

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Keith Barber, Brian Droscha, Scott Hansen, Frank Holmes, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, and Jacob Toomey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jane Whitacre

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Jim Mott, Connie Sobie, Claudine Williams, Chris Garrison, Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, and Alex Zegarzewski

The January 8, 2025 regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Barber.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Toomey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. None.

Chris Garrison, Construction Code Director, presented the department's monthly report. Director Garrison announced the MSHDA Housing Readiness Grant for \$50,000.00 has been awarded. Mr. Garrison reported there were approximately 600 fewer permits issued in 2024 than in 2023.

Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, Resource Recovery Director, presented the department's monthly report. Director Bagdanov-Hanna reported the department has received several Solid Waste Ordinance Licenses for waste haulers and is currently working on addressing late submissions. Noncompliance hearings have been scheduled for the February 5, 2025 Public Works and Human Services Committee. Certified letters notifying late haulers of the hearing have been mailed. Director Bogdanov-Hanna presented a resolution for approval of FY 2024/2025 SWAG Grants and a resolution to apply for an EGLE MMP Work Plan Grant. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of a Resolution to Approve 2024-2025 Solid Waste Alternative Grant (SWAG) Program Recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of a Resolution to Authorize an Application to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for the 2025 Materials Management Planning Grant for Work Programs to the Board of Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

Alex Zegarzewski, Parks Director, presented the department's monthly report. Director Zegarzewski reported the parks staff has been working on renovating the Interpretive Center at Lincoln Brick Park and discussed future park events. He announced the final concept design for Fitzgerald Park will be on the committee's agenda in February. Discussion was held.

Connie Sobie, Controller/Administrator, gave an update on the schedule for agency reporting.

Miscellaneous. Commissioner Barber stated there are six applications for the two open positions on the Eaton County Road Commission. Five applicants, Mike Atayan, Michael Baker, James Green, Ronald Kendall, and Andy Shaver, were in attendance and made statements to the Committee regarding their qualifications and desire to serve. Appointment selections were conducted via secret ballot. Ronald Kendall was selected on the first ballot and accepted the two year term. James Green was selected on the second ballot and accepted the four year term. Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved the selected appointments to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Holmes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. Chad Powers, Eaton County Facilities Management Director, introduced himself to the new committee members.

Chairperson Barber adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Human Services Committee will be held on February 5, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.

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Keith Barber, Chairperson