

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 16, 2025

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, July 16, 2025, including the availability of virtual attendance by the public.

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

Commissioner Hansen 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.

Controller Sobie requested the addition of item #6c - June 5, 2025 closed session minutes. Commissioner Haskell moved the approval of the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barber moved the approval of June 5, 2025 special and closed session meeting minutes, June 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes, June 27, 2025 special meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications: Washtenaw County Resolution Opposing MDHHS Plan for Competitive Procurement for Health Plans. Ontonagon County Resolution Opposing Proposed Cuts to Medicaid by Fed Govt. Certified Emergency Manager Announcement. MSHN Board Resolution Opposing Procurement. (On file)

Public Comments: Kevin Tew, Peer Recovery Coach Supervisor at Mid-Michigan Recovery Services, spoke regarding the success of Eaton County Specialty Drug Courts and the importance of retaining them.

Commissioner Barber moved the approval of #25-7-81 Resolution to Discontinue Solid Waste Alternatives Grant (SWAG) Program. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Nays: Commissioner Peek. Motion carried. (On file)

Commissioner Barber moved the approval of #25-7-82 Resolution to Approve Fitzgerald Park Lease Renewal with the City of Grand Ledge. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of #25-7-83 Delta Township Police Services Agreement Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Discussion held. Roll call vote. Ayes: Commissioners Arndt, Peek, Haskell, Pearl-Wright,

Whitacre, Mudry, Jones, Droscha, Toomey, Hansen, Christensen, Mott, Holmes, and Barber. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of #25-7-84 Resolution to Approve MERS Amortization Extension Consideration. Seconded by Commissioner Arndt. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of #25-7-85 MERS Delegates. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved to delay the State Appropriation for Fire Training Facility resolution until July 25th board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Whitaker. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of #25-7-86 Resolution to Approve FY24/25 Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways & Means Committee for \$24,059,784.13 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Mudry. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report: Controller Sobie thanked the Commissioners and Delta Township Administrators regarding the Delta Township Police Services Agreement. She spoke regarding the budget meeting on June 27th.

Elected Official Comments: Prosecutor Lloyd spoke regarding the number of Economic Crime Unit cases and the necessity of adequately funding the Prosecutor's Office. Sheriff Reich thanked Controller's Office and Chairman Mott for their work on the Delta Police Services Contract, as well as the Board for passing the resolution. Treasurer Reynnet stated Capital Area Community Services and Housing Services of Mid-Michigan will be holding a Community Resources Day on September 10th at the Alive Center. His office was invited to participate in this program regarding foreclosure prevention resources. Clerk Bosworth stated the changing of offices with the Treasurer's office has been completed and is working well for the newly consolidated offices of the Register of Deeds and County Clerk Vital Records. She stated that cross-training has begun between the two departments.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Christensen stated Charlotte Rising will host a cornhole tournament on July 19th, and Helping Hands food drive will be held on July 31st at the Eaton Area Senior Center. Chairman Mott stated the Firemen's Fest will be held July 26th. Commissioner Barber suggested further consideration of budget cuts to outside agencies.

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

Public Comment: None

Chairman Mott adjourned the meeting to Special Meeting on Friday, July 25, 2025,
at 9:00 a.m.


Chairman of the Board of Commissioners


Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

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JULY 16, 2025

RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE THE SOLID WASTE ALTERNATIVES GRANT PROGRAM (SWAG)

Introduced to the Public Works and Human Services Committee

Commissioner Barber moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Eaton County Solid Waste Ordinance of 1993 (Resolution # 93-10-99) to implement the Eaton County Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Resource Recovery was designated to administer and enforce the Solid Waste Ordinance and the County Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Solid Waste Management Plan mandates the County prevent adverse effects on the public health and the environment resulting from improper solid waste collection, transportation, processing, or disposal, to protect the quality of the air, the land and ground, as well as surface waters; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the Board of Commissioners approved by Resolution the Solid Waste Alternatives Grant (SWAG) Program to provide grant opportunities to local unit resource recovery programs with surplus funds from the Eaton County Recycling Surcharge to be used specifically for equipment purchases and operational improvements per the grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County SWAG Program has granted \$3,554,205.18 (averaging \$131,637.23 per year) to local units over the last 30 years to aid in the diversion of up to 2,500 tons, or 5,000,000 pounds, a year; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Eaton County created the Recycling Work Group (RWG) consisting of members of the Board of Commissioners, administration, and Department of Resource Recovery staff to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the department's programs; and

WHEREAS, the RWG evaluation of programs identified the SWAG Program as rendering lower returns on investment year over year compared to the Department of Resource Recovery's core programs; and

WHEREAS, due to budget constraints and inflationary pressures, the RWG recommends closing the SWAG program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the discontinuation of the SWAG Program effective October 1, 2025. Nays: Commissioner Peek. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FITZGERALD PARK LEASE AGREEMENT
WITH THE CITY OF GRAND LEDGE**

Introduced to the Public Works and Human Services Committee

Commissioner Barber moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright.

