

PUBLIC WORKS & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Jane Whitacre (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott and Andy Shaver; Connie Sobie, Ben Dawson, Claudine Williams, Logan Bailey, Brandy Miller, Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, and Mathew Hannahs

The February 11, 2026, 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 Droscha moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2026, meeting. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. Jody Pruden spoke regarding fees for festivals and carnivals. She also spoke on the Maple Syrup Festival. Tim Star spoke in reference to the Brown Drain. Christina Fox also spoke about the Brown Drain.

Mathew Hannahs, Eaton County Road Commission Manager, presented the Semi-Annual Report. Information regarding existing and future projects was presented. Discussion was held regarding the Brown Drain. Commissioner Barber moved to recommend approval of a Resolution Amending the Salary and Benefits of Road Commissioners to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hannahs presented information regarding the Resolution Authorizing Local Roads and Streets Repair and Rehabilitation Millage Proposal and Certifying Ballot Language. Commissioner Barber moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to the Ways and Means Committee. Discussion held. Commissioner Barber amended the motion to wait for one month until the Road Commission can come back with updated numbers. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Marcus Service, Deputy Drain Commissioner, presented a Soil Erosion Fee Schedule Amendment request. Commissioner Barber moved to delay discussion/action on the request while the Controller's Office conducts an analysis of the fees and determines if there are savings if this program is moved to a different office to administer. Commissioner Christensen seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously. Deputy Administrator Dawson indicated it may take a couple of months to compile this information.

Chairperson Barber called for a brief recess at 11:05 a.m.

Chairperson Barber reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Brandy Miller, Planning & Zoning Administrator, presented the monthly department report. Discussion was held in reference to waiving the permit fee for festivals. A phased increase was discussed. Commissioner Toomey moved to revert to the fee charged prior to the adoption of the 2025 Fee Schedule (meaning the fee for 2025 will revert back to \$84) with the new updated/current fee structure being charged after September 30, 2026. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried with one nay from Commissioner Barber.

Claudine Williams, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Development, provided an update on the Township's planning and zoning progress in reference to their Master Plans and Zoning Ordinances.

Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, Director of Resource Recovery, presented the monthly department report. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Eaton County Resource Recovery Department and the Village of Mulliken was presented. The agreement allows for the Mulliken Recycling Center to utilize the services of the Eaton County Sunfield Recycling Center for a fee. Commissioner Barber moved to recommend approval of the MOU to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Toomey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Williams provided the monthly department report for Parks and Recreation.

Tom Lewis, Veterans Service Officer, provided a quarterly report for the department. Discussion held.

Miscellaneous. None.

Limited Public Comment. Jody Pruden spoke about having consistent rules for festival fees and requested clarity regarding the fees and what is being inspected.

Chairperson Barber adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Human Services Committee will be held on March 11, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813.



Keith Barber, Chairperson