

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024
9:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Barbara Rogers, Blake Mulder, Joe Brehler, Brian Lautzenheiser, Terrance Augustine, and Scott Hansen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner TJ Youngquist

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott, and Brian Droscha; Connie Sobie, Claudine Williams, Chris Garrison, Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, Alex Zegarzewski, Marcus Service, and Ethan Jacobs

The December 11, 2024 regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Rogers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the agenda as amended to add Eaton County Road Commission Appointment discussion to Miscellaneous. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the November 13, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Mulder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. None.

Marcus Service, Soil Erosion Enforcement Officer, presented the 2024 Drain Commissioner Semi-Annual Report. Mr. Service stated six of the projects listed will be completed in the spring of 2025. He also gave an update on the Bank Intercounty Drain stating the scope of the project has been determined, easements are in place, and the department will be able to obtain bids in March 2025.

Chris Garrison, Construction Code Director, presented the department's monthly report. The MSHDA Housing Readiness Grant should be announced in the next couple of weeks. If awarded this funding will assist the department in updating the zoning ordinance to address housing needs. Mr. Garrison also reported Windsor Township will take over their own building permitting and inspecting on January 1, 2025.

Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, Resource Recovery Director, presented the department's monthly report. He stated the department is continuing to work with other recycling centers in reference to potential changes in county programs. He noted the department is switching from three to two recycling events in 2025 in order to reduce costs and increase attendance and efficiency of the events.

Through an RFP process, the department is recommending the County contract with the following to recycle the waste from these events: Schupan for Electronics Recycling (E-Waste), ERG for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), and Schupan for Battery Collection. The department continues to operate the Sunfield Recycling Center, receiving materials from Calhoun County, Vermontville, Eaton Rapids, and some materials from Bellevue/Olivet. Discussion was held. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of the RFP contracts for the recycling events to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mulder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bogdanov-Hanna stated that several Michigan counties are delaying MMPC work until future official guidance and templates are released. The Resource Recovery Department, acting as the Eaton County Designated Planning Agency, is recommending Eaton County also delay their work and request a 90-day extension from EGLE on the submission of the Work Plan. The department still plans to begin MMPC meetings, with the first meeting being held on January 14, 2025. Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval of a request to EGLE to delay the submission of the County's MMP Work Plan. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend a Resolution to Approve a Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy Scrap Tire Recycling Grant Application to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mulder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

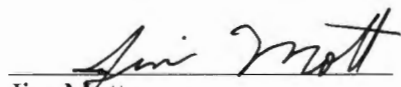
Alex Zegarzewski, Parks Director, presented the department's monthly report. Director Zegarzewski gave an update on future events and work being completed throughout all of the parks. Staff met with the City of Grand Ledge in reference to the strategic plan for Fitzgerald Park and then discussed final changes with Williams & Works. The final concept design should be received from Williams and Works by the end of December. Once the concept design is reviewed, a final plan will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for final approval of the plan. Discussion was held.

Miscellaneous. It was reported Keith Barber and Ben Lyons have both resigned from the Eaton County Road Commission. Both of these partial terms will need to be filled in 2025.

Limited Public Comment. None.

Chairperson Rogers adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held in January 2025 on a date to be determined at the Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 2, 2025, in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.


Jim Mott
Chairman of the Board of Directors