

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 15, 2006

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, November 15, 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, Joseph Brehler, John Forell, Linda Keefe, Robert Johnson, Daryl Baker, Dale Barr, Denise Clarke, Leonard Peters. Commissioners absent; Glenn Freeman.

Chairman Peters asked for additions or corrections to the agenda.

- Commissioner Baker added the following to the Personnel Committee Report:
 - MERS benefit resolution

The agenda stood as amended.

Commissioner MacDowell moved the minutes of October 18, 2006 be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Farhat. Carried.

Communications:

1/ Invitation to a slide show presentation on November 16th at 7:00 PM in the EOC Room given by the Mounted Division of the Sheriff's Department. The presentation highlights the Mounted Division's trip to New Jersey and "ground zero".

2/ Notice of an MTA meeting November 27th at 7:30 PM at the Opera House in Vermontville.

There was no Public Comment.

Denise Dunn, Executive Director of Housing Services for Eaton County spoke about the Eaton County Continuum of Care.

Nancy Oliver, Director of the SIREN Eaton Shelter spoke about who the homeless are in Eaton County. Many are low-income families who struggle to maintain their households.

Handouts showing statistics on homelessness in Eaton County from 2004-2006 were distributed.

Commissioner Farhat moved the approval of Resolution #06-11-129 To Endorse the Continuum of Care Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. Seconded by Commissioner Barr. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Forell moved the approval of Resolution #06-11-130 To Appoint County Agents Under the Prisoner Reimbursement Act. Seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Carried.

Commissioner Clarke presented a Courthouse Security Proposal, which was reviewed and recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee.

Commissioner Clarke moved the adoption of the Courthouse Security Proposal. Seconded by Commissioner Farhat.

After discussion Commissioner Clarke withdrew her motion. Commissioner Farhat agreed to withdraw his support.

Controller Fuentes distributed an alternative proposal as submitted by the Sheriff's Department.

Chief Deputy Peacock spoke to the Board of the need for a security checkpoint at the courthouse.

Commissioner Brehler opposes the public being subjected to screening when they enter the Courthouse.

Commissioner Clarke also opposes any security plan where the public is routinely and regularly screened.

Commissioner Kellermann moved to table the Courthouse Security Proposal so the Building and Grounds Committee can reconsider all submitted plans. Seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Carried.

Open discussion. Mike Kutas, Circuit Court Administrator stated that for several years the courts have been asking for security and strongly requests the Board look into this matter as soon as possible.

Chairman Peters stated the Building and Grounds Committee meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8:30 AM.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of Resolution #06-11-131, To Approve Architectural Services for Fox Park Improvement Project. Seconded by Commissioner Smuts. Carried.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of Resolution #06-11-132, To Amend the Land Development Code of Eaton County DCA-11-06-5. Seconded by Commissioner Kempf. Carried.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of Resolution #06-11-133, In Opposition of HB 6325. Seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Carried.

Commissioner Baker moved the approval of Resolution #06-11-134, To Approve Health Insurance Administrative Services Contract. Seconded by Commissioner Kellermann. Carried.

Commissioner Kellermann moved the approval of Resolution #06-11-135, Changing MERS Benefits for Sheriff/Under Sheriff Retirement Unit. Seconded by Commissioner Baker. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-11-136, to Approve 2005/2006 General Fund Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Baker. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-11-137, to Approve 2005/2006 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Farhat. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-11-138, to Approve 2006/2007 General Fund Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Kellermann. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-11-139, to Approve 2006/2007 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Baker. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of claims as audited by the Finance Committee in the amount of \$545,449.44. Seconded by Commissioner Farhat. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson explained the Certificate of Need Application for 42 beds at the Medical Care Facility is in jeopardy because the full faith and credit of the county cannot be provided. The Finance Committee was unable to recommend the issuance of bonds at their meeting November 13th. The State would accept a resolution that the Board intends to place a proposal on a ballot to provide the funding. No ballot language for a proposal has been presented to the Board or any of its Committees for discussion.

Public Comment: Willie Rhodes thanked the Board for all they do for the citizens of Eaton County in addressing issues.

There was no Unfinished Business or New Business.

Chairman Peters announced the Commissioners Christmas Party would be held December 13th at the Sheraton.

Chairman Peters spoke about former Road Commission Engineer/Manager Dean DeLaMater who passed away earlier this month. Mr. DeLaMater was instrumental in getting Courthouse Drive built.

Commissioner Kempf moved the meeting adjourn to Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. Seconded by Commissioner MacDowell. Carried.

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Clerk of the Board of Commissioner