

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Tuesday, September 9, 2025 including the availability of virtual attendance by the public.

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

Commissioner Mott gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by all.

Roll call. Commissioners present: Chris Arndt, 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: Jason Peek.

Commissioner Droscha, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee presented the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Annual Budget Report to the Board (Copy on file).

Controller/Administrator Sobie highlighted specific areas of budget revenues and expenses Administrator as well as the development of new policies and procedures. She stated a new budgetary model would be in place to assure long-term budget stability.

Financial Director Ballard presented an overview of the proposed 2025/2026 General Fund Budget highlighting specific areas of revenue and expenses.

Chairman Mott stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive testimony and comment on the proposed Eaton County Budget and millage rates for Eaton County. Chairman Mott opened the Public Hearing for Truth in Budgeting on Proposed 2025/2026 County Budget at 6:45 p.m.

Public comment:

Bill Hendrian, MSU Extension Director, spoke regarding the effects of funding reductions to MSU Extension.

Andy Shaver, Chester Township resident, spoke regarding the effects of budget reductions on townships.

Sara Lurie, Community Mental Health Director, spoke regarding the effects of budget reductions to Community Mental Health.

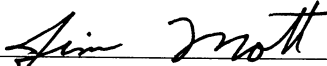
The following spoke in opposition to cuts to MSU Extension and 4-H programs. Theila Priesman, Jessie Gott, Jean Aldred Simmons, Liam Burton, Brenda Hall, Marlena Bernheisel, Cass Randy, Retired county resident, Amber Hamilton, Emily Palmer, Semi Pease, Caleb Pease, Sara Corr, Glenda Weise, Barbara Rogers, Roxanne Turner.

Jim Billig spoke regarding Eaton County Drain assessments on his property and the need for revision of the State Drain Code.

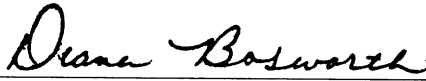
Chairman Mott announced the Eaton County Board of Commissioners will adopt the 2025/2026 Eaton County Budget and December 1, 2025 millage rates on September 17, 2025 at their regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Chairman Mott closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Chairman Mott recessed the meeting to Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



Chairman of the Board of Commissioners



Clerk of the Board of Commissioners