WHEREAS, Fitzgerald Park is widely known and used by all residents of Eaton County and residents of surrounding counties for a wide variety of educational and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County has held a long-term lease of the property owned by the City of Grand Ledge for the purpose of operating and maintaining Fitzgerald Park; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Ledge and the Eaton County Parks Department recommend continuing this partnership for the benefit of the Eaton County community and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Human Services Committee has reviewed the Lease Agreement between the County and the City of Grand Ledge and recommends its approval; and

WHEREAS, the Lease will take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect for seven (7) years, terminating on December 31, 2032.

WHEREAS, if the Eaton County Parks Millage is renewed in the year 2032, the Lease may be extended for the term of the millage, but not to exceed an additional ten (10) years, subject to the terms outlined in the Lease.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Fitzgerald Park Lease Agreement with the City of Grand Ledge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners or their designee be authorized to sign any necessary agreements/contracts for the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2025 Lease Agreement between Eaton County and the City of Grand Ledge supersedes any previously adopted by the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

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POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 1st day of October, 2025, by and between the Charter Township of Delta, a charter township organized and operating under the Charter Township Act, MCL 42.1, *et. seq.* as amended, with its principal offices located at 7710 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan, 48917 (the “Township”), the County of Eaton, a Michigan municipal corporation, with its principal offices located at 1045 Independence Boulevard, Charlotte, Michigan 48813 (the “County”), and the Eaton County Sheriff, a Michigan constitutional officer, whose address is 1045 Independence Boulevard, Charlotte, Michigan 48813 (the “Sheriff”).

WHEREAS, the Township desires to obtain police protection services from the County and Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to provide to the Township police protection services; and

WHEREAS, the Township, the County, and the Sheriff enter into this Agreement to memorialize the terms and conditions upon which the County and Sheriff shall provide to the Township police protection services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the proposed ten-year contract as presented.

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

General Summary

The following tables are contingent of a final adoption of a Delta Township Agreement that includes a one-time deposit of funding into the Command Group and a commitment of an annual additional contribution equal to 33% of the Police Services Agreement's administrative fee.

Table 1.0: Amortization Extension based on December 31, 2023 MERS Valuation

Division	Current Amortization Period (Years) ^{1,2,3}	Extension Policy Amortization Period (Years)	Market Value Funded %	Market Value Retiree Only Funded %	Active to Retiree Ratio	Average Active Expected Remaining Service Life	Prior Year Net Cash Flow (As a % of Assets)
01 - NonUnion	15	20	67.20%	104.1%	1.1	9	-2.3%
02 - Sheriff Superv.	15	20	43.70%	54.0%	0.4	10	-1.6%
10 - Admin Staff ⁴	15	No Extension	47.30%	70.2%	0.6	8	-2.9%
11 - General Maint	15	20	65.90%	89.6%	1.0	7	-5.3%
12 - NonSupervisors	15	20	61%	78.9%	1.5	10	-5.5%
13 - Dispatch Superv. ¹	15	No Extension	46.50%	60.2%	0.9	9	-0.4%
15 - Gen Youth Services	15	20	80.30%	384.5%	9.0	11	2.4%
16 - Animal Control ¹	15	No Extension	47.50%	73.7%	0.8	13	-3.5%
20 - Sheriff Non-Superv 312	15	20	64.90%	87.6%	0.8	11	-5.8%
21 - Shift Non-Spvs Non 312	15	20	63.40%	100.1%	1.3	12	-2.0%

¹Notes: Outstanding Initial UAL as of Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025.

²The current period represents the remaining amortization period on the initial UAL layer, or if no initial UAL layer remains, the remaining period of the oldest gain/loss layer.

³Additional UAL layers may apply. Please refer to Table 10 of the December 31, 2023 AAV for further detail regarding additional UAL layers, if applicable.

