

# **PUBLIC WORKS & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025**

**9:00 A.M.**

## **MINUTES**

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### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commissioners Keith Barber, Brian Droscha, Scott Hansen, Frank Holmes, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane Whitacre, and Jacob Toomey

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Commissioners Jim Mott and Nichole Christensen; Connie Sobie, Claudine Williams, Chris Garrison, Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, Brandy Miller, Chad Powers, Sara Lurie, Mike Serafini, and Yvonne Ridge City Manager for Eaton Rapids

The April 2, 2025, regular meeting of the Public Works and Human Services Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Barber.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Barber announced that the Planning and Zoning Department will present their proposed plan to move to a contract-based fee model at the May 7, meeting.

Commissioner Toomey moved to approve the agenda as amended with the removal of item 7.b. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to approve the March 5, 2025, minutes. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. None.

Sara Lurie, CEO of Community Mental Health, was present to provide a semi-annual report for CMH. Ms. Lurie gave a detailed explanation of the services CMH provides to Eaton County and how County funds are being used. She also spoke about grant funds specifically directed to the renovation of the Crisis Care Center currently under development. Discussion was held.

Chad Powers, Facilities Director, introduced Mike Serafini from Strata Environmental Services and gave a brief background on the landfill. Mr. Serafini presented the Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring report. Discussion was held.

Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, Resource Recovery Director, presented the department's monthly report. He stated the formal noncompliance hearing for Lebron Trash Hauling will not be needed today as the company was brought into compliance. Upcoming department events and various projects were presented. Director Bogdanov-Hanna reported the Materials Management Planning

Committee (MMPC) met on Tuesday, March 11 and adopted bylaws for final approval by the Board of Commissioners. He said they will be focusing on developing a Work Plan for approval at their next meeting. Discussion was held. Commissioner Whitacre moved to recommend approval of the MMPC bylaws to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks Director, Alex Zegarzewski, presented his department's monthly update. He stated the DNR Trust Fund Grant application has been submitted, and the department should receive a preliminary score in September. Director Zegarzewski stated Community Grant applications were sent out on March 1<sup>st</sup> to all townships, cities, and villages with a deadline to submit applications by April 18<sup>th</sup>. He also reported on current and future events and gave an update on the many projects the Parks Department is currently working on. Discussion was held.

Eaton Rapids City Manager, Yvonne Ridge, was present to request an amendment the City of Eaton Rapids Parks Community Grant they were awarded last year. City Manager Ridge gave a brief overview of the amendment, which is in reference to the purchase area only. She stated the use of the property as described in the grant application will remain the same. Commissioner Whitacre moved to approve the amendment as requested. Commissioner Toomey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Claudine Williams, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Development, requested a budget amendment for the Parks Department to be recommended to the Ways and Means Committee. The request is for a new sign and fish stocking, both at Crandell Park, not to exceed \$8,000.00. The sign will have information about fishing at the park and general parks information. Chairman Barber stated this was not listed as an agenda item and, therefore, should be added to next month's agenda for discussion.

Chris Garrison, Construction Codes & Planning and Zoning Director, presented the department's monthly report. A Resolution to Approve an Intergovernmental Service Agreement with the City of Grand Ledge for Eaton County Construction Codes Services was presented. If approved, all building and trade permits, inspections, and enforcement services for the City of Grand Ledge would be provided by the Eaton County Construction Codes Department. Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to recommend approval of a Resolution to Approve an Intergovernmental Service Agreement with the City of Grand Ledge for Construction Code Services to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Williams presented a Resolution to Approve a Veterans Services Grant Application for an amount not to exceed \$63,635. She stated Eaton County has received this grant in the past and gave a brief summary of what the funding has and would be used for. Commissioner Toomey moved to recommend approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application to the State Veterans MVAA for FY26 to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

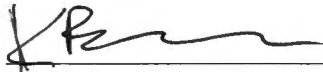
Controller/Administrator Connie Sobie, opened a discussion about the FY2025/26 Juvenile Millage Budget. Amy Etzel, Trial Court Administrator, spoke in reference to Eaton County youth programs that receive this funding. Further discussion was held. It was recommended Judge Pollard and Jeremy Mulvaney present program information at the next Committee meeting in May.

Miscellaneous. None.

Limited Public Comment. Yvonne Ridge thanked the committee for approving the Community Grant Amendment for the City of Eaton Rapids. She also expressed her appreciation for the partnership the county and the city have.

Chairperson Barber adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Human Services Committee will be held on May 7, 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