

**Eaton County Board of Commissioners  
Retiree's Health Insurance Benefit Workshop  
January 29, 2014**

Commissioners present; Michael Hosey, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Howard T. Spence, James Osieczonek, Jane M. Whitacre, Glenn Freeman, Joseph Brehler, Walter Miars, Wayne Ridge, L. Daryl Baker, Jeremy Whittum, Roger Harris.  
Commissioners absent: Roger Eakin, Dale Barr.

Presentation by Controller Fuentes regarding retiree's health insurance benefit.  
Commission discussion held.

Chairman Mulder presented emailed comments from three employees regarding the possibility of changes to the benefit.

Public Comments from: Heather Hicks – Prosecutor's Office, Kristie Binns – Prosecutor's Office. Judy Ash – Controller's Office. Anne Pease - MSU Extension. Gene Bryan -Construction Codes, Yvonne Ridge - Controller's Office, Sue Norton – Prosecutor's Office. Bob Sobie - Information Systems. Neil O'Brien - Prosecutor's Office, all regarding their concerns over reductions to the current benefit.

Commissioner Comment: Commissioner Whittum stated he is open to evaluating alternatives regarding this matter. Commissioner Brehler spoke in regards to his opposition to reducing the benefit. Commissioner Osieczonek spoke regarding the impact of the decisions on employees. Commissioner Hosey stated that it is a statewide problem and an issue for legislators. Commissioner Augustine spoke regarding rising health care costs. Commissioner Spence spoke regarding the health benefit.

There was discussion regarding holding the next Ways & Means Committee meeting in the evening in order for interested employees to attend. Chairman Mulder indicated he would discuss the matter of a special Ways & Means Committee for further discussion on this subject with Committee Chairman Eakin.

Chairman Mulder thanked all present for their participation and concluded the workshop at 8:40 p.m.