

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 17, 2010

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

Chairman 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, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Leo Farhat, John Forell, Linda Keefe, Art Luna, Daryl Baker, Dale Barr, Denise Clarke, Roger Harris, Joseph Brehler. Commissioners absent; Carol Strachan, Glenn Freeman.

Commissioner Keefe removed items #5 & 6 from the Ways and Means Committee report and added #5 Debt Service Fund Budget amendments and #6 Capital Project Fund Budget amendments.

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

Commissioner Baker moved the minutes of February 17, 2010 be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried.

Communications.

1/ Thank you from the family of Judge Michael Skinner for the Board's contribution to CASA in his memory.

2/ Invitation from Farm Bureau to their Legislative Breakfast on April 7th at 7:30 AM at the MSU Extension Office.

3/ Notice of a special meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee on March 31, 2010 at 8:30 AM to discuss EATRAN.

Mark Kettner, Principal from Rehmann gave the Annual Eaton County Audit Report for the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2009. Mr. Kettner complimented Controller Fuentes and Assistant Controller Sobie for their help with the audit.

Public Comment. Larry Cartwright, 1301 E. Clinton Trail, Eaton Township distributed a resolution regarding the Animal Control Ordinance that he would like the Board to adopt.

Wayne Ridge, 905 S. Bostwick Ave., Charlotte introduced himself as a candidate for Commissioner District 11.

Bobbie Garnant, 8084 Narrow Lake Rd., Eaton Rapids, Brookfield Township, introduced herself as a potential candidate for Commissioner District 14.

Chairman Brehler reported the Committee on Committees met and amended the 2010 Committee assignments as follows; move Commissioner Luna from Public Safety Committee to the Health and Human Services Committee and Commissioner Strachan from Health and Human Services Committee to Public Safety Committee for the remainder of their terms.

Commissioner Forell moved to accept the 2010 Committee assignments as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Farhat. Carried.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved the approval of Resolution #10-3-24, Proclaiming April 2010 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Eaton County and encourage support of Eaton County Substance Abuse Advisory Group initiatives. Seconded by Commissioner Hosey. Carried.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved the approval of Resolution #10-3-25, Proclaiming April 2010 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Eaton County and encourage participation in efforts to support

families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthen the communities in which we live. Seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Carried. A copy will be sent to the Child Abuse Prevention Council.

Commissioner Clarke moved the approval of Resolution #10-3-26, Opposing Senate Bills 1042-1044 which would amend the distribution of the required County Jail booking fee. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried.

Commissioner Abed moved the approval of Resolution #10-3-27, Declaring April 2010 as National County Government Month in Eaton County. Seconded by Commissioner Mulder. Carried.

Commissioner Abed announced the dates for the 2010 Citizens University as April 27th, May 4th and May 11th.

Commissioner Luna moved the approval of Resolution #10-3-28 to Amend County Parks Commission Rules and Regulations, Article VII, Section 19 – Firearms and Other Weapons. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

Commissioner Luna moved the approval of Resolution #10-3-29 Supporting Hamlin Township in Submitting the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for 24.79 acres of land that connects with their existing park and township hall. Seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Carried.

Commissioner Luna moved the approval of Resolution #10-3-30 Declaring March 20, 2010 as Brighten and Enlighten Your Home Day for the purpose of educating homeowners on energy efficiency strategies. Seconded by Commissioner Keefe. Carried.

Commissioner Keefe moved the approval of Resolution #10-3-31, To Accept 2008/2009 Eaton County Audit. Seconded by Commissioner Hosey. Carried.

Commissioner Keefe moved the approval of Resolution #10-3-32, To Accept the Vertical Drug Prosecution Grant in the amount of \$27,680. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

Commissioner Keefe moved the approval of Resolution #10-3-33, to Approve District Court Online Credit Card Acceptance Agreement with Government Payment Service, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Clarke. Carried.

Commissioner Keefe moved Tom Raymond and Richard Rybicki be appointed to the Historical Commission for terms expiring December 31, 2012. Seconded by Commissioner Forell. Carried.

Commissioner Keefe reported the balance in the Contingency Fund is \$637,662.

Commissioner Keefe moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways and Means Committee in the amount of \$452,967.36 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried.

Commissioner Keefe moved the approval of Resolution #10-3-34, To Approve 2009/2010 Debt Service Fund Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Farhat. Carried.

Commissioner Keefe moved the approval of Resolution #10-3-35, To Approve 2009/2010 Capital project Fund Budget Amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Hosey. Carried. Nay; Baker.

