

PUBLIC WORKS & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Keith Barber, Brian Droscha, Scott Hansen, Nichole Christensen, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane Whitacre, and Jacob Toomey

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott and Frank Holmes; Claudine Williams, Melissa Ballard, Chris Garrison, Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, Brandy Miller, Chad Powers, Brad Funkhouser, and Ethan Jacobs

The May 7, 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 Droscha moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Toomey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the April 2, 2025, minutes. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. None.

Brad Funkhouser, Executive Director of EATRAN, gave a presentation regarding the services EATRAN provides to the county and how funding is used. Discussion was held.

Deputy Drain Commissioner, Marcus Service, presented the 2024 Annual Report of the Drain Commissioner. Mr. Service distributed copies of the drain code to the Commissioners and offered to provide a "Drain 101" class facilitated by Fahey Schultz. Discussion held.

Chris Garrison, Construction Codes & Planning and Zoning Director, presented the department's monthly report. The department has started processing applications for inspections and plan reviews for the City of Grand Ledge. Mr. Garrison also stated an updated contract from Progressive Companies has been signed pertaining to the MSHDA Housing Readiness Grant. The new zoning ordinance project should be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Garrison also spoke about the future of planning and zoning services. The department has been evaluating a model where townships pay for these services that the county currently provides at no charge. He also provided a proposed amended fee schedule for planning and zoning services, which has not been updated since 2004. Brandy Miller, Zoning Administrator, also presented

information on the current fees. Discussion held. Commissioner Whitacre moved to recommend approval of the amended fee schedule to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Miller presented DCA-5-25-1, a request by the Eaton County Planning Commission to amend the Eaton County Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinance). She stated that on May 6, 2025, the Eaton County Planning Commission recommended approval of the request with one amendment for review and consideration. Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to recommend approval of DCA-5-25-1 as amended to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barber moved to recommend approval of the new Planning and Zoning services model to seek 100% funding from townships, not to exceed \$15,000.00 per township, to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Toomey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, Resource Recovery Director, presented the department's monthly report. He stated Spring Cleanup event participation was up 50% over the past few years. An update was given on the Materials Management Plan (MMP). Discussion held. He also spoke about funding for the department and reviewing programs and procedures for saving opportunities.

Director Bogdanov-Hanna presented an application from Michael Gray to serve on the Materials Management Planning Committee for a four-year term. If appointed, Mr. Gray would represent a business that generates managed materials on the Committee, which is currently vacant. Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of the appointment to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion held.

Honorable Judge Amanda Pollard spoke in reference to the Juvenile Justice System, how it operates and what services Eaton County provides. She stated the goal/requirement is to rehabilitate our youth, not punish them. Judge Pollard requested a majority of dollars generated by the millage stay within the juvenile system, she noted she still would support the TIP and TIP/CMH programs as they are both fulfilling important roles in our statutory requirements. With this model the court can continue to provide the same level of service they do now without modifications. Jeremy Mulvaney, Youth Services Director, was also present and explained the teaching arrangement with Grand Ledge Schools at the youth facility. Discussion held.

Chad Powers, Facilities Director, presented the Parks Department report. An update was given on seasonal positions and the new Groundskeeper Foreman. Mr. Powers also presented drawings of the proposed stairs at Fitzgerald Park.

Ethan Jacobs, Deputy Director of the Parks Department, gave an update on current and future department events. A budget amendment for various projects was presented. Commissioner Whitacre moved to recommend approval of the budget amendments as presented to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Claudine Williams, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Development, presented the award recommendations of the Parks Community Grant Review Committee. Commissioner Toomey moved to approve the 2025 Parks Community Grant Awards as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

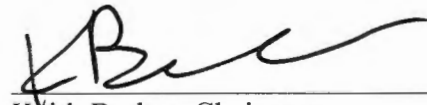
Ms. Williams presented the Veteran Services Quarterly Report.

Miscellaneous. None.

Limited Public Comment.

Chairperson Barber adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Human Services Committee will be held on June 4, 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