home Business).; and  
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Planning Commission held a duly advertised and noticed public hearing on June 4, 2024; and  
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Planning Commission found the requested amendment to be consistent with the required findings of fact (Items A through G) contained in Section 13.6 of the Eaton County Land Development Code; and  
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Planning Commission has taken action on June 4, 2024 to recommend the adoption of the ordinance amendments for reasons stated at the meeting.  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Eaton, Michigan having considered the findings of facts and recommendations hereby:

APPROVES the request by Eaton County Planning Commission for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (zoning ordinance). Amendments are made to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.1 A), Article 10 Off-Street Parking and Loading (amend Subsection 10.4), and Article 14 Specific Provisions and Requirements (amend Subsection 14.1 Agricultural Business and 14.13 Home Business).  
Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #24-6-69 Resolution to Approve DCA 6-24-4.

PREAMBLE: The Eaton County Land Development Code, an Ordinance adopted by the Commissioners of the County of Eaton pursuant to Public Act 183 of 1943, and administered pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, may be amended from time to time by following procedures outlined in Article 13 of the Development Code.

WHEREAS, Eaton County Planning Commission initiated a petition for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinance). Amendments are proposed to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.1 A), Article 10 Off-Street Parking and Loading (amend Subsection 10.4), and Article 14 Specific Provisions and Requirements (amend Subsection 14.1 Agricultural Business and 14.13 Home Business).; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Planning Commission held a duly advertised and noticed public hearing on June 4, 2024; and WHEREAS, the Eaton County Planning Commission found the requested amendment to be consistent with the required findings of fact (Items A through G) contained in Section 13.6 of the Eaton County Land Development Code; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Planning Commission has taken action on June 4, 2024 to recommend the adoption of the ordinance amendments for reasons stated at the meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Eaton, Michigan having considered the findings of facts and recommendations hereby:

APPROVES the request by Eaton County Planning Commission for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (zoning ordinance). Amendments are made to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.1 A), Article 10 Off-Street Parking and Loading (amend Subsection 10.4), and Article 14 Specific Provisions and Requirements (amend Subsection 14.1 Agricultural Business and 14.13 Home Business).

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #24-6-70 Resolution to Approve County Veterans Services MVAA Grant Application.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency has grant funds available to counties to enhance and improve county veterans service operations; and  
WHEREAS, the Community Development/Veterans' Services Department has developed a plan to utilize the funds to enhance veteran services within Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the County is eligible for up to \$115,428 in base and per capita funding; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works & Planning Committee has reviewed the proposed plan prepared by the Community Development/Veterans' Services Department to utilize these grant funds and is recommending the approval of a grant application based on said plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the submission of a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$115,428 for 2025; 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 State of Michigan; and

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

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the 2024 Annual Equalization L-4029 Report.

Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #24-6-71 Resolution to Approve Application for Title IV-E Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Human Services has Title IV-E funding available through the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; and  
WHEREAS, the Trial Court Juvenile Division is seeking to apply for Title IV-E funding in order to offset the expenses of the County for parent and child legal representation in child abuse and neglect hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee recommends the approval of the grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Trial Court Juvenile Division to submit a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; 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 State of Michigan; and

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

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

There were no budget amendments.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways & Means Committee for \$24,256,347.93 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #24-6-72 Resolution to Approve Contract for Audit Services for the Fiscal Years Ending September 30, 2024-2026.

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee solicited proposals for audit services for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2024 through 2026; and  
WHEREAS, based on evaluation of the proposals received, the Ways and Means Committee is recommending the County accept the proposal of Rehmann.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contractual agreement be signed between Eaton County and Rehmann for a period of three years in the amounts \$74,500, \$78,000 and \$82,000 for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2024 through 2026, respectively; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute said contractual agreement for the County.  
Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the Bargaining with Governmental Employees Labor Council (GELC) and Tentative Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Administrator's Report: Controller Sobie reported on necessary adjustments, cuts and changes in the amount of 4.5 million to the budget and that administration will be recommending a budget with cost of living wage increases for employees.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Droscha stated the Commissioners will staff an information booth at the Eaton County Fair in July to discuss the County's financial standing with the community.

Commissioner Toomey stated 2-1-1 is a good resource in locating cooling centers. He also noted that Dimondale's Annually Car Show was a success.

Commissioner Mulder stated the Music in the Park festival is currently being held in Grand Ledge.

Chairman Mott thanked Chad Powers and Jeremy Mulvany for a of the tour of the Youth Facility.