Public comment. Larry Cartwright spoke again regarding his proposed resolution regarding the Animal Control Ordinance.

Commissioner comment. Commissioner Abed spoke about adoptions at the Animal Control Shelter and would like to see standard adoption procedures for animals kept at the shelter.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright indicated she would like to see Mr. Cartwright's concerns be addressed by the Public Safety Committee.

Commissioner Forell thanked Commissioner Abed for her attention to a situation on the county web site.

There was no Unfinished, Old Business or New Business.

Chairman Brehler referred Mr. Cartwright's concerns to the Public Safety Committee.

Chairman Brehler adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Joseph C. Brehler / MEF
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

M. Frances Fuller
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 17, 2010
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2010
AS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH IN EATON COUNTY

Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee

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

WHEREAS, Alcohol Awareness Month is a national effort through the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence to support research, education, intervention and treatment for alcoholism and alcohol related problems; and

WHEREAS, the results of the 2008 Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Survey of Eaton County, being the most recent available, show 54.8% of 9th graders and 75.0% of 11th graders have used alcohol.

WHEREAS, the same 2008 Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Survey reported that 16.8% of Eaton County young people had their first drink of alcohol before the age of 13; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is a factor in the four leading causes of death among persons ages 10-24: motor-vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse is linked to as many as two-thirds of all sexual assaults, date rapes of teens and college students and is a major factor in unprotected sex among youth, increasing their risk of contracting HIV or other sexually transmitted diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 2010 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Eaton County.
2. The Eaton County Board of Commissioners call upon all citizens, parents, youth, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and workplaces, hospitals, and schools in Eaton County to support Eaton County Substance Abuse Advisory Group initiatives and other local efforts to reduce and prevent underage drinking in our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners is requested to forward copies of this adopted resolution to the Eaton County Substance Abuse Advisory Group in support of their effort to reduce and prevent underage drinking throughout Eaton County.
Carried.

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**RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM APRIL 2010 AS
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN EATON COUNTY**

Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee

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

WHEREAS, the public cares deeply about child abuse, and a majority report that child abuse is a very important moral issue to them; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increases the likelihood of long term physical and mental health problems, alcohol and substance abuse, continued family violence and criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners proclaims April 2010 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon all citizens, community agencies faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthen the communities in which we live in. Carried.

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MARCH 17, 2010

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE
SENATE BILLS 1042 - 1044**

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

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

WHEREAS, a package of bills has been introduced in the Michigan Senate (SB 1042-1044), which amend P.A. 124 of 2003; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would amend the distribution of the required County Jail booking fee to provide for a 90% reduction in the portion of fees retained by the County; and

WHEREAS, these fees are to be used solely for the mandated training of Corrections Officers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fees collected remitted to the State would be allocated on a grant basis to County Sheriffs for the same purpose; and

WHEREAS, the loss of local control and the potential for the County to receive less than its share of these revenues would be detrimental to the County ability to fulfill its statutory training requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners opposes Senate Bills 1042-1044; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Patricia Birkholz, Representative Rick Jones, the Michigan Association of Counties and Michigan Sheriff's Association. Carried.

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MARCH 17, 2010

**RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2010
AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH**

Introduced by the Information Technology and Communication Committee

Commissioner Abed moved the approval of the following resolution.
Seconded by Commissioner Mulder.

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County and all counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, county governments are integral to America's healthcare system and are unique in their responsibility to both finance and deliver health services through public hospitals and clinics, local health departments, long-term care facilities, mental health services and substance abuse treatment, and coverage programs for the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, as employers, counties provide health insurance benefits to nearly three million county employees and their retirees nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote county government programs and services to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties and Eaton County are working together to **Restore the Partnership** among all levels of government to better serve American communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as National County Government Month. Carried.

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RESOLUTION TO AMEND COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Introduced by Public Works and Planning Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks Rules and Regulations were approved and adopted by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Public Act 261 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1965, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks Commission recommends that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the proposed amendment to the Eaton County Parks Rules and Regulations specifically Article VII Section 19 entitled "Firearms" to comply with State Law; and

WHEREAS, Article VII Section 19 entitled "Firearms" is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Article VII Section 19 – Firearms and Other Weapons. No person shall:

- (1) Have in their possession or control any slingshot, BB gun, paint ball guns, or explosives.
- (2) Have in their possession or control any bow or arrow except by prior written permission of the Parks Commission.
- (3) Discharge any rifle, shotgun, pellet gun, air rifle, pistol, or other firearm within any park for any reason except by prior written permission of the Parks Commission; this rule does not apply to any law enforcement officer acting in the course of his or her employment.
- (4) This Section does not prohibit the lawful possession and transportation of firearms as defined by State Law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ordinance adopting the existing Eaton County Park Rules and Regulations (adopted October 14, 1980) be amended as recommended by the Eaton County Parks Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amended Ordinance shall take effect 9 days after being signed by the Eaton County Board Chairperson, and certified by the County Clerk. Carried.

