

PUBLIC WORKS & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Keith Barber, Jane Whitacre, Brian Droscha, Nicole Christensen, and Scott Hansen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Jeanne Pearl-Wright and Jacob Toomey

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott, Frank Holmes and Andy Shaver; Ben Dawson, Claudine Williams, Logan Bailey, Brandy Miller, Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, Ethan Jacobs, Marcus Service, Deb Malewski, and Crystal Marshal

The June 10, 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.

Chairperson Barber presented a new format for the agenda, explaining it was designed to keep the committee meetings concise. Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the agenda in its new format. Commissioner Christensen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Whitacre moved to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2026, meeting. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Controller/Administrator Ben Dawson gave an update on the Soil Erosion and Construction Code Fee Evaluation.

Community Development & Services Director, Brandy Miller gave a Township zoning update.

Ms. Miller also presented the monthly Community Development and Services report. Information regarding the Sargeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant was provided.

Jared Bogdanov-Hanna, Resource Recovery Director, presented a monthly report. Updates on food rescue, recycling events, and summer programs were provided. Discussion held.

Ethan Jacobs, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a monthly department report. Mr. Jacobs stated eight projects were selected for the Parks Community Grant Program. Events and operational updates regarding the Department were also given.

Limited Public Comment. Eaton Rapids Parks Director, Corey Cagel, thanked Eaton County for the continued support of the Eaton Rapids Parks.

Committee Action Items were presented as follows:

Director Miller presented a new contract to update the County's BS&A software to the Cloud. Discussion held. Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of the BS&A contract to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Christensen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Jacobs presented a Resolution to Approve 2026 (Cycle 4) Eaton County Parks Community Grant Program Recommendations. Commissioner Whitacre moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Drain Commissioner, Marcus Service, presented a Restructuring Request for the Drain Commissioners' Office. Commissioner Whitacre moved to send the request to the Ways and Means Committee for their consideration. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried. Commissioner Christensen opposed.

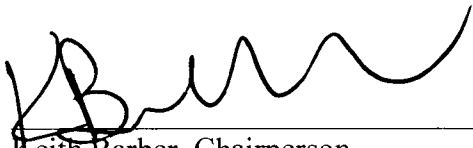
Deb Malewski provided an annual report from the Historical Commission. Information on how funds allocated by Eaton County are used was presented.

Crystal Marshal, Director of VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), for United Way provided information regarding the program. A report detailing the various services of the program and who is eligible was provided

Miscellaneous. Two candidates applied for the open position on the Department of Human Services Board. Commissioner Whitacre moved to recommend the appointment of Collete Scrimger to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Human Services Committee will be held on July 8, 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