There was no Unfinished Business or Old Business.

New Business: Commissioner Mulder moved the acceptance of the Public Art Grant and the placement of the artwork at the Juvenile Facility. Seconded Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Augustine moved the approval of #24-6-73 Resolution Submitting to a Vote of the Electorate the Establishment of Separate Tax Limitations for Eaton County, the Townships, and the Intermediate School District.

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 Eaton County voters approved such a separate limitation in 1978; and WHEREAS, the 1978 separate millage limitations have been substantially reduced by State rollback provisions from the levels approved by Eaton County voters in 1978; and WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to initiate a review and vote of the electorate as to the appropriateness of altering the current fixed millage limitations pursuant to Section 5k of the Property Tax Limitation Act (being MCL 211.205k); and

WHEREAS, with Resolution 24-5-63, the Board of Commissioners resolved to alter or extend the fixed millage limitation, then notified persons and bodies having appointive powers of the resolution so that a County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee could be created to review and provide a recommendation as to the county fixed millage limitation; and

WHEREAS, the County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee has met and has unanimously voted to submit to the Board of Commissioners a proposal for the establishment of a fixed tax limitation millage rate for an indefinite period or until altered by the voters of Eaton County that the committee considers will provide for the financial needs of the county, townships, and intermediate school district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Eaton County at the general election to be held November 5, 2024.

SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS PROPOSAL FOR EATON COUNTY,  
THE TOWNSHIPS, AND THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Shall separate tax limitations be established for an indefinite period, or until altered by the voters of the county for the County of Eaton and the townships and the intermediate school district within the county, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 9.700 mills as follows:

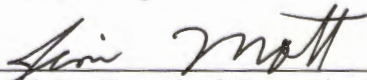
|                              | <u>Mills</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| County of Eaton              | 8.500        |
| Townships                    | 1.000        |
| Intermediate School District | <u>0.200</u> |
| Total                        | 9.700        |

YES [ ] NO [ ]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this question is hereby certified to the County Clerk. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to cause the proposed to be stated on the November 5, 2024, ballot and to be prepared and distributed in the manner required by law.

Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Attorney David Stoker of Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C. spoke regarding the process. Doug Lloyd spoke in support of the proposed tax limitation question. Discussion held. Carried unanimously.

Chairman Mott adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 20, 2024**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
ROGER BETZ  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
EATON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

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

**WHEREAS**, Roger Betz retired from Eaton County on January 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Roger worked for Michigan State University in the Eaton County Extension office from April 1, 1982 to January 1, 2024 for a combined total of over 41 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Roger has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents of Eaton County and the State of Michigan; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Roger provided to Michigan State University, Eaton County Extension, County residents, and the farming community both locally and statewide.

**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 20th day of the month of June 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**

**JUNE 20, 2024**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
ROGER BETZ  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
EATON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, Roger Betz retired from Eaton County on January 1, 2024; and

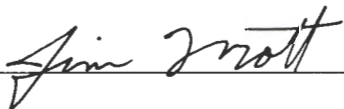
**WHEREAS**, Roger worked for Michigan State University in the Eaton County Extension office from April 1, 1982 to January 1, 2024 for a combined total of over 41 years of service; and

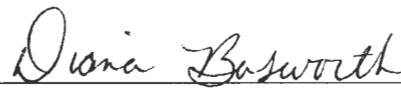
**WHEREAS**, Roger has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents of Eaton County and the State of Michigan; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Roger provided to Michigan State University, Eaton County Extension, County residents, and the farming community both locally and statewide.

**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 20th day of the month of June in the year 2024.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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  
ROBYN MOREHOUSE  
FRIEND OF THE COURT  
JUNE 20, 2024**

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

**WHEREAS**, Robyn Morehouse will be retiring from Eaton County on June 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Robyn worked in the County Treasurer's Office from April 28, 1997, until transferring to the Friend of the Court as a Court Financial Assistant on August 15, 2013, and is retiring with more than 27 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Robyn 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 Robyn'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 Robyn provided to Eaton County.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month of June 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  
ROBYN MOREHOUSE  
FRIEND OF THE COURT  
JUNE 20, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Robyn Morehouse will be retiring from Eaton County on June 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Robyn worked in the County Treasurer's Office from April 28, 1997, until transferring to the Friend of the Court as a Court Financial Assistant on August 15, 2013, and is retiring with more than 27 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Robyn 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 Robyn'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 Robyn provided to Eaton County.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month of June in the year 2024.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Mott  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Diana Bosworth  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 20, 2024**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING MDHHS PLANS TO IMPLEMENT NEW CONFLICT  
FREE ACCESS AND PLANNING STRATEGIES IN MICHIGAN**