Table 2.0: Annual Computed Employer Contribution (No Phase-In) for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025 Results shown at a 6.93% Assumed Investment Return Assumption

Division	Current Funding Policy	Extension Funding Policy ²	Change Per Group
01 - NonUnion	1,379,436	1,212,168	(167,268)
02 - Sheriff Superv.	2,383,572	2,049,380	(334,192)
10 - Admin Staff ³	1,440,252	1,440,252	-
11 - General Maint	106,020	92,280	(13,740)
12 - NonSupervisors	229,020	191,796	(37,224)
13 - Dispatch Superv. ¹	292,644	292,644	-
15 - Gen Youth Services	36,600	35,208	(1,392)
16 - Animal Control ¹	57,684	57,684	-
20 - Sheriff Non-Superv 312	1,013,520	846,528	(166,992)
21 - Shift Non-Spvs Non 312	484,356	409,536	(74,820)
Total	\$ 7,423,104	\$ 6,627,476	\$ (795,628)
Net Proposed Change³			\$ (795,628)

¹Notes: No extension granted for Divisions 10, 13, and 16. Results included for these divisions on Page 16 are the same under the current and extension funding policy.

²For Division 02, includes the additional required contribution of \$248,744 for each year of the proposed Delta Township Agreement.

³The proposed change represented is a year one estimate, and future savings would still be subject to annual valuations based on the approved methodology in place at that time. This estimate could change based on population changes, market performance, etc. The estimated change would be applied to the Eaton County personnel structure savings would be represented by an adjustment in the rates establishing the required contribution.



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2025 Officer and Employee Delegate Certification Form

MERS Annual Business Meeting | October 2025

Please print clearly • Scan and attach this file when you register online • Retain a copy for your records

IMPORTANT: If you are not electing/appointing delegates to vote during the MERS Annual Business Meeting, please **DO NOT** submit this form. A **delegate** is **NOT** confirmed to have voting rights until this form has been uploaded with their online registration.

The voting delegate representative must be a MERS member, defined as an **active employee on payroll** who is enrolled in either a MERS Defined Benefit Plan, Defined Contribution Plan or Hybrid Plan.

1. Officer (and alternate) delegate information

The officer delegate (or alternate) shall be a MERS member who holds a department head position or above, exercises management responsibilities, and is directly responsible to the legislative, executive, or judicial branch of government.

Officer Delegate name

Jeanne Pearl-Wright

Officer Alternate name

Ben Dawson

Officer delegate and alternate listed above were appointed to serve during the 2025 MERS Annual Business Meeting by official action of the governing body (or chief judge for a participating court) on July 16, 2025.

2. Employee (and alternate) delegate information

The employee delegate (or alternate) shall be an employee member who is not responsible for management decisions, receives direction from management and, in general, is not directly responsible to the legislative, executive, or judicial branch of government.

Employee Delegate name

Kimberly Morris

Employee Alternate name

Jennifer Hankins

Employee delegate and alternate listed above were elected to serve during the 2025 MERS Annual Business Meeting by secret ballot election conducted by an authorized officer on June 27, 2025.

3. Certification

NOTE: Certification should be signed by a member of the governing body or chief administrative officer, or the chief judge for a participating court. **An electronic signature is permissible.**

I certify that the officer delegate and alternate selections are true and correct, and the secret ballot election results for the employee delegate and alternate are true and correct.

Employer/municipality name*		Municipality number*	Email address	
County of Eaton		2302	csobie@eatoncounty.org	
Employer address	Employer city	Employer state	Employer zip code	
1045 Independence Blvd	Charlotte	MI	48813	
Printed name	Title of authorized authority*			
Connie Sobie	Controller/Administrator			
Authorized signature*			Date	

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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**JULY 16, 2025****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2024/2025 BUDGET AMENDMENTS****Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2024/2025 Appropriations Act of September 18, 2024, states that any amendment to increase a salary and/or a Capital Outlay line-item in excess of \$2,500.00 or any amendment to increase the total budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be amended by the Board of Commissioners, except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, such amendments are needed in order to comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act of 1978, P.A. 621.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments be approved and added to the 2024/2025 Eaton County Budget:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**PARKS & RECREATION 208**

Increase	Project Costs	\$ 150,000
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover (Use)	\$ 150,000

To increase budget for Parks Community Grant program to fund the City of Grand Ledge Jaycee Park project as reviewed and recommended by the Public Works and Human Services Committee on July 9, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.