

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 20, 2024**

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at the County Facilities in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, March 20, 2024, including the availability of virtual attendance by the public.

Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

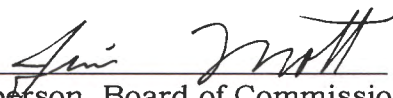
Roll Call. Commissioners present: Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Jacob Toomey, Scott Hansen, Frank Holmes, Barbara Rogers and Jim Mott. Commissioners absent: Tim Barnes, Trevor Youngquist, and Brian Lautzenheiser

Chairperson Mott thanked everyone for attending and noted an event like this has never been held before. He gave a brief explanation of the purpose of the meeting and explained the County began looking into their financials a few years ago and realized there was an issue that needed to be addressed. Then COVID occurred and the County maintained operations through funding provided to municipalities from the federal government. Chairperson Mott stated COVID money is now gone and not an option for balancing the budget. We are now at a point where decisions need to be made. He stated that is why this town hall style meeting is being held, to hear from the public. Town hall style meetings have also been held internally at the County and another public one will be held next month in May. He explained the Financial Stability Work Group (made up of four Commissioner's including himself), have been doing a deep dive into the lack of funds issue and reporting this information to the full Board of Commissioners. He noted this Workgroup will be doing a report for the full Board, which will include outcomes from all of the town hall style meetings. Chairperson Mott stated the county needs to raise revenue somehow or services will not be where they should be.

Chairperson Mott explained this meeting was specifically meant for questions and interaction between the Board and constituents in attendance. He encouraged everyone to participate.

Members of the public spoke and asked questions related to County operations; Commissioner comments were made, and discussion was held on several topics.

Chairperson Mott adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.


Chairperson, Board of Commissioners


Clerk of the Board of Commissioners