

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 8, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in Special session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, August 8, 2025, including the availability of virtual attendance by the public.

Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Mott 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.

Commissioner Haskell moved the approval of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Jeanne Pearl-Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Administrator Ben Dawson discussed an attorney's opinion regarding the funding of Community Mental Health (CMH).

Public Comment from the following:

Gwenda Summers – Community Mental Heath
Katreva Bisbee - National Alliance on Mental Illness
Dr. Scott Struck – Community Mental Heath
Dr. Paula Yansen – Eaton County Representative for Community Mental Heath
Jason White – Eaton County Representative for Community Mental Heath
Jacqueline Garcia – Eaton County Resident and Veteran
Michael Wells – Eaton County Resident
Dr. Evan Goodman – Community Mental Heath
County Resident and Parent of an Autistic Child
Margo Aseltine - Republican Party Chair
Bill Hendrian – MSU Extension
Colette Scrimger – Barry Eaton District Health Department

Budget Discussions:

Controller/Administrator Sobie and Gwenda Summers spoke regarding attorney opinions regarding the funding of Community Mental Health. Discussion held.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to reinstate the Community Mental Health Contribution to \$330,000 (the County's required minimum contribution). Seconded by Commissioner Arndt.

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of #25-8-89 Resolution to Approve PA 116 Farmland and Open Space Development Rights Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Whitacre. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of #25-8-90 Resolution to Authorize Application for Fire Training Center Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Christensen. Roll call vote. Ayes: Arndt, Peek, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Whitacre, Mudry, Jones, Droscha, Toomey, Hansen, Mott, Holmes, Barber. Nays: Christensen. Commissioners absent: None. Motion carried. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of #25-8-91 Resolution to Approve FY24/25 Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways & Means Committee for \$13,466,367.35 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of Labor Relations Negotiations tentative agreements. Seconded by Chairman Mott. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Administrator's Report: Controller Sobie spoke regarding the upcoming budget hearing. She also spoke regarding State Drain Codes.

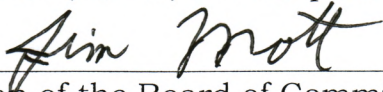
Elected Official Comments: Clerk Bosworth spoke regarding recent consolidations in her offices.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Mudry inquired about budget hearing protocols. Commissioner Pearl-Wright spoke regarding MDHHS Senior Project Fresh, a program for seniors to receive free produce. Commissioner Toomey spoke regarding the opening of the new Dimondale Elementary School. Commissioner Droscha spoke regarding municipalities and taxation issues. Commissioner Christensen stated Friends of Eaton County Animal Control will hold a fundraiser on September 27th.

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

Public Comment: Jim Billig spoke in opposition to the Drain Code, drain assessments to his property, and the need for revision of the drain code.

Chairman Mott adjourned the meeting to Budget Hearing Meeting on Thursday, September 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.



Chairman of the Board of Commissioners



Clerk of the Board of Commissioners