**Introduced by the Public Safety Committee**

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

**WHEREAS**, Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) is a multi-county Community Mental Health Services Program (CMHSP) and a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) serving residents of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties. CMHA-CEI provides specialty mental health services and supports to over 13,000 persons with mental health conditions, youth with serious emotional disturbance, individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and individuals with substance use disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, the public mental health system in Michigan is based on the Federal Community Mental Health Centers Act of 1963 and grounded in the Michigan Mental Health Code, Public Act 258 of 1974. This created a state and county partnership for community mental health and related safety net services; and

**WHEREAS**, this arrangement ensures that shared state and county mental health policy objectives are accountable to local communities and their elected representatives. This arrangement also ensures that resource and care decisions are ultimately accountable through board governance to the persons and families that need public mental health services, including allocated PA2 funding; and

**WHEREAS**, CMHSPs are instruments of county government with statutorily defined obligations that mitigate against the likelihood of a pecuniary conflict of interest. These include direct accountability to the community through a public board, open meetings, a guaranteed recipient rights appeal & grievance system, established independent person-centered planning facilitation requirements, and expanding availability of consumer self-determination/self-directed options.

**WHEREAS**, MDHHS has announced its decision to require CMHSPs to separate service assessment and planning from service delivery, requiring beneficiaries to receive the assessment and planning services from one entity and ongoing direct services from another, separate entity by October 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS** after careful review the conclusions are that the current decision:

- Is in conflict with the statutory responsibilities of CMHSPs under Michigan law;

- Erroneously implies profit driven or undue enrichment motives on the part of governmental entities (CMHSPs and PIHPs) instead of recognizing what is actually a formal transfer of governmental responsibility from the State to the Counties for the delivery of public behavioral health services;
- Ignores the capitation-based financing of the Michigan public behavioral health system, which is constant and does not vary by volume of individuals served negating any conflicts of interest in service planning and service delivery;
- Ignores Michigan's current shared risk (with MDHHS) financing system which already mitigates against conflict and self-interest.
- Is in conflict with the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model currently being implemented and expanded in Michigan;
- Ignores, at best, and disregards, at worst, input from persons with lived experience that have consistently stated that the available procedural safeguards are preferable to systemic/structural upheaval inherent in MDHHS announced decisions.

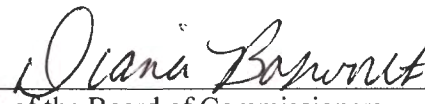
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in the strongest possible terms,** and for the reasons noted herein, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners **opposes the MDHHS announced structural strategies** for compliance with the federal Conflict Free Access and Planning Rules.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** that Eaton County respectfully asks the Governor to urge MDHHS to rethink their proposal for the Conflict Free Access & Planning requirements within the context of the 61 year state and county statutory relationship for public mental health services and collaborate with the Michigan Community Mental Health Association to identify procedural pathways for compliance that build on the strengths of the existing CMHSP system.

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be provided to US Senator Debbie Stabenow, US Representative Elissa Slotkin, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, Speaker of the House Joe Tate, Senator Sarah Anthony, Representative Angela Witwer, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

THIS RESOLUTION was adopted by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 20, 2024.

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 20, 2024**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR BYRNE RESIDENTIAL  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (RSAT) GRANT**

**Introduced by the Public Safety Committee**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Drug Control Policy has Byrne Memorial Grant funds available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office is desirous of submitting a grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant will provide funding for jail-based residential substance abuse treatment program; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant application will seek up to \$200,000, and requires a 25% match for this purpose; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, acceptance of the grant, if approved will be contingent upon the identification and appropriation of the required matching funds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the County's participation in the grant is discontinued or requires a County General Fund contribution, the continuation of the grant funded positions will be reviewed by the appropriate committees to determine the necessity of General Fund commitment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Controller/Administrator be authorized to approve any necessary budget amendments to increase expenditures and increase grant revenue if the grant is approved; and

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

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 20, 2024**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DCA-5-24-3**

**Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee**

**PREAMBLE:** The Eaton County Land Development Code, an Ordinance adopted by the Commissioners of the County of Eaton pursuant to Public Act 183 of 1943, and administered pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, may be amended from time to time by following procedures outlined in Article 13 of the Development Code.

