

PUBLIC WORKS & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioners Keith Barber, Brian Droscha, Scott Hansen, Nicole 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, Sara Lurie, Julie Kimmer, Randy Tooker, Brett Gillespie, and Ethan Jacobs

The June 4, 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 as amended to include item 10.c. Parks Commission Discussion. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Toomey moved to approve the May 7, 2025, minutes. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. Brett Gillespie, Grand Ledge City Council member, asked the Commissioners to reconsider awarding the City of Grand Ledge funding from the Community Parks Grant for their Jaycee Park improvement project.

Sara Lurie, CEO of Community Mental Health, presented information regarding the Resolution Against MDHHS Plan to Eliminate and Competitively Bid Out the Pre-Paid Inpatient Plan (PIHP) Level of the Public Behavioral System and to Open it to Private Non-Profit Entities. Commissioner Whitacre moved to support the resolution. Discussion held. Due to the lack of a second, the motion was not considered.

Julie Kimmer and Randy Tooker from the Eaton County Historical Society presented a report detailing how the Historical Society is funded, how they operate, and the benefit to the community they provide.

The Capital Area United Way was not present to deliver a report.

Michigan State University Extension District Director, Bill Hendrian, presented a report detailing their funding, and the programs and activities the Extension provides to Eaton County.

Chris Garrison, Director of Construction Codes, presented the monthly department report. A Resolution to Amend the Construction Codes Fee Schedule was presented. Commissioner Whitacre moved to recommend approval of the amended Fee Schedule to the Board of Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Motion carried unanimously.

Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, Director of Resource Recovery, presented the monthly department report. An update on the Materials Management Plan was given with an outline and timeline of the work to be performed to eventually replace the county's mandated Solid Waste Plan. A budget for the first three years with funding provided by EGLE was discussed. Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of a Resolution to Authorize the Submission of the Eaton County Materials Management Plan Work Program to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion held.

Claudine Williams, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Development, presented the Parks Department report. Ms. Williams and Chad Powers will be overseeing the Parks Department while it is without a director. The Planning Commission approved a Change of Conditions to the existing Conditional Use Permit for Crandell Park and staff will begin evaluating the cost of installing a new entrance off Flanders Road.

A Resolution to Approve a Fitzgerald Park Lease Agreement with the City of Grand Ledge was presented. Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of the Fitzgerald Park Lease with the City of Grand Ledge to the Board of Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Toomey. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Commissioner Whitacre: Yea, Commissioner Droscha: Nay, Commissioner Toomey: Yea, Commissioner Hansen: Nay, Commissioner Christensen: Nay. Three Nays, two Yeas. Motion failed.

Commissioner Christensen moved to recommend approval of the Fitzgerald Park Lease agreement to the Board of Commissioners with the following amendments: change the language for the term of the lease from seven years to four years and to remove the word "adequate" from Section. Roll call vote: Commissioner Whitacre: Yea, Commissioner Droscha: Nay, Commissioner Toomey: Yea, Commissioner Hansen: Nay, Commissioner Christensen: Yea, Commissioner Barber: Yea. Four Yeas, Two Nays. Motion carried.

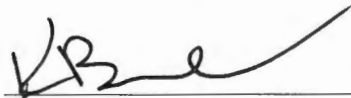
Commissioner Barber opened a discussion regarding creating a Parks Commission. Discussion was held. No changes were recommended.

Miscellaneous. Ms. Williams presented two appointments to the Mid-State Health Network Substance Use Disorder Policy Oversight Council Kimberley Thalison and Jim Mott (alternate), serving until 8/31/2028. Commissioner Toomey moved to approve the appointments. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. Grand Ledge Mayor, Keith Mulder, stated he is looking forward to working with Eaton County. Sara Lurie thanked the committee and requested the opportunity to send the board members information about the resolution discussed. She also requested the Resolution be brought back to the committee again in the future for approval.

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 July 2, 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