

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 16, 2019

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

Chairman Augustine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Invocation was given by Commissioner Lautzenheiser.

Roll call. Commissioners present: Rob Piercefield, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Glenn Freeman, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Matthew S. Bowen, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Lisa Deavers and Barbara Rogers.
Commissioners absent: None

Commissioner Brehler requested the following change to the agenda: Addition of item #6 under Ways & Means - Committee Appointments. Commissioner Whitacre requested the removal of item #1 under Public Works and Planning Committee - Resolution to Amend Eaton County Electrical Code Ordinance.

Commissioner Bowen moved the agenda be approved as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Carried.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of the minutes of September 10, 2019 minutes and September 18, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Carried.

Communications: Kalamo Township Resolution #03, Ordinance Prohibiting Marihuana Establishments.

Public Hearing.

Chairman Augustine opened the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Emergency Repair Program at 7:03 p.m.

Director of Community Development Claudine Williams stated this public hearing is to afford citizens an opportunity to comment on the expenditure of this year's CDBG Emergency Repair Program housing funds and to afford citizens an opportunity to submit comments and receive a final report on the completion of the last year's CDBG Emergency Repair Program housing fund.

Ms. Williams reported that Eaton County proposes to use \$127,701.00 in CDBG program funds to administer this year's Emergency Repair Program. Last

program year assistance was provided to four homeowners in the total amount of \$53,011.50.

Public Comment: None

Chairman Augustine closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved the approval of #19-10-105 Resolution Proclaiming Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Eaton County.

WHEREAS, for over 25 years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Eaton County for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to sheltering and providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to people experiencing homelessness, including SIREN/Eaton Shelter and Housing Services of Mid-Michigan; and

WHEREAS, this designation is recognized annually the week before Thanksgiving to bring greater awareness to the issues of hunger and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners recognize that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of SIREN/Eaton Shelter and Housing Services of Mid-Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims November 16-24, 2019 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners encourages all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need support from citizens and private/public nonprofit service entities.

Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved the approval of #19-10-106 Resolution Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Capital Area United Way.

WHEREAS, for 100 years, Capital Area United Way has been at the forefront of fighting for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our local community; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Area United Way has worked to eliminate hunger, find permanent and affordable shelter for homeless youth, create financial stability for households, provide medical and mental health access for people without private insurance, and offer services for those experiencing addiction; and WHEREAS, throughout its first century – and into the next – the Capital Area United Way has remained focused on solving issues through community input, volunteer engagement and charitable giving; and WHEREAS, as it launches into its second century, it is thrilled to be part of this wonderful community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners congratulates the Capital Area United Way on its 100 years of service to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Capital Area United Way will be commemorating its 100 years of serving the community with a 100th Anniversary Gala on October 19th at the Michigan History Center that includes a strolling dinner, beverage stations, music and United Way history displays throughout the museum among the Michigan and Lansing exhibits.

Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Carried.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved the approval of the following Health and Human Services Committee appointment.

Human Services Collaborative Council – For the remainder of 2-year term expiring 12/31/2020:

Kay Randolph-Back

Seconded by Commissioner Deavers. Carried.

Commissioner Freeman moved the approval of #19-10-107 Resolution to Approve State Targeted Response Grant Letter of Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office receives funding through the U.S. Office of Drug Control Policy Byrne Memorial Grant funds to operate a jail-based residential substance abuse treatment program; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has applied for funding through the Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) State Targeted Response Grant to provide funding for the medication component of the program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed letter of agreement with MSHN will provide reimbursement for up to \$20,148 for medication for the period of October 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee has reviewed the proposed Letter of Agreement and is recommending its approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the Letter of Agreement with Mid-State Health Network for the State Targeted Response Grant funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller be authorized to approve any necessary budget amendments to increase expenditures and increase grant revenue if the grant is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners be authorized to sign any necessary documents.
Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Carried.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of 2019 Apportionment Report.
Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried. (On file)

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of #19-10-108 Resolution to Approve Writing Off the 2007-2012 Delinquent Tax Receivables.

WHEREAS, the delinquent tax receivables for the years 2007-2012 have completed the statutory period for sale and disposition under Public Act 123 of 1999 being MCL 211.78-211.78M; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate total amount of the 2007-2012 receivables remaining on the General Ledger is -\$1.13, and

WHEREAS, the beginning aggregate total of the 2007-2012 delinquent tax receivables was \$45,300,316, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has reviewed the appropriate records and recommended the Board of Commissioners write off the 2007-2012 delinquent tax receivables.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners write off the 2007-2012 delinquent tax receivables.
Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of #19-10-109 Resolution to Approve the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Lease Renewal at the Eaton County Office Building.

WHEREAS, the USDA has been leasing space in the Office Building since 1993; and

WHEREAS, the USDA is desirous of extending the current lease through December 2019; and

WHEREAS, the USDA is requesting the extension under the same terms and conditions as currently exist, 3295 square feet at a cost of \$16.50 per square foot (all inclusive); and

WHEREAS, Ways and Means Committee is recommending the lease extension.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the lease extension as described above through December 2022 and the Controller be authorized to sign the lease.

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of #19-10-110 Resolution to Approve 2019/2020 Budget Amendments.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2019/2020 Appropriations Act of September 18, 2019 states that any amendment to increase a salary and/or a Capital Outlay line-item in excess of \$2,500.00 or any amendment to increase the total

budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be amended by the Board of Commissioners, except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, such amendments are needed in order to comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act of 1978, P.A. 621.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments be approved and added to the 2019-2020 Eaton County Budget:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

CENTRAL DISPATCH - 261

Increase	Capital Outlay	\$24,000
Decrease	Postage	\$14,000
Decrease	Printing	\$ 4,000
Decrease	Telephone	\$ 6,000

To increase capital outlay to equip the emergency communication trailer. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways & Means Committee for \$2,274,535.03 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments.

Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of the following Ways & Means Committee appointments:

Eaton County Historical Commission - 3-year term

Maryanna Burleson	12/31/22
Randal Tooker	12/31/22
Michael Frezell	12/31/22

Eaton County Building Authority - 3-year term

Bob Robinson	12/31/22
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Seconded by Commissioner Devers. Carried.

Public Comment: Christie Harry, Assistant Director of Housing Services, Mid-Michigan spoke regarding homelessness in Eaton County.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Brehler stated it was reported that 25% of the homeless population also suffered from physical disabilities and substance abuse issues.

Commissioner Droscha asked Controller Fuentes to provide an overview on the budgetary impacts of the Governor's state budget vetoes. Two county programs: Secondary Road Patrol funding (\$95,000) and a County jail reimbursement program (\$275,000) were eliminated. While discussions continue at the State level to resolve these appropriations, it is not recommended that budget amendments be made, as revenue loss is currently being offset by savings realized due to position vacancies in the Sheriff's Office.

The County budget will not be affected by the veto to the Child Care Fund Indirect Cost reimbursement, as a revenue provision was not included in the budget.

Commissioner Freeman extended an invitation to the Board to the Capital Area United Way 100th Anniversary Gala will be held at the Michigan Library and Historical Center on October 19th at 7:00 p.m.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

Old Business: Controller Fuentes provided an update on the County's ongoing the opioid litigation, stating the Judge approved the creation of a negotiation class. Lead national consortium attorneys as well as County-retained attorneys recommend the County remain in the class. No action is required by the Board to remain in the negotiation class. No action is required by the Board to remain in the negotiation class. If there are questions regarding the recommendation or class, Mr. Fuentes would schedule the County attorney to be available to attend a closed session of the Board of Commissioners at the November regular meeting. The consensus of the Board was to accept legal counsel's recommendation.

Chairman Augustine adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

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**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS
WEEK IN EATON COUNTY**

Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STATE TARGETED RESPONSE GRANT
LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

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