

**EATON COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION
April 1, 2025**

Call to Order: Brian Ross, Chair of the Eaton County Planning Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room, Eaton County Courthouse, 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI.

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Roll Call: Scott Hansen, Lisa Lawitzke, Ed Kemp, Tim Cattron, Frank Holmes, and Brian Ross

Absent: Ben Tirrell, Ray Whitaker, and Zachary Dillinger

Staff Present: Brandy Miller and Tammy Alger

Agenda Approval: A motion was made by **Commissioner Cattron** to approve the agenda for the April 1, 2025 meeting. **Commissioner Lawitzke** supported. Motion carried.

Minutes Approval: A motion was made by **Commissioner Cattron** to approve the January 14, 2025 minutes. **Commissioner Lawitzke** supported. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Mr. Drew Marks, 11459 Carlton Center Rd, stated he attends the Zoning Ordinance Committee meetings. He stated he is opposed to allowing duplexes in Limited Agricultural zoning as he does not believe it meets the intent and purpose of Limited Agricultural zoning. He stated Limited Agricultural should be single family homes only. Mr. Marks stated he would like to have more discussion regarding this matter at the next Zoning Ordinance Committee meeting.

Public comment closed: 6:05 p.m.

Farmland Preservation (PA 116): Ms. Miller reported on three applications for properties located in Kalamo Township submitted by Dan and Jacqueline Burkett. Ms. Miller recommended approval of all three applications.

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the three Farmland Preservation (PA 116) applications submitted by Dan and Jacqueline Burkett. **Commissioner Hansen** supported. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business: **Commissioner Ross** stated he would like to appoint the members to their currently held committees. All agreed.

Reports: Ms. Miller stated the Department of Construction Codes and Planning and Zoning Report was not included in the packet. Ms. Miller stated staff is still calculating how much the townships would need to pay to keep Planning and Zoning services. She stated currently staff is estimating \$15,000.00. Ms. Miller stated that staff is also working on creating an ordinance for cities and villages so that they may be included as well. She stated at this time, it has been requested there be no fee changes, but to put the cost of the applications back to the actual applicant.

Commissioner Ross asked about the Zoning Ordinance Committee. Ms. Miller stated the Zoning Ordinance Committee did recommend several amendments to the zoning ordinance. She stated the amendments would make items less restrictive, such as allowing duplexes in Limited Agricultural zoned properties. Ms. Miller stated the amendment would go before the Planning Commission at the May 6, 2025 meeting.

Commissioner Ross asked if the Board of Appeals has had a meeting. Ms. Miller stated they have not had a meeting due to lack of business.

Public Hearing Closed: 6:09 p.m.

Upcoming Cases: **Commissioner Ross** stated there are three CUP applications and a DCA.

Commissioner Cattron asked if there was a Zoning Ordinance Committee meeting this month. Ms. Miller stated a meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2025. She stated she could change the date at the Zoning Ordinance Committee's request.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.