



EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 18, 2009

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

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

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

Commissioner Baker gave the invocation.

Roll call. Commissioners present; Mike Hosey, Blake Mulder, Theresa Abed, Carol Strachan, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Glenn Freeman, Linda Keefe, Art Luna, Daryl Baker, Dale Barr, Roger Harris, Joseph Brehler. Commissioners absent; Leo Farhat, John Forell, Denise Clarke.

Commissioner Keefe removed item #1 from the Ways & Means Committee report.

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

Commissioner Freeman moved the minutes of October 21, 2009 be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Luna. Carried.

Communications.

1/ Thank you note from Clerk Fuller for the donation to SIREN Eaton Shelter in memory of her father Frank Pawli.

Public Comment.

Judy Oisten, 1096 Tori Trail, Charlotte thanked the board for considering a resolution on banning the practice of selling animals from the Animal Shelter for research.

Daniel Holdridge, 6037 Springport Rd., Eaton Rapids spoke about a problem with vandalism and reckless driving near his house and his inability to get it resolved with the Sheriff's Department.

Albert Surink, 10109 Burgundy Blvd, Dimondale requested the status of the county's flood maps. According to Mr. Surink, the National Flood Insurance Program is using the old maps which are costing the residents money because he feels they are incorrect. He recommends the County accept the maps under the protest when presented with the updated F.E.M.A. maps.

Nancy Oliver, Director of SIREN Eaton/Shelter spoke about the Eaton County Continuum of Care Program in Eaton County. She distributed statistics for emergency shelter services for 2008/2009. The number of food assistance requests has increased greatly this past year.

Pam Elise from Capitol Area Community Services spoke about the number of homeless and prevention calls which have doubled the past year. She also spoke about the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program which is operated by Housing Services of Eaton County and allows short term subsidies for those people facing homelessness.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved the approval of Resolution #09-11-120, 2010 U. S. Census Proclamation whereby Eaton County commits to partner with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Mulder. Carried.

Commissioner Freeman moved the approval of document #09-11-121, To Authorize a Livestock Claim in the amount of \$350 to Terry M. Handricks for 35 laying hens. Seconded by Commissioner Hosey. Carried.

Commissioner Freeman moved the approval of Resolution #09-11-122, To Ban the Sale or Release of Live Animals from the Animal Shelter for research. Seconded by Commissioner Strachan. Carried.

Commissioner Abed spoke about the motion picture filming that is taking place in Grand Ledge.

Commissioner Luna moved the approval of Resolution #09-11-123, To Designate Eaton County as a Recovery Zone under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Seconded by Commissioner Harris. Carried.

Commissioner Luna moved the approval of Resolution #09-11-124, Honoring Eaton County Substance Abuse Advisory Group for their efforts to educate County residents of the importance of properly disposing of medications via Household Hazardous Waste Recovery events. Seconded by Commissioner Baker. Carried.

Commissioner Luna moved the approval of Resolution #09-11-125, Honoring the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte for their efforts to create information pieces on proper medication disposal for distribution throughout the area. Seconded by Commissioner Baker. Carried.

Commissioner Freeman offered a friendly amendment to the resolution to read "Department of Resource Recovery". Seconded by Commissioner Barr. Carried.

Commissioner Keefe reported there were no general fund budget amendments this month. The contingency balance is \$674,362.

Commissioner Keefe moved the approval of Resolution #09-11-126, To Approve 2009/2010 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Hosey. Carried.

Commissioner Keefe moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways and Means Committee in the amount of \$334,239.64 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Carried.

Public Comment.

Daniel Holdridge informed the Board he also spoke to the Hamlin Township Board about the vandalism and reckless driving situation and they indicated they were not able to help him.

Commissioner Comment.

Commissioner Barr reported a recycling station is now located in his district.

Commissioner Mulder thanked Commissioners Abed and Harris and Parks and Recreation Director Dan Patton for the work they have done to encourage film makers to use Fitzgerald Park for their movie.

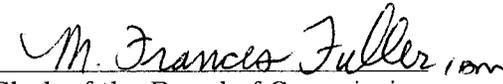
Commissioner Abed reported the former Andersen Archery building will be the site of a Thanksgiving dinner that many organizations have come together to put on.

Commissioner Keefe reported the Board of Commissioners Christmas dinner will be held at the R Club on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Commissioners Keefe or Pearl-Wright if interested.

There was no Unfinished Business, Old Business or New Business.

Commissioner Freeman moved the meeting adjourn to Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried.

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

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**2010 CENSUS PROCLAMATION**

**Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee**

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved the approval of the following resolution.  
Seconded by Commissioner Mulder.