**WHEREAS,** Eaton County Planning Commission initiated a petition for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinance). Amendments are proposed to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.1 A), Article 10 Off-Street Parking and Loading (amend Subsection 10.4), and Article 14 Specific Provisions and Requirements (amend Subsection 14.1 Agricultural Business and 14.13 Home Business).; and

**WHEREAS,** the Eaton County Planning Commission held a duly advertised and noticed public hearing on **June 4, 2024**; and

**WHEREAS,** the Eaton County Planning Commission found the requested amendment to be consistent with the required findings of fact (Items A through G) contained in Section 13.6 of the Eaton County Land Development Code; and

**WHEREAS,** the Eaton County Planning Commission has taken action on **June 4, 2024** to recommend the adoption of the ordinance amendments for reasons stated at the meeting.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Eaton, Michigan having considered the findings of facts and recommendations hereby:

**APPROVES** the request by Eaton County Planning Commission for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (zoning ordinance). Amendments are made to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.1 A), Article 10 Off-Street Parking and Loading (amend Subsection 10.4), and Article 14 Specific Provisions and Requirements (amend Subsection 14.1 Agricultural Business and 14.13 Home Business).

At the regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners on June 20, 2024 the Resolution regarding the approval of said request was adopted.

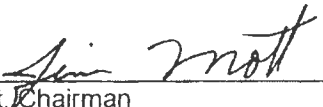
Those voting Aye: Commissioners Barnes, Mulder, Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright,  
Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Droscha, Toomey, Hansen, Holmes, Rogers and Mott

Those voting Nay: None

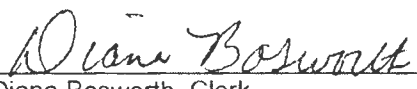
Abstention: None

Absent: Commissioner Lautzenheiser

Motion carried.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Mott, Chairman  
Eaton County Board of Commissioners

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance amending the Eaton County Land Development Code, which was approved, is a true and correct copy of that recorded in the official minutes of June 20, 2024 of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Diana Bosworth, Clerk  
Eaton County Board of Commissioners

## EATON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

### ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT DCA-5-24-3

**District Change Amendment DCA-5-24-3 to amend the Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinance) of Eaton County, as enacted in 1981 pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended.**

An application for a District Change Amendment for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (zoning ordinance). Amendments are made to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.1 A), Article 10 Off-Street Parking and Loading (amend Subsection 10.4), and Article 14 Specific Provisions and Requirements (amend Subsection 14.1 Agricultural Business and 14.13 Home Business).

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Planning Commission held a duly advertised and noticed public hearing on **June 4, 2024**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Planning Commission has taken action on **June 4, 2024** to recommend approval of the text amendment:

**WHEREAS**, after careful consideration of the amendment, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approved the aforementioned text amendment as follows:

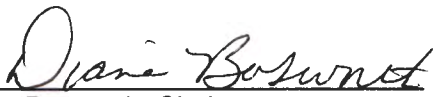
|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| Yeas       | <u>14</u> |
| Nays       | <u>0</u>  |
| Abstaining | <u>0</u>  |
| Absent     | <u>1</u>  |

I, Diana Bosworth, Clerk for the County of Eaton, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinance), as amended and passed by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners on **June 20, 2024** and now on record in the office of the Clerk of said County.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at the City of Charlotte, Michigan, the

20th day of June, 2024

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Mott, Chairman  
Eaton County Board of Commissioners

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Diana Bosworth, Clerk  
Eaton County Board of Commissioners

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 20, 2024**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DCA-6-24-4**

**Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee**

**PREAMBLE:** The Eaton County Land Development Code, an Ordinance adopted by the Commissioners of the County of Eaton pursuant to Public Act 183 of 1943, and administered pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, may be amended from time to time by following procedures outlined in Article 13 of the Development Code.

**WHEREAS,** Eaton County Planning Commission initiated a petition for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinance). Amendments are proposed to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.19 S), and Article 11 Advertising Structures, Signs and Name Plates.; and

**WHEREAS,** the Eaton County Planning Commission held a duly advertised and noticed public hearing on **June 4, 2024**; and

**WHEREAS,** the Eaton County Planning Commission found the requested amendment to be consistent with the required findings of fact (Items A through G) contained in Section 13.6 of the Eaton County Land Development Code; and

**WHEREAS,** the Eaton County Planning Commission has taken action on **June 4, 2024** to recommend the adoption of the ordinance amendments for reasons stated at the meeting.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Eaton, Michigan having considered the findings of facts and recommendations hereby:

**APPROVES** the request by Eaton County Planning Commission for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (zoning ordinance). Amendments are made to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.19 S), and Article 11 Advertising Structures, Signs and Name Plates.

