

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte on Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

Chairman Brehler called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Invocation was given by Commissioner MacDowell.

Roll call: Commissioners present; Michael Hosey, Harlan MacDowell, Theresa Abed, Carol Strachan, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Leo Farhat, Glenn Freeman, John Forell, Linda Keefe, Art Luna, Daryl Baker, Dale Barr, Denise Clarke, Leonard Peters, Joseph Brehler.

Commissioners absent: None

Chairman Brehler asked for changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda stood as presented.

Commissioner Keefe, Chairperson of the Ways & Means Committee thanked everyone who was involved with creating the budget and read the Annual Budget Report to the Board. She noted the total proposed 2008/2009 Budget for Eaton County is \$33,029,106 and highlighted specific areas of both revenues and expenses.

Chairman Brehler asked for comments from the Board.

Items discussed among the Board were:

- 1/Commissioner Hosey questioned whether the Sheriff Department's Road Patrol will have any cuts. Chairman Brehler commented that the reductions made by the Sheriff did not reduce road patrol.
- 2/Commissioner Hosey questioned if the 4-H program remained in the budget. Chairman Brehler commented that the MSU Extension was included in the Budget and the decision on the continuation of the 4-H program was up to the MSU Extension Director, Mona Ellard. Mona Ellard indicated the 4-H program would continue.
- 3/Commissioner MacDowell questioned why the non-union personnel didn't get a 2.5% increase in pay and about the amount of difference in increase. Chairman Brehler indicated that the only collectively bargained salary increases were included in the proposed budget.

There was no Unfinished Business or New Business.

Public Comment: Murry Pugh, 2885 Twelve Oaks Dr., Charlotte spoke to the Board about keeping the Disabled Parking Patrol program in the budget. He expressed that the workers are all volunteer.

Christine Dutcher, Vice-president of the Courthouse Square Association, asked the board to reconsider the cuts in Courthouse Square Association due to the repair and upkeep of the historical sites in Eaton County.

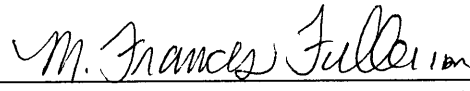
Commissioner Clarke arrived.

Commissioner Luna moved that the Board reconsider helping the historical courthouse square association in the budget for repairs. Chairman Brehler referred the matter to the next Ways & Means Committee meeting.

Chairman Brehler moved the meeting recess to Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Supported by Commissioner Forell. Carried.



Chairman of the Board of Commissioners



Clerk of the Board of Commissioners