

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 20, 2006

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, December 20, 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 Smuts.

Roll call. Commissioners present: Mark Smuts, Harlan MacDowell, Alvin Kempf, Fritz Kellermann, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Leo Farhat, Glenn Freeman, Joseph Brehler, John Forell, Linda Keefe, Robert Johnson, Daryl Baker, Dale Barr, Denise Clarke, Leonard Peters. Commissioners absent; None.

Chairman Peters asked for additions or corrections to the agenda.

- Commissioner Johnson added the following to the Finance Committee Report:
 - Operation of the Juvenile Facility Resolution
 - Medical Care Facility Millage Authorization Question Resolution

The agenda stood as amended.

Commissioner Kempf moved the minutes of November 15, 2006 be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried.

Communications:

1/ Engagement letter from Rehmann Robson, CPA outlining the services to be performed concerning the County audit.

Public Comment. On behalf of Delta Township, Township Treasurer Phil Chisholm, thanked Commissioner Kellermann for his service to Eaton County and Delta Township. He also recognized the services of Commissioners Smuts and Kellermann on the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a ceremony today at Delta Township at 5:30 PM. All Commissioners were invited.

Chairman Peters moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-140 In Appreciation for Commissioner Mark Smuts. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried unanimously.

Chairman Peters moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-141 In Appreciation for Commissioner Alvin Kempf. Seconded by Commissioner Kellermann. Carried unanimously.

Chairman Peters moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-142 In Appreciation for Commissioner Fritz Kellermann. Seconded by Commissioner Farhat. Carried unanimously.

Chairman Peters moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-143 In Appreciation for Commissioner Robert Johnson. Seconded by Commissioner Baker. Carried unanimously. Commissioner Johnson introduced his wife Marian.

Chairman Peters moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-144 In Appreciation for Dr. Robert Leeser. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried unanimously. Dr. Leeser introduced his wife Dorothy.

Sheriff Mike Raines and Under Sheriff Fred McPhail, along with Chairman Peters presented the semi-annual awards from the Sheriff's Department. Copies on file.

Chairman Peters thanked all the award recipients for their efforts and introduced his wife Marilyn.

Jonathan Greene, Coordinator, Eaton County Community Development reviewed the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness in Eaton County. This is a statewide effort involving all 83 counties.

Commissioner Kempf moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-145 Amending the 2006 Apportionment Report. Seconded by Commissioner Farhat. Carried.

Commissioner Kempf moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-146 To Appoint County Remonumentation Representative and Related Contract. Seconded by Commissioner Barr. Carried.

Commissioner Farhat moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-147 To Continue Eaton County Human Services Collaborative Council. Seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Carried.

Commissioner Farhat moved the approval of the following appointments:

- Jacqueline Sterling to the CEI-Community Mental Health Board, term expires December 31, 2009
- Linda Tokar and Nancy Oliver to the Human Services Collaborative Council, terms expire December 31, 2008
- Fritz Kellermann to the Tri-County Aging Consortium Advisory Council, term expires December 31, 2009

Seconded by Commissioner Barr. Carried. 1 abstention – Commissioner Kellermann.

Commissioner Farhat moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-148 To Appoint County Medical Examiner. Seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Carried.

Commissioner Forell moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-149 To Approve Inmate Housing Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Kellermann. Carried.

Commissioner Forell moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-150 To Approve Agreement for County Physician Services at the Eaton County Jail. Seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Carried.

Commissioner Clarke moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-151 To Authorize the Department of Human Services Lease Renewal. Seconded by Commissioner Kellermann. Carried.

Commissioner Clarke moved the approval of the following appointments:

- Tom Raymond and Charles Leap to the Historical Commission, terms expire December 31, 2009
 - Fritz Kellermann to the Building Authority, term expires December 31, 2009
- Seconded by Commissioner Farhat. Carried. 1 abstention – Commissioner Kellermann.

Commissioner Kellermann moved to remove from the table for discussion, Courthouse Security. Seconded by Commissioner Farhat. Carried. 1 nay – Commissioner Brehler.

Commissioner Clarke referred to a packet of communications from county employees regarding courthouse security.

Commissioner MacDowell moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-152 To Implement Courthouse Security Proposal. Seconded by Commissioner Kellermann.

Commissioner Brehler spoke against requiring the public to pass through screening before entering the courthouse. Commissioners Clarke and Pearl-Wright would agree with requiring the public to pass through screening for the court side of the building, not the administrative side.

Vote on the resolution carried. Nays: Commissioners Pearl-Wright, Brehler and Clarke.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-153, To Approve Scrap Tire Collection Vendor Contract. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-154, To Prioritize Parcels for Submission to Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund Board for Purchase of Development Rights Grant Funds. Seconded by Commissioner MacDowell. Carried.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of the following appointments:

- Larry Adams to the Road Commission, term expires December 31, 2012
- William Hawes to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, term expires December 31, 2008
- Michael Maynard to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term expires December 31, 2009
- Michael Lord and Larry Bond (Plumbing Reps), Michael Maynard and Bob Montgomery (Mechanical Reps) and Bill Richardson (Electrical Rep) to the Construction Code Board of Appeals, terms expire December 31, 2009
- Ronald Johnson to the Planning Commission, term expires December 31, 2009
- Larry Emery and Alvin Whitfield to the Parks and Recreation Commission, terms expire December 31, 2009
- Denise Dunn, Leon Monroe, Rocco Moore and Bob Brown to the Housing Advisory Committee, terms expire December 31, 2008
- Claudine Hannold to the Capital Area Regional Transportation Study Committee, term expires December 31, 2007
- Andrea Firman, David Roberts and Duane Ross to the Purchase of Development Rights Selection Committee, terms expire December 31, 2008
- Rocco Moore and Robert Sepeter to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board, terms expire December 31, 2009

Seconded by Commissioner Smuts. Carried.

Commissioner Baker moved the approval of Document #06-12-155, 2007 Personnel Policy Changes. Seconded by Commissioner Kellermann. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-156, Establishing Commissioner Compensation and Mileage Reimbursement and Compensation for Non-Commissioner Members of Appointed Committees and Commissions, to be effective January 1, 2007. Seconded by Commissioner Clarke.

Controller Fuentes reported that due to an IRS determination, Commissioners would no longer be eligible to receive reimbursement when attending meetings at the courthouse, without it being considered taxable income.

Commissioner Keefe moved to amend the resolution to one year instead of 2 years. Motion died for lack of support.
Vote on resolution carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-157, to Authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Public Employers Benefit Solutions (PEBS). Seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-158, to Approve 2006/2007 General Fund Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-159, to Approve 2006/2007 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Kellermann. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of claims as audited by the Finance Committee in the amount of \$395,200.59. Seconded by Commissioner Baker. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-160, to Approve Interim Agreement for the Operation of the Juvenile Facility. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved the approval of Resolution #06-12-161, to Submit to a Vote of the Electorate an Eaton County Medical Care Facility Construction/Expansion Millage Authorization Question. Seconded by Commissioner Farhat. Carried unanimously.

There were no Public Comments.

There was no Unfinished Business or Old Business.

New Business. Chairman Peters introduced former Commissioner Bill Hawes.

Chairman Peters thanked the Board for their support the past 2 years and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Several Commissioners expressed thanks and appreciation to Chairman Peters for his effective and efficient leadership as Chairman.

Commissioner Johnson spoke about his 16 years on the Board and how much he will miss everyone as he retires this year.

Annual Report of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Enforcing Agency was distributed.

Commissioner Kempf moved the meeting adjourn to Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. Seconded by Commissioner MacDowell. Carried.

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners