

PUBLIC WORKS & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Keith Barber, Brian Droscha, Jacob Toomey, Scott Hansen, Jane Whitacre, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Nicole Christensen

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott and Frank Holmes; Connie Sobie, Ben Dawson, Claudine Williams, Brandy Miller, Ethan Jacobs, Sara Lurie, and Kalli Brady

The December 3, 2025, regular meeting of the Public Works and Human Services Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Barber.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Toomey moved to amend the agenda to remove item 8.b. DCA-12-25-5 Map Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. None.

Sara Lurie, CEO Community Mental Health, presented the semi-annual report. Information was provided regarding CMH ~~treats~~ clients and funding details.

Kalli Brady, Executive Director Eaton Community Health, provided the annual Human Services Collaborative Council report which includes several outcomes and activities for the past year. Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to Continue the Eaton County Human Services Collaborative Council for another year. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New committee appointments were voted on and will be presented to the full Board of Commissioners as follows.

Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health Board

- Jason White

Department of Human Services Board

- Theresa Root

Tri-County Aging Consortium Advisory Council

- Ruth Pearson – full appointment.

Eaton County Road Commission

- Duane Eldred
- Mark Bott

Commissioner Droscha moved to postpone the vote on the partial appointment for the Tri-County Aging Consortium Advisory Council until the January 2026 meeting. Commissioner Toomey seconded. Motion carried, with one (Barber) opposed.

Brandy Miller, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented the monthly Construction Codes/Planning and Zoning report. She reported that the Planning Commission approved all applications with the exception of DCA-12-25-5, which was postponed to their January 2026 meeting. Commissioner Barber moved to recommend approval of DCA12-25-6 to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

A Planning and Zoning services extension was discussed. Jason Ball of Progressive Companies gave a presentation in reference to county zoning and joint planning. Commissioner Barber moved to repeal the County Zoning Ordinance effective March 31, 2026. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Discussion held. Commissioner Toomey moved to amend the motion to May 31, 2026. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Commissioner Barber called for a vote on the amendment to the motion. Motion carried with two (Barber and Droscha) opposed. Commissioner Barber called for a vote on the newly amended motion to continue Planning and Zoning Services through May 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Droscha moved for Staff/Administration to coordinate with approval from MSHDA with a firm that can provide education to the townships regarding zoning. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved to reappoint Zachary Dillinger, Timothy Catton, and Brian Ross to the Planning Commission and Nicole Chmielewski and Tim Catton to the Board of Appeals with terms to expire with the repeal of the Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ethan Jacobs, Parks Director, requested approval to apply for a Bluebird Nesting Box grant for Lincoln Brick Park. Commissioner Whitacre moved to recommend approval of the grant application to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Barber called for a brief recess at 11:32 a.m.

Chairperson Barber reconvened the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Discussion was held with Park Director, Ethan Jacobs, in reference to Crandell Park projects as well as projects at other County Parks.

Miscellaneous. None.

Limited Public Comment. None

Chairperson Barber adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Human Services Committee will be held in January 2026 on a date and time to be determined at the Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on January 5, 2026, in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813



Keith Barber, Chairperson