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HAMLIN TOWNSHIP'S
MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION**

Introduced by Public Works and Planning Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Hamlin Township Board of Trustees as duly elected representatives of the citizens of Hamlin Township have agreed to submit an application for a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF); and

WHEREAS, the Hamlin Township Board of Trustees has identified a 24.79 acre parcel of land that connects with their existing park and Township Hall; and

WHEREAS, this property acquisition has been outlined within the 5-year Hamlin Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Hamlin Township board of Trustees has requested a resolution of support from the Eaton County Board of Commissioners for the submission of an application to the M.N.R.T.F. for acquisition funding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners does hereby support Hamlin Township's grant request and application to the M.N.R.T.F. Board for funding consideration of an acquisition grant for additional park land; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be presented to Hamlin Township Board of Trustees for inclusion as part of the Township's grant application package. Carried.

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**RESOLUTION DECLARING
BRIGHTEN & ENLIGHTEN YOUR HOME DAY**

Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth awarded funding to the Eaton County Department of Resource Recovery for an Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant, and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of implementing energy efficiency and conservation strategies at the County Governmental Complex, and educating the community on home energy efficiency strategies, and

WHEREAS, the Department proposed a "Brighten and Enlighten Your Home Day" to coordinate with the launching of the campaign to "Brighten and Enlighten Your Home" for the purpose of educating homeowners that applying energy efficiency strategies in the spring is an important conservation measure, and

WHEREAS, the Department will educate residents through various means including media campaigns, a seminar on home energy efficiency strategies at a local home improvement store, and hosting educational booths at diverse events throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare March 20, 2010 Brighten & Enlighten Your Home Day in Eaton County.
Carried.

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RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

EATON COUNTY AUDIT

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

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

WHEREAS, the firm of Rehman Robson completed an Audit of Eaton County for the year ending September 30, 2009; 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 2008/2009 Eaton County Audit. Carried.

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**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING
THE VERTICAL DRUG PROSECUTION GRANT**

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

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

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice has grant funds available under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (Title VI Subtitle C-Drug Control and System Improvement Grant Program) through which the City of Lansing has obtained a grant for the Tri-County Metro Conspiracy Investigations and Special Prosecution Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney has been awarded a subcontract to partially fund a Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney to handle all of the drug cases being prosecuted in Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, such subcontract will provide 41% of the funding for the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vertical Drug Grant be accepted in the amount of \$27,680; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller be authorized to approve the necessary budget amendments to increase expenditures and increase grant revenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners be authorized to sign any necessary documents. Carried.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ON-LINE PAYMENTS
BY THE DISTRICT COURT**

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

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

WHEREAS, Public Act 280 of 1995 authorizes the acceptance of payment by financial transaction devices for taxes, assessments and fees collected by the County, provided the same is authorized by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Government Payment Service, Inc. offers a service in which citizens can make on-line or telephone payments 24 hours per day/7 days per week by credit or debit card for an additional fee that is assessed to the cardholder; and

WHEREAS, the District Court is requesting to enter into an agreement with Government Payment Systems, Inc. to offer this payment option at no cost to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the acceptance of on-line payments for all court costs, fines and traffic tickets of the District Court through an agreement with Government Payment Systems, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and County Controller are designated as responsible for determining the type of financial transaction devices that may be accepted and to institute appropriate measures to insure that the financial transaction devices are valid. Carried.

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
2009/2010 DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

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

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:

DEBT SERVICE – DENTAL CLINIC - 391

Increase	Principal	\$ 25,000
Increase	Interest	\$ 34,419
Increase	Fiscal Fees	\$ 500
Increase	Transfers-In	\$ 43,194
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 16,725

To adopt budget for the Dental Clinic Debt Service Funds. Carried.

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
2009/2010 CAPITAL PROJECT 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:

CAPITAL PROJECTS – DENTAL CLINIC - 491

Increase	Capital Outlay	\$ 806,806
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 850,000
Increase	Transfers-Out	\$ 43,194

To adopt budget for the Dental Clinic Debt Service Funds based on estimated construction costs.
Carried. Nay; Commissioner Baker.