

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL WORKSHOP  
FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Workshop at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Friday, June 29, 2018.

Chairman Mulder called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Roll call. Commissioners present: Christine Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Howard T. Spence, Jane M. Whitacre, Glenn Freeman, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Roger Eakin, Brian Lautzenheiser, and Barbara Rogers. Commissioners absent: Wayne Ridge, Kent Austin and Heather Wood. Jeanne Pearl-Wright arrived after roll call.

Solar Energy Development and Agricultural Land Presentation by Harmony Gmazel, Government and Public Policy Educator Citizen Planner/Land Use Education, Michigan State University Extension and M. Charles Gould, Agricultural Bioenergy and Energy Conservation Educator, Michigan State University Extension.

Discussion held regarding DCA-3-18-2, proposed amendment to the Eaton County Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinance) to add language applicable to utility solar energy systems.

Dave Shiflett of Geronimo Solar Company of Minnesota and Kathy Webber of Cypress Creek Renewables spoke regarding the maintenance and monitoring of solar panel project sites, agricultural impacts, and property value effects.

Public Comment:

Kathy Webber, Oneida Township, spoke in opposition to the setback requirements proposed in DC-3-18-2.

Sara Mills, Ann Arbor and Dave Shiflett, Northpoint, spoke in support of the ordinance DCA-3-18-2.

Helen Schneider, Benton Township, stated she did not feel there was enough information at this time to make a decision.

Nancy Gensel stated concerns regarding the loss of farmland in Eaton County that will occur with the approval of the proposed language of DCA 3-18-2.

Chairman Mulder adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

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Clerk of the Board of Commissioners