

PUBLIC WORKS & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nicole Christensen

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Frank Holmes and Andy Shaver; Ben Dawson, Claudine Williams, Logan Bailey, Chris Garrison, Brandy Miller, Ethan Jacobs, Chad Powers, Marcus Service, Gwenda Summers, and Shana Badgley.

The May 13, 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 Toomey approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2026, meeting. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. None.

Brandy Miller, Community Development & Services Director, presented a Resolution and Ordinance to Repeal the Eaton County Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinance) in its Entirety and a Resolution and Ordinance to Repeal the Eaton County Planning Commission Ordinance. Commissioner Whitacre moved to recommend approval of the Resolutions and Ordinances to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Garrison, Director of Construction Codes and Planning and Zoning, presented the monthly department report. Mr. Garrison provided information regarding a Fee Schedule Study and inspector worn body cameras.

Ms. Miller presented information regarding the Sargent Fox Suicide Prevention Grant funded by the Veterans Administration. Commissioner Toomey moved to recommend approval of a grant application for up to \$750,000 to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Claudine Williams, Deputy Administrator, presented the monthly report for the Resource Recovery Department.

Ethan Jacobs, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the monthly department report. He stated that the County received 11 applications for the Parks Community Grant Program. The Grant Scoring Workgroup will review the applications and provide recommendations to the Public Works and Human Services Committee in June.

Three quotes for playground equipment at Lincoln Brick Park at the south entrance. Staff recommend selecting Midstates Recreation for the project. Discussion held. Commissioner Whitacre moved to approve the Parks Department contract with Midstates Recreation. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jacobs also presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Mid-Michigan Mountain Biking Association and Eaton County Parks and Recreation. Commissioner Toomey moved to recommend approval of the MOU to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

Chad Powers, Facilities Director, provided information on the design work for new the entrance to Crandell Park off from Flanders Road. Post-bid interviews were conducted with three engineering firms, and staff recommend selecting Hubbell, Roth, and Clark (HRC) for this project. Discussion held. The bids will be reviewed at the May Ways and Means Committee meeting.

Mr. Powers also presented the Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring report from Strata. It was requested that a Strata representative attend the September meeting.

Marcus Service, Deputy Drain Commissioner, presented the Eaton County Drain Office Annual Report. Mr. Service spoke about current drain petition projects, and maintenance and repair projects. Discussion held.

Mr. Service also made a request to restructure the Drain Commissioner's Office. Commissioner Barber moved to send the request to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Ayes: Barber, Hansen. Nays: Pearl-Wright, Whitacre, Toomey, and Droscha. Motion failed. Discussion held.

Gwenda Summers and Shana Badgley presented the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties' semi-annual report. It was noted the new Crisis Care Center is under construction in the former Women's and Children's Building on the former McLaren Greenlawn Campus.

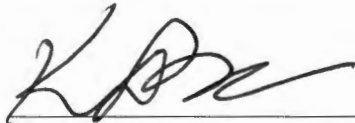
Miscellaneous.

Ms. Williams informed the Committee that, due to a resignation, there is an opening on the Department of Human Services Board. Commissioner Droscha moved to advertise the opportunity on our website and in the local paper. Commissioner Toomey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. Resident Jim Billing spoke about drain assessments.

Chairperson Barber adjourned the meeting at 11:47 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Human Services Committee will be held on May 13, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Barber', written over a horizontal line.

Keith Barber, Chairperson