**WHEREAS**, an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and

**WHEREAS**, more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data; and

**WHEREAS**, census data ensure fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the information collected by the census is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we PROCLAIM that The Eaton County Board of Commissioners is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

As a 2010 Census partner, we will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage those in our community to participate.
2. Encourage people in Eaton County to place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and ensure a full and accurate census.

Carried.



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**RESOLUTION TO BAN THE SALE OR RELEASE  
OF ANIMALS FOR RESEARCH**

**Introduced by the Public Safety Committee**

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

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County has in the past sold or released animals from the Animal Shelter for use in research; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Michael Raines previously issued an order to the Animal Control Division to cease this practice; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Animal Control Ordinance would permit this practice, absent said order by the Sheriff.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners that effective immediately the sale or release of live animals from the shelter for research is banned; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following alternate methods of disposition of animals shall be:

- 1) Redemption to owners
- 2) Adoption as pets to new owners or
- 3) Humane euthanasia by injection

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all previous resolutions on this subject are repealed. Carried.

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**RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE COUNTY  
AS RECOVERY ZONE**

**Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee**

Commissioner Luna moved the approval of the following resolution.  
Seconded by Commissioner Harris.

**WHEREAS**, the federal government enacted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115 (2009) (the "ARRA") effective February 17, 2009, which allows for the issuance of recovery zone economic development bonds and recovery zone facility bonds (collectively, the "Bonds") at advantageous net interest costs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a requirement of the ARRA that in order for a project to be eligible for the issuance of such Bonds, the County must designate the area within which the project will be located as a "recovery zone" prior to commencement of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the ARRA a "recovery zone" is an area which has significant unemployment or a significant number of home foreclosures; and

**WHEREAS**, as last reported, the unadjusted unemployment rate in the County is 10.3% and the number of residential unit foreclosures has increased dramatically; and

**WHEREAS**, it is determined the entire County meets the criteria to have it designated as a "recovery zone."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Eaton County:

1. That it is determined that the County has significant unemployment and a significant number of home foreclosures.
2. That it hereby designates the entire County a "recovery zone" pursuant to the ARRA.

Carried.

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**RESOLUTION HONORING EATON COUNTY  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY GROUP**

**Introduced by the Public Works & Planning Committee**

Commissioner Luna moved the approval of the following resolution.  
Seconded by Commissioner Baker.

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Substance Abuse Advisory Group has served the community for many years in various capacities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Substance Abuse Advisory Group has worked diligently to reduce the use and misuse of drugs and alcohol with the community; and

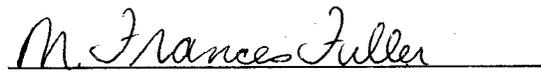
**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Substance Abuse Advisory Group worked collaboratively with the Eaton County Department of Resource Recovery to educate County residents of the importance of properly disposing medications via Household Hazardous Waste recovery events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department recovered more medications this year than in any previous years via Household Hazardous Waste recovery events.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, by adoption of this resolution, expresses their sincere appreciation for the work, service and dedication that the Eaton County Substance Abuse Advisory Group put forth for the citizens of Eaton County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution bear the seal of Eaton County and the signatures of the Chairman of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners and the Eaton County Clerk and a copy of this Resolution be attached to the permanent records of the County. Carried.

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

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**RESOLUTION HONORING GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

**Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee**

Commissioner Luna moved the approval of the following resolution.  
Seconded by Commissioner Baker.

**WHEREAS**, the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte have served the community for many years in various capacities; and

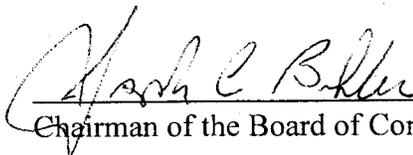
**WHEREAS**, the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte have dedicated themselves to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte worked collaboratively with the Eaton County Department of Resource Recovery to create informational pieces on proper medication disposal for distribution throughout the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Resource Recovery Department recovered more medications this year than in any previous years via Household Hazardous Waste recovery events.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, by adoption of this resolution, expresses their sincere appreciation for the work, service and dedication that the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte put forward for the citizens of Eaton County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution bear the seal of Eaton County and the signatures of the Chairman of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners and the Eaton County Clerk and a copy of this Resolution be attached to the permanent records of the County. Carried.

  
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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE  
2009/2010 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County 2009/2010 Appropriations Act of September 16, 2009 states that any amendment to increase a salary and/or a Capital Outlay line-item in excess of \$2,500.00 or any amendment to increase the total budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be amended by the Board of Commissioners, except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, such amendments are needed in order to comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act of 1978, P.A. 621.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following budget amendments be approved and added to the 2009/2010 Eaton County Budget:

**RESOURCE RECOVERY- 228**

Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 11,396
Increase	Local Projects	\$ 11,396

To increase 2009/2010 budget for remaining Sunfield local project started in 2008/2009.

Carried.