

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 18, 2009

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

Chairperson Brehler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Commissioner Clarke gave the invocation.

Roll call. Commissioners present; Michael Hosey, Blake Mulder, Theresa Abed, Carol Strachan, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Leo Farhat, John Forell, Linda Keefe, Art Luna, Daryl Baker, Dale Barr, Denise Clarke, Roger Harris, Joseph Brehler. Commissioners absent; None. Commissioners arriving after roll call; Glenn Freeman.

Commissioner Clarke moved the minutes of February 18, 2009 be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

Commissioner Keefe amended the agenda by deleting items 3 and 4 and changing item 5 to 3.

Commissioner Farhat moved the agenda be approved as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Barr. Carried.

Communications.

1/ Notice of an MTA meeting 3-23-09 at the Sheriff's Department which will include a tour of the jail expansion after the meeting.

2/ Annual Report of the Drain Commissioner was received.

Commissioner Freeman arrived.

Public Comment. Lucie Fortin, RLA, Landscape Architect from Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. reported she has been working with the Parks & Recreation Commission on the master plan and could answer any questions the Board may have before the plan is adopted.

Neil Rohrs, 2990 N. Stewart Rd. spoke against the cost of the Road Commissioners health insurance plan and referred to a plan he found with lower premiums. He would also like to see information on budget and monthly expenditures on the county web page.

Harry Levins, 941 Kingsbridge Rd. Grand Ledge presented a letter and petition signatures requesting the board terminate the insurance benefits for members of the Road Commission.

Drain Commissioner Michael Atayan updated the board on office activities.

Dewayne Walter, 1506 S Canal Rd., Lansing spoke against the medical benefits received by Road Commissioners.

Chairman Brehler noted no appropriations are paid from the county budget to cover the cost of medical benefits received by Road Commission members. Those costs are covered by the Road Commission. Road Commissioners receive the same health benefits as employees of the Road Commission.

Brian Burke suggested employees of the Drain Office use a magnetic sign on their vehicles to identify themselves as county employees.

Ryan Latourette, 7352 E. Saginaw Hwy. Grand Ledge, spoke against Road Commissioners receiving health care benefits and distributed a statistical document he prepared.

Mark Kettner, from Principal Rehmann Robson reported on the 2008 Eaton County Audit Report.

Commissioner Freeman moved the approval of Resolution #09-03-21, to Authorize Application of a Grant Through the Michigan State Police for the Procurement of a Digital Palm Print Live Scan Device for the Sheriff's Department. Seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Carried.

Commissioner Luna moved the approval of Resolution #09-03-22, To Authorize Adoption of the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2009 through 2013. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

Commissioner Luna, moved Blake Mulder be appointed to the Grand Ledge Local Development Financing Authority for a term expiring 12-31-2010. Seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Carried.

Commissioner Abed reported there has been a lot of interest in the Eaton County Citizen University scheduled for next month.

Commissioner Keefe moved the approval of Resolution #09-03-23, To Accept September 30, 2008 Eaton County Audit Report. Seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Carried.

Commissioner Keefe moved the approval of Resolution #09-03-24, To Approve Hetrick Drain Project Bond Counsel of Axe and Ecklund P.C. in the amount of \$3,000 plus \$500 for expenses. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

Commissioner Keefe moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways and Means Committee in the amount of \$282,498.27. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

Public Comment, Neil Rohrs thanked Chairman Brehler for his information regarding the Road Commission. He restated that he found a plan that was lower in cost than the present plan.

Chairperson Brehler reported the Road Commission is investigating the cost of the medical benefits it provides. He expects they will be rebidding and looking at alternatives when the current contract expires.

Unfinished business. Pictures are \$9.00, please pay the clerk.

There was no Old Business or New Business.

Chairperson Brehler adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Joseph C. Brehler (MFF)
Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners

M. Frances Fuller
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION OF A GRANT THROUGH THE
MICHIGAN STATE POLICE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A DIGITAL
PALM PRINT LIVE SCAN DEVICE**

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Freeman moved the approval of the following resolution.
Seconded by Commissioner Clarke.

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Police has grant funds available for local agencies to procure digital palm print Live Scan devices; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Department is interested in participating in this grant program in order to comply with the federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act that requires palm prints of sex offender to be captured and retained; and

WHEREAS, the new equipment can and should be used for all arrests; and agencies are encouraged to begin submitting palm prints along with their ten print captures to the Criminal Justice Information Center; and

WHEREAS, the grant will provide \$16,000 toward the purchase of the system with up to a \$2,000 match from funds within the existing Sheriff Department budget; and

WHEREAS, this grant application has been reviewed and is being recommended by the Public Safety Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the application for the Live Scan Fingerprint and Photo Imaging Systems Grant is authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller be authorized to approve any necessary budget amendments to increase capital outlay 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 or his designee be authorized to sign any necessary documents or contracts. Carried.

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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADOPTION OF THE EATON COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

Introduced by the Public Works & Planning Committee

Commissioner Luna moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Forell.
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners established the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission under the provisions of Act 261 of the Public Acts of 1965; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility for preparation of a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, said Commission has researched and surveyed the existing recreational resources and probable future needs for additional recreation, services, facilities, and lands; and

WHEREAS, a Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been completed and said Commission held public comment meetings on August 15, 2008 and October 6, 2008, and a public review for 30 days to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of said Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks & Recreation Commission recommended adoption of the 2009 through 2013 Eaton County Parks & Recreation Plan by resolution on March 4, 2009, to the Eaton County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the 2009 through 2013 Eaton County Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, as adopted, the Eaton County Parks & Recreation Plan serves as a guide for future park development in Eaton County and supersedes the five-year Parks & Recreation Plan adopted in 2002.

AYES: Commissioners; Hosey, Abed, Mulder, Strachan, Pearl-Wright, Farhat, Freeman, Forell, Keefe, Luna, Baker, Barr, Clarke, Harris, Brehler.

NAYS: None

Adopted: Yes

Carried.

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RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

EATON COUNTY AUDIT

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

Commissioner Keefe moved the approval of the following resolution.
Seconded by Commissioner Clarke.

WHEREAS, the firm of Rehman Robson completed an Audit of Eaton County for the year ending September 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, such Audit and the recommendations included therein have been reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners accepts the 2007/2008 Eaton County Audit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and Financial Plan be sent to the State of Michigan Department of Treasury. Carried.

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
HETRICK DRAIN PROJECT BOND COUNSEL**

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

Commissioner Keefe moved the approval of the following resolution.
Seconded by Commissioner Forell.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved a Full Faith and Credit Policy on February 16, 2005; and

WHEREAS, that Policy provides for the services of a Project Bond Counsel for any project that is requesting the full faith and credit of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has prepared and distributed bid packages for Bond Counsel services for the Hetrick Drain Project; and

WHEREAS, these bids were received and have been reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following firm be awarded the Bond Counsel designation for the Hetrick Drain Project:

- The Axe and Ecklund P.C. (in the amount of \$3,000 plus \$500 for expenses); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners or his designee be authorized to sign any necessary agreements. Carried.