At the regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners on June 20, 2024 the Resolution regarding the approval of said request was adopted.

Those voting Aye: Commissioners Barnes, Mulder, Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright,  
Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Droscha, Toomey, Hansen, Holmes, Rogers and Mott

Those voting Nay: None

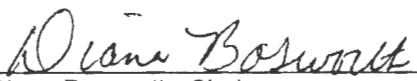
Abstention: None

Absent: Commissioner Lautzenheiser

Motion carried.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Mott, Chairman  
Eaton County Board of Commissioners

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance amending the Eaton County Land Development Code, which was approved, is a true and correct copy of that recorded in the official minutes of June 20, 2024 of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Diana Bosworth, Clerk  
Eaton County Board of Commissioners

## EATON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

### ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT DCA-6-24-4

**District Change Amendment DCA-6-24-4 to amend the Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinance) of Eaton County, as enacted in 1981 pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended.**

An application for a District Change Amendment for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (zoning ordinance). Amendments are made to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.19 S), and Article 11 Advertising Structures, Signs and Name Plates.

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Planning Commission held a duly advertised and noticed public hearing on **June 4, 2024**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Planning Commission has taken action on **June 4, 2024** to recommend approval of the text amendment:

**WHEREAS**, after careful consideration of the amendment, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approved the aforementioned text amendment as follows:

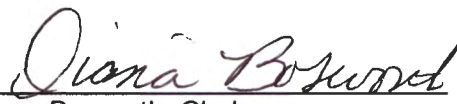
|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| Yeas       | <u>14</u> |
| Nays       | <u>0</u>  |
| Abstaining | <u>0</u>  |
| Absent     | <u>1</u>  |

I, Diana Bosworth, Clerk for the County of Eaton, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinance), as amended and passed by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners on **June 20, 2024** and now on record in the office of the Clerk of said County.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at the City of Charlotte, Michigan, the

20th day of June, 2024

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Mott, Chairman  
Eaton County Board of Commissioners

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Diana Bosworth, Clerk  
Eaton County Board of Commissioners

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 20, 2024**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES GRANT  
APPLICATION**

**Introduced by the Public Works & Planning Committee**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency has grant funds available to counties to enhance and improve county veterans service operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development/Veterans' Services Department has developed a plan to utilize the funds to enhance veteran services within Eaton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is eligible for up to \$115,428 in base and per capita funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works & Planning Committee has reviewed the proposed plan prepared by the Community Development/Veterans' Services Department to utilize these grant funds and is recommending the approval of a grant application based on said plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the submission of a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$115,428 for 2025; 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 State of Michigan; and

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

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 20, 2024**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR TITLE IV-E CHILD & PARENT  
LEGAL REPRESENTATION GRANT**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

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

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Human Services has Title IV-E funding available through the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trial Court Juvenile Division is seeking to apply for Title IV-E funding in order to offset the expenses of the County for parent and child legal representation in child abuse and neglect hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ways and Means Committee recommends the approval of the grant application.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Trial Court Juvenile Division to submit a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; 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 State of Michigan; and

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

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 20, 2024**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR  
AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS  
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 - 2026**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolutions. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

**WHEREAS**, the Ways and Means Committee solicited proposals for audit services for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2024 through 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, based on evaluation of the proposals received, the Ways and Means Committee is recommending the County accept the proposal of Rehmann.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a contractual agreement be signed between Eaton County and Rehmann for a period of three years in the amounts \$74,500, \$78,000 and \$82,000 for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2024 through 2026, respectively; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute said contractual agreement for the County. Carried unanimously.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 20, 2024**

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS FOR EATON COUNTY, THE  
TOWNSHIPS, AND THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Commissioner Augustine 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 Eaton County voters approved such a separate limitation in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1978 separate millage limitations have been substantially reduced by State rollback provisions from the levels approved by Eaton County voters in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to initiate a review and vote of the electorate as to the appropriateness of altering the current fixed millage limitations pursuant to Section 5k of the Property Tax Limitation Act (being MCL 211.205k); and

**WHEREAS**, with Resolution 24-5-63, the Board of Commissioners resolved to alter or extend the fixed millage limitation, then notified persons and bodies having appointive powers of the resolution so that a County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee could be created to review and provide a recommendation as to the county fixed millage limitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee has met and has unanimously voted to submit to the Board of Commissioners a proposal for the establishment of a fixed tax limitation millage rate for an indefinite period or until altered by the voters of Eaton County that the committee considers will provide for the financial needs of the county, townships, and intermediate school district.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following question be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Eaton County at the general election to be held November 5, 2024.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 20, 2024

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Thursday, June 20, 2024 including the availability of virtual attendance by the public.

