

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 19, 2017

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

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

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

Chairman Mulder gave the invocation.

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

Commissioner Eakin requested the removal of Item #2 under Ways & Means - Budget Amendments and the addition of Item #4 Approval to Remove Restrictions on Community Mental Health Authority Supplemental Appropriation - FY2016.

Commissioner Eakin moved the agenda be approved as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser. Carried.

Commissioner Austin moved the minutes of March 15, 2017 be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Carried.

Communications: Treasurer Bob Robinson presented the 2016 Eaton County Treasurer's Annual Report. (on file)

Public Comments: None

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #17-4-33 Resolution Recognizing April 2017 as National Autism Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, autism is a developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected by it, and
WHEREAS, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 68 children nationally; and
WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they lead significantly improved lives; and
WHEREAS, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support

families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism can present; and

WHEREAS, through research, training, public services, support groups, advocacy, and increased awareness we will be more understanding, inclusive, and better equipped to support the growing number of individuals with autism and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners honor and support individuals with autism and acknowledge the tremendous courage that they and their families put forth every day and does hereby proclaim April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month in the County of Eaton, Michigan. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried.

Commissioner Austin moved the approval of #17-4-34 Resolution to Authorize Veterans Court SCAO Grant Application.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Trial Courts began operating a Veterans' Treatment Court (J. Sauter Veterans Treatment Court) in the fall of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan is making grant funds available for the period of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 with no required cash match.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Community Corrections Department to submit a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 which includes funding of a case manager; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the grant is not continued or requires a County appropriation, the continuation of the grant funded positions will be reviewed by the appropriate committees to determine the necessity of the General Fund commitment; 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 by the State of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners or his designee be authorized to sign any necessary contracts or documents. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried.

Commissioner Austin moved the approval of #17-4-35 Resolution to Authorize Application for Grant under the Community Corrections Act 1988, P.A. 511.

WHEREAS, Eaton County has operated programs under the Community Corrections Act, 1988, P.A. 511; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan is making grant funds available for the period of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Community Corrections Advisory Board will review on April 26, 2017 and is recommending, pending that review, the submission of a request for funds for the 2017/2018 fiscal year not to exceed

\$200,000 for comprehensive plans and services and \$25,000 for Drunk Driver Jail Reduction Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the submission of the above entitled grants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the grant is not continued or requires a County General Fund contribution, the continuation of the grant funded positions will be reviewed by the appropriate Committees to determine the necessity of General Fund commitment.

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 by the State of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners or his designee be authorized to sign all of the necessary contracts or documents. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried.

Commissioner Austin moved the approval of #17-4-36 Resolution to Authorize Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program Grant Application.

WHEREAS, the State Court Administrative Office has Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program Grant funds available; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County currently operates a Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Community Corrections Department is desirous of continuing the program focusing on high-risk felony probationers with a demonstrated history of probation failures due to behavioral noncompliance or three or more probation violations. This grant would provide funding to operate the Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program (SSSPP); and

WHEREAS, the SSSPP primary goal is to increase compliance with probation terms by imposing certain, swift, and consistent sanctions for probation violations; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding request in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, providing for one full time caseworker, Assistant Prosecutor hours and defense attorney hours, with no County match for the award period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Community Corrections Department to submit the SSSPP grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the County's participation in the grant is discontinued or requires a County General Fund contribution, the continuation of the grant funded positions will be reviewed by the appropriate committees to determine the necessity of General Fund commitment; 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 by the State of Michigan; and

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

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of #17-4-37 Resolution to Approve Greater Lansing Regional Storm Water Program Memorandum of Agreement Renewal.

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) have required communities in the Greater Lansing tri-county region to apply for and maintain compliance with a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II (NPDES II) permit; and

WHEREAS, the communities prepared, reviewed, and proposed a Memorandum of Agreement for adoption by all the communities and agencies to formalize and establish the Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management (GLRC), and

WHEREAS, participation in the GLRC advances local efforts for responsible stewardship of our natural resources, allows for the cooperative management of the watersheds in our community and this region, and assists the participating municipalities and their departments in complying with the regulatory requirements promulgated by the MDEQ and the USEPA Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System(MS4) stormwater discharge permits; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement which was adopted by these municipalities and agencies originally in 2008, was revised and updated and re-adopted in 2012, and has now been prepared reflecting changes in the participating communities and activities to meet permit requirements and extending the period of the agreement to April 30, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Eaton approves the Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management Memorandum of Agreement revised by the GLRC on December 8, 2016 and authorizes payment of the appropriate annual assessment for support of the Greater Lansing Regional Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the community's representative to the Greater Lansing Regional Committee is Eric Deibel, Eaton County Deputy Drain Commissioner or Ruthann Clarke Eaton County Assessment Administrator as the alternate representative. Seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Carried.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of #17-4-38 Resolution to Authorize Request to Place and Maintain Stop Sign at Exit of Crandell Park to M-50.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Department is requesting permission from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to place a stop sign at the exit of the Crandell Park parking lot/driveway to M-50; and WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks Commission staff will install and maintain said stop sign for its lifetime at its sole expense; and WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks Commission staff and Eaton County Board of Commissioners will abide by any and all Right of Way (ROW) or set back regulations as it relates to the placement of said stop sign. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners supports and approves the request for said stop sign by the Parks and Recreation Department to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of the Adoption of the 2017 Equalized Valuations for Eaton County. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried. (on file)

