

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 15, 2025

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, October 15, 2025, including the availability of virtual attendance by the public.

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

Chairman Mott gave the invocation.

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

Roll call. Commissioners present: Chris Arndt, Brandon Haskell, 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, and Jeanne Pearl-Wright.

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of September 9, 2025 public hearing minutes and September 17, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications: Resolutions opposing budget cuts to County revenue sharing from other counties. Chippewa county resolution supporting creating of effective bond-or-forfeit process for animals seized due to pending or active court cases. Crawford County resolution opposing MDHHS plans for competitive procurement process for prepaid. Michigan Association of County Clerks resolution opposing ranked choice voting. Genessee County recognition resolutions.

Commissioner Toomey moved the approval of #25-10-104 Resolution of Appreciation for Clarence Parks. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Public Comment: Andy Shaver, Chester Township resident, spoke regarding the lack of representation in vacant Commissioner District 1.

Ballots for Board of Canvassers were distributed and collected by Deputy Clerk Morris who read each commissioner's ballot aloud and tallied the votes cast. (on file) Debbie Diesen was reappointed, representing the Democratic Party and Ellen Lambright was appointed, representing the Republican Party to the Board of Canvassers for a 4-year term of office to expire on November 1, 2027, based on the tallied ballots. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval to continue county participation in the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Charlotte. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of #25-10-105 Resolution to Adopt the Annual Exemption Option as Set Forth in 2011 PA 152. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Commissioner Arndt, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Whitacre, Mudry, Jones, Droscha, Toomey, Hansen, Christensen, Holmes, Barber and Mott. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the 2026 Holiday Schedule. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of #25-10-106 Resolution to Approve Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding Between Eaton County and the Eaton County Fire Training Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Christensen. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the Tentative Agreement with Command Officer's Union – Wage Reopener. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Motion carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of #25-10-107 Resolution to Amend the Sheriff Department Fee Schedule. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Nays: Commissioner Arndt. Motion carried. (On file)

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways & Means Committee for \$21,671,982.31 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Toomey. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrators Report: Controller/Administrator Sobie stated the Delta Township contract has been settled.

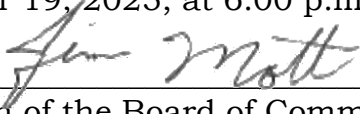
Elected Official Comment: Treasurer Reynnet reported results of the previous foreclosure auction and stated the second foreclosure auction would be held on October 16th. He noted that the County Land Bank sold their second property. He also spoke regarding courthouse security.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Christensen noted several October activities that will be held in downtown Charlotte. Commissioner Droscha encouraged all to watch the committee meetings each month. He also encouraged the townships to attend the Planning & Zoning public hearing meeting on October 28th. Commissioner Toomey noted upcoming October activities in Dimondale. Commissioner Haskell spoke regarding courthouse security. Chairman Mott spoke of a ribbon cutting event in Bellevue coming up for a new pickleball court.

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

Public Comment: Jeff Christensen, Charlotte City Councilman spoke regarding a meeting at city hall on October 29th for MDOT to discuss potential traffic changes in the city. Jim Billig, County resident, spoke in opposition to drain assessments on his property and other properties. He spoke of the hardship this causes the affected families. Mr. Billig opposed the FOIA requirement to obtain oaths. Andy Shaver, County resident, thanked the commissioners for their work, and reminded the public of the lack of representation in vacant Commissioner District 1.

Chairman Mott adjourned the meeting to the next regular meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.



Chairman of the Board of Commissioners



Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
CLARENCE PARKS
CONSTRUCTION CODE
OCTOBER 15, 2025**

WHEREAS, Eaton County wishes to express gratitude for Clarence Parks' three years of service with Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, Clarence worked in the Construction Code Office as a Plumbing Inspector from August 9, 2022, until his passing on September 16, 2025; and

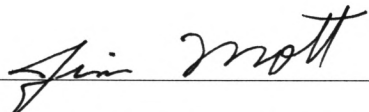
WHEREAS, Clarence provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents of Eaton County and many other communities in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Clarence's years of dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners shares in the deep loss and sorrow the Parks' family is experiencing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and thank Clarence for his years of exceptional service to Eaton County and expresses its deepest sympathy to the Parks' family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 15th day of the month of October in the year 2025.



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**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 10, 2025**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH IN
2011 PUBLIC ACT 152,
THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT**

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

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

WHEREAS, 2011 Public Act 152 (the "Act") was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011;

WHEREAS, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act;

WHEREAS, the three options are as follows:

- 1) Section 3 - "Hard Caps" Option - limits a public employer's total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;
- 2) Section 4 - "80%/20%" Option - limits a public employer's share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
- 3) Section 8 - "Exemption" Option - a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

WHEREAS, Eaton County historically had followed the "Hard Caps" Option for the medical benefit years of 2013 through 2023 based on the rates provided by the Michigan Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the increase in the "Hard Caps" authorized by the Department of Treasury on March 28, 2025, increased by 2.9% for the 2026 medical benefit year; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners has determined that the increases in the Hard Caps for 2026 and the prior five years as compared to the increases in the County's actual health insurance rates, would be detrimental to the employee population; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners has determined it is in its best interest to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act; and

WHEREAS, in exempting itself from the options within Sections 3 and 4 of the Act, the Board of Commissioners, approves employee contributions at the rates currently in effect for 2025 with a 5.0% increase, as attached to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Eaton County Board of Commissioners elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage year January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, required employee contribution rates for medical benefit year 2026 will be the same as the contributions required for the 2025 medical benefit year with a 5.0% increase, as attached to this resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EATON COUNTY AND THE
EATON COUNTY FIRE TRAINING COMMITTEE**

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

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

WHEREAS; Eaton County, in cooperation with the Eaton County Fire Training Committee, submitted a grant application to the State of Michigan per Resolution #25-8-90, in the amount of \$700,000 for the purpose of building a state-of-the-art live fire training facility in Eaton County; and

WHEREAS; per Resolution #25-8-90 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be established between Eaton County and the Fire Training Committee for the implementation of this project; and

WHEREAS; the Ways and Means Committee has reviewed the proposed MOU and is recommending its approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves entering into an MOU with the Fire Training Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Controller be authorized to approve any necessary budget amendments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners or their designee is authorized to sign any necessary documents on behalf of Eaton County. Motion carried unanimously.

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**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
FEE SCHEDULE**

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners has approved a User Fee Schedule for the Eaton County Sheriff Department; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee has reviewed and is recommending an increase to the rate for notary fees from \$2.50 to \$5.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the attached recommended Sheriff Department User Fee Schedule effective November 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any other User Fee Schedules established by the Sheriff Department are superseded by the attached schedule. Nays: Commissioner Arndt. Motion carried.