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

Commissioner Mulder 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.

Chairman Mott requested the addition of Item #2 under New Business - Public Art Grant Discussion.

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

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of the May 15, 2024 Regular and minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried unanimously.

Communications: Resolutions received from Branch County, Genesee County and Jackson County.

Commissioner Augustine moved the approval of #24-6-64 Resolution of Appreciation for Roger Betz Michigan State University Eaton County Extension Office.

WHEREAS, Roger Betz retired from Eaton County on January 1, 2024; and  
WHEREAS, Roger worked for Michigan State University in the Eaton County Extension office from April 1, 1982 to January 1, 2024 for a combined total of over 41 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Roger has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents of Eaton County and the State of Michigan; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Roger provided to Michigan State University, Eaton County Extension, County residents, and the farming community both locally and statewide.

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 20th day of the month of June in the year 2024.

Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously

Commissioner Augustine moved the approval of #24-6-65 Resolution of Appreciation for Robyn Morehouse Friend of the Court.

WHEREAS, Robyn Morehouse will be retiring from Eaton County on June 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Robyn worked in the County Treasurer's Office from April 28, 1997, until transferring to the Friend of the Court as a Court Financial Assistant on August 15, 2013, and is retiring with more than 27 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Robyn 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 Robyn'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 Robyn provided to Eaton County.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month of June in the year 2024.

Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #24-6-66 Resolution Opposing MDHHS Plans to Implement New Conflict Free Access and Planning Strategies in Michigan.

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) is a multi-county Community Mental Health Services Program (CMHSP) and a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) serving residents of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties. CMHA-CEI provides specialty mental health services and supports to over 13,000 persons with mental health conditions, youth with serious emotional disturbance, individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and individuals with substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, the public mental health system in Michigan is based on the Federal Community Mental Health Centers Act of 1963 and grounded in the Michigan Mental Health Code, Public Act 258 of 1974. This created a state and county partnership for community mental health and related safety net services; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement ensures that shared state and county mental health policy objectives are accountable to local communities and their elected representatives. This arrangement also ensures that resource and care decisions are ultimately accountable through board governance to the persons and families that need public mental health services, including allocated PA2 funding; and

WHEREAS, CMHSPs are instruments of county government with statutorily defined obligations that mitigate against the likelihood of a pecuniary conflict of interest. These include direct accountability to the community through a public board, open meetings, a guaranteed recipient rights appeal & grievance system, established independent person-centered planning facilitation requirements, and expanding availability of consumer self-determination/self-directed options.

WHEREAS, MDHHS has announced its decision to require CMHSPs to separate service assessment and planning from service delivery, requiring beneficiaries to receive the assessment and planning services from one entity and ongoing direct services from another, separate entity by October 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS after careful review the conclusions are that the current decision:

- Is in conflict with the statutory responsibilities of CMHSPs under Michigan law;
- Erroneously implies profit driven or undue enrichment motives on the part of governmental entities (CMHSPs and PIHPs) instead of recognizing what is actually a formal transfer of governmental responsibility from the State to the Counties for the delivery of public behavioral health services;
- Ignores the capitation-based financing of the Michigan public behavioral health system, which is constant and does not vary by volume of individuals served negating any conflicts of interest in service planning and service delivery;
- Ignores Michigan's current shared risk (with MDHHS) financing system which already mitigates against conflict and self-interest.
- Is in conflict with the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model currently being implemented and expanded in Michigan;
- Ignores, at best, and disregards, at worst, input from persons with lived experience that have consistently stated that the available procedural safeguards are preferable to systemic/structural upheaval inherent in MDHHS announced decisions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in the strongest possible terms, and for the reasons noted herein, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners opposes the MDHHS announced structural strategies for compliance with the federal Conflict Free Access and Planning Rules.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Eaton County respectfully asks the Governor to urge MDHHS to rethink their proposal for the Conflict Free Access & Planning requirements within the context of the 61 year state and county statutory relationship for public mental health services and collaborate with the Michigan Community Mental Health Association to identify procedural pathways for compliance that build on the strengths of the existing CMHSP system.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to US Senator Debbie Stabenow, US Representative Elissa Slotkin, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, Speaker of the House Joe Tate, Senator Sarah Anthony, Representative Angela Witwer, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Nays: Commissioner Youngquist. Carried.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #24-6-67 Resolution to Authorize Application for Byrne Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Grant.