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways and Means Committee in the amount of \$423,993.27 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Brehler. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved to remove the restrictions on the use of the supplemental Appropriation to Community Mental Health Authority and to allow Community Mental Health to retain unexpended funds for services provided to Eaton County residents. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Augustine, Spence, Pearl-Wright, Freeman, Brehler, Droscha, Ridge, Lautzenheiser, Austin, Rogers. Nays: Barnes, Eakin, Wood, Mulder. Carried.

Controller Fuentes and Commissioner Eakin spoke regarding the 2017/2018 revenue estimates and expenditure requests received from departments and elected officials.

Public Comment: Community Mental Health Authority Chief Executive Officer Sara Lurie thanked the Board for allowing the agency to retain and utilize the supplemental appropriation.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Barnes stated that Prosecutor Doug Lloyd along with Tri-County Metro Narcotics squad will speak at the Mulliken Village meeting, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the medical marijuana facilities licensing act.

Commissioner Austin spoke regarding the Capital Area Transportation Authority proposed plans to suspend the Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright spoke regarding decreases in funding for the Tri-County Office on Aging which adversely affects Meals on Wheels and other programs.

Chairman Mulder stated that he is working collaboratively with the Tri-County Board Chairpersons regarding issues affecting the Capital region.

Commissioner Spence stated the Eaton County Sheriff's Five-O 5k Run/Walk will be held Sunday May 7, 2017 at Sharp Park in Delta Township.

Commissioner Spence stated the Tri-County Law Enforcement agencies are participating in Crisis Intervention Team training to be held at the South Lansing Police Station.

Commissioner Spence noted an amicus brief has been filed by a coalition of local units regarding "Big Box Store" valuations by the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Controller Fuentes provided further explanation as to the adverse affects these valuations are having on county revenues.

Commissioner Spence spoke regarding the current study commissioned by Tri-County Regional Planning Commission regarding public transit in the region.

Commissioner Freeman stated that a skilled trade training expo will be held on May 9th at 10:30 a.m. at the Lansing Center. On May 4 & 5, 2017 the International Operating Engineers will host a skilled trade training expo in Howell.

Commissioner Droscha noted there will be a series of Crandell Park public input forums intended to gather ideas from the public regarding park usage. Meeting dates can be found at www.eatoncounty.org/departments/parks-department.

Commissioner Spence noted the accomplishments of Bellevue High School and Eaton Regional Education Service Agency students in the Lansing Youth Startup Challenge competition held in April sponsored by the Lansing Economic Area Partnership.

There was no Unfinished Business, Old Business or New Business.

Chairman Mulder adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

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April 19, 2017

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS
MONTH IN EATON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee

Commissioner Rogers moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR SCAO
VETERANS COURT GRANT RENEWAL**

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Austin moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**April 19, 2017****RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR GRANT UNDER THE
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT 1988, P.A. 511****Introduced by the Public Safety Committee**

Commissioner Austin moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**APRIL 19, 2017****RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR SWIFT AND SURE
SANCTIONS PROBATION PROGRAM GRANT RENEWAL****Introduced by the Public Safety Committee**

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GREATER LANSING REGIONAL COMMITTEE
STORMWATER PROGRAM
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT RENEWAL****Introduced by the Public Works & Planning Committee**

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Freeman.

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) have required communities in the Greater Lansing tri-county region to apply for and maintain compliance with a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II (NPDES II) permit; and

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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REQUEST TO PLACE AND MAINTAIN STOP SIGN
AT EXIT OF CRANDELL PARK TO M-50**

Introduced by the Public Works & Planning Committee

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Department is requesting permission from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to place a stop sign at the exit of the Crandell Park parking lot/driveway to M-50; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks Commission staff will install and maintain said stop sign for its lifetime at its sole expense; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks Commission staff and Eaton County Board of Commissioners will abide by any and all Right of Way (ROW) or set back regulations as it relates to the placement of said stop sign.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners supports and approves the request for said stop sign by the Parks and Recreation Department to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Carried.