

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 18, 2024

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, December 18, 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, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Jacob Toomey, Scott Hansen, Brian Lautzenheiser, Frank Holmes, Barbara Rogers and Jim Mott. Commissioners absent: Trevor Youngquist.

Commissioner Toomey moved the approval of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of November 20, 2024 minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications: Annual reports of the County Clerk and Register of Deeds. Resolution from Iosco County. Letter from Weather-Ready Nation congratulating Eaton County for becoming a StormReady County.

Representative Angela Witwer presented State of Michigan Tributes to Commissioners Joseph Brehler, Barbara Rogers, Brian Lautzenheiser, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, and Trevor Youngquist.

Commissioner Toomey moved the approval of #24-12-117 Resolution of Appreciation for County Treasurer Robert Robinson. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Toomey moved the approval of #24-12-118 Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Trevor Youngquist. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Toomey moved the approval of #24-12-119 Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Brian Lautzenheiser. Seconded by Haskell. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Toomey moved the approval of #24-12-120 Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Barbara Rogers. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Toomey moved the approval of #24-12-121 Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Terrance Augustine. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Toomey moved the approval of #24-12-122 Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Blake Mulder. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Toomey moved the approval of #24-12-123 Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Joseph Brehler. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Public Comment: Sheriff Reich introduced ten cadet graduates/new deputies.

Jason Gillman, resident of Windsor Township, spoke of a FOIA appeal decision.

The Annual Report of the County Treasurer Performance Bond – P.A. 211 of 2007 was received. (On file)

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the Approval of #24-12-124 Resolution to Continue Eaton County Human Services Collaborative Council. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of #24-12-125 Resolution to Approve Opioid Settlement Funding Distribution Recommendations. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #24-12-126 Resolution to Approve Oneida Township Police Services Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #24-12-127 Resolution to Approve Windsor Township Police Services Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Toomey. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #24-12-128 Resolution to Approve EGLE Scrap Tire Recycling Grant Application. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #24-12-129 Resolution to Approve Contract for HHW, Electronics and Battery Recycling 2025-2027. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the Ways and Means Committee appointments. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #24-12-130 Resolution to Obligate American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #24-12-131 Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding to Use ARPA Funds for Bank Drain. Seconded by Commissioner Mudry. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #24-12-132 Resolution to Approve Interim Agreement for the Operation of the Youth Facility. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #24-12-133 Resolution Establishing Commissioner Compensation and Mileage Reimbursement and Compensation for Non-Commissioner Members of Appointed Committees and Commissions, to be effective January 1, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #24-12-134 Resolution to Approve FY 2024/25 Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Brehler. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #24-12-135 Resolution for Countywide Public Safety Millage Proposition. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser.

Discussion held. Roll call: Ayes: Commissioner Barnes, Mulder, Augustine, Haskell, Mudry, Brehler, Droscha, Toomey, Hansen, Lautzenheiser, Holmes, Rogers, and Mott. Nays: Pearl-Wright. Absent: Youngquist. Motion carried. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Settlement as recommended by legal counsel and reviewed by Ways and Means. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the Personnel Settlement Agreement as recommended by legal counsel and reviewed by Ways and Means. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways & Means Committee for \$ 13,026,163.30 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report: Controller Sobie thanked the public for their engagement over the last year. She recognized the stress County employees have endured over the last year and expressed appreciation for how they have continued to keep the County functioning. For the officials and department heads, she noted their dedication to the County and their offices. She thanked the employees for supporting the annual SIREN Adopt-a-Family program and shared that this was the County's 37th year participating. She thanked all the board members for their support in the ballot

proposal that was on the November ballot and the unity and leadership they showed by working to put the County in a better financial position. Finally, she spoke of the commissioners who are leaving after this term and their impact on the County over their many years of service. She appreciates what she has learned from all of them over the years.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioners Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Barnes thanked retirees for their years of service. Commissioner Holmes spoke regarding State lame-duck legislation. Commissioner Mudry spoke regarding good management of funds. Chairman Mott thanked the retiring commissioners for their work and support. He also thanked Connie Sobie and the County Controller staff for their continued hard work.

There was no Unfinished Business or Old Business.

New Business: Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the Health and Human Services Committee meeting minutes of December 2, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barnes moved the Public Safety Committee meeting minutes of December 5, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Toomey. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved the Information Technology & Communication Committee meeting minutes of December 4, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the Public Works and Planning Commission committee meeting minutes of December 5, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the Ways & Means regular and closed committee meeting minutes of December 5, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Augustine moved the Eaton County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of December 18, 2024, be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Eaton County Prosecutor Doug Lloyd thanked the retiring commissioners for their service. He also spoke in favor of a May public safety millage proposal. Chairman Mott read a statement from Mary Clark of Delta Township in support of the May public safety millage proposal.

Chairman Mott adjourned the meeting to Organizational Meeting on Thursday, January 2, 2025, 7:00 p.m.


Chairman of the Board of Commissioners


Clerk of the Board of Commissioners