WHEREAS, the Office of Drug Control Policy has Byrne Memorial Grant funds available; and  
WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is desirous of submitting a grant application; and  
WHEREAS, the grant will provide funding for jail-based residential substance abuse treatment program; and  
WHEREAS, the grant application will seek up to \$200,000, and requires a 25% match for this purpose; and  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, acceptance of the grant, if approved will be contingent upon the identification and appropriation of the required matching funds; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the County's participation in the grant is discontinued or requires a County General Fund contribution, the continuation of the grant funded positions will be reviewed by the appropriate committees to determine the necessity of General Fund commitment; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator be authorized to approve any necessary budget amendments to increase expenditures and increase grant revenue if the grant is approved; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners be authorized to sign any necessary documents.  
Seconded by Commissioner Toomey. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #24-6-68 Resolution to Approve DCA 5-24-3.

PREAMBLE: The Eaton County Land Development Code, an Ordinance adopted by the Commissioners of the County of Eaton pursuant to Public Act 183 of 1943, and administered pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, may be amended from time to time by following procedures outlined in Article 13 of the Development Code.  
WHEREAS, Eaton County Planning Commission initiated a petition for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinance). Amendments are proposed to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.1 A), Article 10 Off-Street Parking and Loading (amend Subsection 10.4), and Article 14 Specific Provisions and Requirements (amend Subsection 14.1 Agricultural Business and 14.13 Home Business).; and  
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Planning Commission held a duly advertised and noticed public hearing on June 4, 2024; and  
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Planning Commission found the requested amendment to be consistent with the required findings of fact (Items A through G) contained in Section 13.6 of the Eaton County Land Development Code; and  
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Planning Commission has taken action on June 4, 2024  
to recommend the adoption of the ordinance amendments for reasons stated at the meeting.  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Eaton, Michigan having considered the findings of facts and recommendations hereby:

APPROVES the request by Eaton County Planning Commission for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (zoning ordinance). Amendments are made to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.1 A), Article 10 Off-Street Parking and Loading (amend Subsection 10.4), and Article 14 Specific Provisions and Requirements (amend Subsection 14.1 Agricultural Business and 14.13 Home Business).  
Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #24-6-69 Resolution to Approve DCA 6-24-4.

PREAMBLE: The Eaton County Land Development Code, an Ordinance adopted by the Commissioners of the County of Eaton pursuant to Public Act 183 of 1943, and administered pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, may be amended from time to time by following procedures outlined in Article 13 of the Development Code.

WHEREAS, Eaton County Planning Commission initiated a petition for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinance). Amendments are proposed to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.1 A), Article 10 Off-Street Parking and Loading (amend Subsection 10.4), and Article 14 Specific Provisions and Requirements (amend Subsection 14.1 Agricultural Business and 14.13 Home Business).; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Planning Commission held a duly advertised and noticed public hearing on June 4, 2024; and WHEREAS, the Eaton County Planning Commission found the requested amendment to be consistent with the required findings of fact (Items A through G) contained in Section 13.6 of the Eaton County Land Development Code; and  
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Planning Commission has taken action on June 4, 2024 to recommend the adoption of the ordinance amendments for reasons stated at the meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Eaton, Michigan having considered the findings of facts and recommendations hereby:

APPROVES the request by Eaton County Planning Commission for a Comprehensive Amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (zoning ordinance). Amendments are made to the following: Article 5 Definitions (amend Subsection 5.3.1 A), Article 10 Off-Street Parking and Loading (amend Subsection 10.4), and Article 14 Specific Provisions and Requirements (amend Subsection 14.1 Agricultural Business and 14.13 Home Business).

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #24-6-70 Resolution to Approve County Veterans Services MVAA Grant Application.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency has grant funds available to counties to enhance and improve county veterans service operations; and  
WHEREAS, the Community Development/Veterans' Services Department has developed a plan to utilize the funds to enhance veteran services within Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the County is eligible for up to \$115,428 in base and per capita funding; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works & Planning Committee has reviewed the proposed plan prepared by the Community Development/Veterans' Services Department to utilize these grant funds and is recommending the approval of a grant application based on said plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the submission of a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$115,428 for 2025; 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 State of Michigan; and

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

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the 2024 Annual Equalization L-4029 Report.

Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #24-6-71 Resolution to Approve Application for Title IV-E Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Human Services has Title IV-E funding available through the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the Trial Court Juvenile Division is seeking to apply for Title IV-E funding in order to offset the expenses of the County for parent and child legal representation in child abuse and neglect hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee recommends the approval of the grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Trial Court Juvenile Division to submit a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; 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 State of Michigan; and

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

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

There were no budget amendments.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways & Means Committee for \$24,256,347.93 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #24-6-73 Resolution to Approve Contract for Audit Services for the Fiscal Years Ending September 30, 2024-2026.

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee solicited proposals for audit services for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2024 through 2026; and  
WHEREAS, based on evaluation of the proposals received, the Ways and Means Committee is recommending the County accept the proposal of Rehmann.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contractual agreement be signed between Eaton County and Rehmann for a period of three years in the amounts \$74,500, \$78,000 and \$82,000 for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2024 through 2026, respectively; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute said contractual agreement for the County.  
Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the Bargaining with Governmental Employees Labor Council (GELC) and Tentative Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Administrator's Report: Controller Sobie reported on necessary adjustments, cuts and changes in the amount of 4.5 million to the budget and that administration will be recommending a budget with cost of living wage increases for employees.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Droscha stated the Commissioners will staff an information booth at the Eaton County Fair in July to discuss the County's financial standing with the community.

Commissioner Toomey stated 2-1-1 is a good resource in locating cooling centers. He also noted that Dimondale's Annually Car Show was a success.

Commissioner Mulder stated the Music in the Park festival is currently being held in Grand Ledge.

Chairman Mott thanked Chad Powers and Jeremy Mulvany for a of the tour of the Youth Facility.

There was no Unfinished Business or Old Business.

New Business: Commissioner Mulder moved the acceptance of the Public Art Grant and the placement of the artwork at the Juvenile Facility. Seconded Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Augustine moved the approval of #24-6-74 Resolution Submitting to a Vote of the Electorate the Establishment of Separate Tax Limitations for Eaton County, the Townships, and the Intermediate School District.

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 Eaton County voters approved such a separate limitation in 1978; and WHEREAS, the 1978 separate millage limitations have been substantially reduced by State rollback provisions from the levels approved by Eaton County voters in 1978; and WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to initiate a review and vote of the electorate as to the appropriateness of altering the current fixed millage limitations pursuant to Section 5k of the Property Tax Limitation Act (being MCL 211.205k); and

WHEREAS, with Resolution 24-5-63, the Board of Commissioners resolved to alter or extend the fixed millage limitation, then notified persons and bodies having appointive powers of the resolution so that a County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee could be created to review and provide a recommendation as to the county fixed millage limitation; and

WHEREAS, the County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee has met and has unanimously voted to submit to the Board of Commissioners a proposal for the establishment of a fixed tax limitation millage rate for an indefinite period or until altered by the voters of Eaton County that the committee considers will provide for the financial needs of the county, townships, and intermediate school district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Eaton County at the general election to be held November 5, 2024.

SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS PROPOSAL FOR EATON COUNTY,  
THE TOWNSHIPS, AND THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Shall separate tax limitations be established for an indefinite period, or until altered by the voters of the county for the County of Eaton and the townships and the intermediate school district within the county, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 9.700 mills as follows:

|                              | <u>Mills</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| County of Eaton              | 8.500        |
| Townships                    | 1.000        |
| Intermediate School District | <u>0.200</u> |
| Total                        | 9.700        |

YES [ ]      NO [ ]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this question is hereby certified to the County Clerk. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to cause the proposed to be stated on the November 5, 2024, ballot and to be prepared and distributed in the manner required by law.

Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Attorney David Stoker of Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C. spoke regarding the process. Doug Lloyd spoke in support of the proposed tax limitation question. Discussion held. Carried unanimously.

Chairman Mott adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

**SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS PROPOSAL FOR EATON COUNTY,  
THE TOWNSHIPS, AND THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Shall separate tax limitations be established for an indefinite period, or until altered by the voters of the county for the County of Eaton and the townships and the intermediate school district within the county, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 9.700 mills as follows:

|                              | <u>Mills</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| County of Eaton              | 8.500        |
| Townships                    | 1.000        |
| Intermediate School District | <u>0.200</u> |
| Total                        | 9.700        |

YES [    ]      NO [    ]

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this question is hereby certified to the County Clerk.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to cause the proposed to be stated on the November 5, 2024, ballot and to be prepared and distributed in the manner required by law. Carried unanimously.