

# EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 19, 2025

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, March 19, 2025, including the availability of virtual attendance by the public.

Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Mott gave the invocation.

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

Roll call. Commissioners present: Chris Arndt, Jason Peek, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Kyle Jones, Brian Droscha, Jacob Toomey, Scott Hansen, Nicole Christensen, Jim Mott, Frank Holmes, Keith Barber. Commissioners absent: None.

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Toomey. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved the approval of the February 6, 2025 special minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Arndt. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the February 19, 2025 regular minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Peek. Carried unanimously.

Communications: Carmel Township Planning and Zoning Letter. (On file)

MDNR Trust Fund Application Public Comment for Lincoln Brick Park Expansion. No public comment.

Public Comments: None

Commissioner Barber moved the approval of #25-3-30 Resolution to Approve Entering into Memorandum of Understanding Between Eaton County Construction Codes and City of Grand Ledge. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Barber moved the approval of #25-3-31 Resolution to Approve Application for the Office of Highway Safety Planning Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program. Seconded by Commissioner Toomey. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Holmes moved the approval of #25-3-32 Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Eaton County and Delta Township for the use of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Holmes moved the approval of #25-3-33 Resolution to Approve FY 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program Region 1 Sub-Recipient Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of #25-3-34 Resolution to Approve Employee Economic Policy Changes for Non-Union Employees (ESTA). Seconded by Commissioner Barber. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved the approve of #25-3-35 Resolution to Approve County Clerk Election Security Grant Reimbursement. Seconded by Commissioner Toomey. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approve of #25-3-36 Resolution to Authorize Application to DNR Trust Fund Acquisition Grant for Lincoln Brick Park Expansion. Seconded by Commissioner Whitacre. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of #25-3-37 Resolution to Approve FY24/25 Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways & Means Committee for \$10,602,717.93 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Sobie stated her staff is seeking Federal & State funding for several projects: ADA compliance improvements, security improvements, battery and generator backup for the Governmental Complex, and electrical power for Crandell Park. Administrator Sobie stated they have received the final audited financial statements. They will be submitted to the Federal auditing clearinghouse and to the State Local Audit and Finance division. The principal of the audit firm Rehmann will be at the next Ways and Means Committee and Board meeting to provide information.

Elected Official Comments: County Treasurer Reynnet presented an update of operations of the County Treasurer's office. County Prosecutor Lloyd presented an update of operations of the County Prosecutor's office. He also spoke regarding the County Public Safety millage and in support of county employees. County Clerk Bosworth spoke regarding sustainable funding of her offices. Kim Morris presented her duties as Election Coordinator.

Commissioner Comments: Chair Mott spoke regarding employee communications which should be directed to the Human Resources Department. He spoke regarding the tough decisions the Board will have to make in regard to the County budget. He stated it is critical to pass the Public Safety millage for the safety of County citizens.

Commissioners Haskell, Christensen, Droscha, Pearl-Wright, Holmes, Mudry, Whitaker and Hansen spoke in support of the Public Safety millage. Commissioner

Barber spoke against approving any spending requests while we are uncertain of the millage outcome.

There was no Unfinished Business, Old Business or New Business.

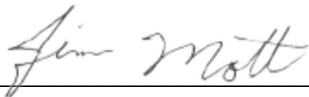
Public Comment: Sheree Ritchie of Delta Township spoke regarding the Bank Intercounty Drain assessments.

Commissioner Droscha moved to enter into closed session at 7:18 a.m. under Section 15. 268 Section 1.(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss attorney-client privileged letter from Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C. dated March 13, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Toomey.

Roll call. Yeas: Commissioners Arndt, Peek, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Whitacre, Mudry, Jones, Droscha, Toomey, Hansen, Christensen, Mott, Holmes, Barber. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 8:28 p.m.

Chairman Mott adjourned the meeting to Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.



Chairman of the Board of Commissioners



Clerk of the Board of Commissioners