

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 18, 2006

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in recessed session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, January 18, 2006.

Chairman Peters called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

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

Invocation was given by Commissioner MacDowell.

Roll call. Commissioners present: Mark Smuts, Harlan MacDowell, Alvin Kempf, Fritz Kellermann, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Leo Farhat, John Forell, Sue Butler, Robert Johnson, Daryl Baker, Carroll Moon, Denise Clarke, Leonard Peters. Commissioners arriving after roll call: Joseph Brehler. Commissioners absent: Glenn Freeman.

Chairman Peters removed public hearing from the agenda.

Commissioner Johnson added 3 resolutions under Finance Committee:

- 2006 Borrowing Resolution
- 2006 Administrative Fund Resolution
- Parks and Recreation Grant application

The agenda stood as amended.

Commissioner Kempf moved the minutes of December 1 and 21, 2005 be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner MacDowell. Carried.

There were no communications.

Chairman Peters welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Sue Butler who will be representing District 10. He also announced there would be no Special Primary on February 28th, just the Special General on May 2, 2006.

Public Comment.

Chuck High, 7410 Delta River Dr., spoke about problems with the Lora Drain, which is an Intercounty Drainage District in Eaton and Clinton Counties. The cost of the improvements has increased greatly since the project first began.

Commissioner Brehler arrived.

Chairman Peters explained to Mr. High that the County has no jurisdiction over the Drain Commissioner, but he will refer the matter to the Public Works and Planning Committee.

Bill Woodard, 7354 & 7360 Delta River Dr. spoke about excessive charges with the Lora Drain and the fact he was not notified of the increase in cost.

Marilyn Schenk, 7200 Delta River Dr., agreed with the previous speakers and asked the Board to look into the situation.

Commissioner Kempf moved the approval of Resolution #06-01-03 Authorizing Agreements with Remonumentation Surveyors for Research and Surveying Required Under the Eaton County Monumentation and Remonumentation Plan for the 2006 Grant Year. Seconded by Commissioner Farhat. Carried.

Clerk Fuller distributed copies of the Annual Reports for the offices of County Clerk, Circuit Court Clerk and Register of Deeds.

Commissioner Farhat moved the approval of the following appointments:

- Barry-Eaton District Board of Health
 - Leo Farhat, term expiring 12-31-08
- Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health Board
 - Joe Brehler, term expiring 12-31-08
- Tri-County Aging Consortium Board
 - Leonard Peters, Fritz Kellermann, Joe Brehler and Jon Reynolds-Alternate for terms expiring 12-31-06
- Capital Area Community Services Board
 - Leonard Peters and John Bagby-Alternate for terms expiring 12-31-06
- Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission Board
 - Bob Johnson, term expiring 12-31-07
- Eaton Substance Abuse Program Committee
 - Leo Farhat (Treatment)
 - Jeanne Wright (Prevention), both terms expiring 12-31-08
- Housing Continuum of Care
 - Jeanne Wright, term expiring 12-31-06

Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

Commissioner Farhat moved Denise Clarke be appointed to the Historical Commission for a term expiring 12-31-08. Seconded by Commissioner Kellermann. Carried.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of the following appointments:

- Board of Public Works
 - Leonard Peters
 - Joseph Brehler
 - Mark Smuts
 - Harlan MacDowell
 - Al Kempf
 - John Forell
 - Braden Harrington, terms expiring 12-31-06
- Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Mark Smuts, term expiring 12-31-08
- Capital Area Regional Transportation Study Committee
 - Al Kempf, term expiring 12-31-06
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board
 - Joseph Brehler, term expiring 12-31-08

Seconded by Commissioner MacDowell. Carried.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of Resolution #06-01-04 Directing the Board of Public Works to Undertake a Sewer Improvements Project for the Township of Brookfield. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of Resolution #06-01-05 Authorizing the Use of Credit Cards for Payment of Certain Fees – Parks. Seconded by Commissioner Farhat. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-01-06 to Approve 2005/2006 General Fund Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Baker. Carried.

There were no Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendments.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of claims as audited by the Finance Committee in the amount of \$282,501.14. Seconded by Commissioner Baker. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-01-07 to Approve the 2006 Borrowing Resolution (2005 Delinquent Taxes). Seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-01-08 Authorizing 2006 Administrative Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Baker. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-01-09 To Approve Parks and Recreation Application for an Eaton County Community Foundation Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

There was no Public Comment or Unfinished Business.

Old Business. The tour of the Medical Care Facility will follow the Board meeting today.

New Business. Mona Ellard, Director of Eaton County MSU Extension introduced Jackelyn Martin, the new 4-H Youth Development Educator.

Commissioner Smuts moved to approve the appointment of Jackelyn Martin as the new 4-H Youth Development Educator for Eaton County. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

Controller Fuentes distributed a handout regarding Group Life Insurance for the Board of Commissioners. All Board members must agree to participate in the program. Chairman Peters asked for a show of hands to determine if all of the members present were interested. It did not appear at this time that all were willing to participate. (Copy on file)

Chairman Peters asked Drain Commissioner Brady Harrington to speak about the concerns addressed earlier regarding the Lora Drain.

Drain Commissioner Harrington explained the cost for the easements for the project were more than anticipated mainly due to a court decision to split the difference in the appraised cost of the easements. He explained this is an ongoing problem with drain projects, because these projects are more frequently taken to court, which results in higher costs due in part to legal fees.

Chairman Peters reminded the Board of the Jail Expansion Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 9:30 AM in the Board of Commissioners room. Per Diem will be paid to those attending the workshop.

Commissioner Kempf moved the meeting adjourn to Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 9:00 AM. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners