

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 21, 2017

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

Chairman Mulder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Commissioner Barnes gave the invocation.

Roll call. Commissioners present: Christine Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Howard T. Spence, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Glenn Freeman, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Roger Eakin, Wayne Ridge, Kent Austin, Heather Wood, Barbara Rogers. Commissioners Absent: Brian Lautzenheiser.

Commissioner Rogers requested an addition to the agenda under the Public Works and Planning report to include an appointment Planning Commission to fill a partial term position expiring 12/31/2017.

Commissioner Eakin moved the agenda be approved as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Carried.

Commissioner Augustine moved the minutes of May 17, 2017 be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Carried.

Communications:

City of Pottersville Resolution #17-0615-02 Regarding the Proposed Layoff of Deputy Sheriff's, Sergeants and Clerks of Eaton County Sheriff's Office.

Benton Township Resolution #2017-2 Solar Farm.

Public Comments:

Margo Aseltine, 8888 S. Cochran, spoke regarding 2017-2018 budget considerations.

Community Mental Health Director Sara Lurie spoke regarding the preservation the public mental health system.

Chairman Mulder moved the approval of #17-6-47 Resolution of Appreciation for Coralie Jerick Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, Coralie Jerick retired from Eaton County on May 31, 2017 after 22.5 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Coralie worked in the Sheriff's Office from October 31, 1994 to May 31, 2017, until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Coralie has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents of Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Coralie's years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Coralie for years of exceptional service to Eaton County and expresses its best wishes to her in the next chapter of her life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of the month of June in the year 2017.

Seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Carried.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #17-6-48 Resolution to Preserve the Public Mental Health System.

WHEREAS, Michigan's public mental health system provides one of the broadest array of cutting edge, community-based mental health services and supports programs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Senate and House sections 298/234 of the 2018 Budget recommendation effectively nullifies the duly authorized actions taken by Community Mental Health Service Programs to create a regional entity under section 330.204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSPs) were created by County Boards of Commissioners as duly authorized under 330.1205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Twelve CMHSPs (including Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties), representing twenty-one counties created a regional entity, Mid-State Health Network, a Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP), to manage Medicaid specialty services and supports, including Autism Benefits, Healthy Michigan Plan services and supports and Block Grant funded services and supports as duly authorized under 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code and other relevant statutes; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County Boards of Commissioners supports the preservation of the current public mental health system delivery and management through PIHPs and CMHSPs; and

WHEREAS, All twelve CMHSPs in the region support the preservation of the current public mental health system delivery and management through PIHPs and CMHSPs; and

WHEREAS, The 298 workgroup process initiated and led by Lt. Governor Calley was fair and objective and reflected the voices of thousands of consumers and the final report to legislators recommended the continuation of the publically managed behavioral health system; and

WHEREAS, Senate and House sections 298/234 of the 2018 Budget recommendation ignores that process and those voices and does nothing to lower costs, provide better care, or improve health outcomes for vulnerable population nor provides any details regarding purpose of integration; and WHEREAS, Sections 298/234 of the 2018 Budget recommendations nullifies accountability to the Eaton County Board of Commissioners; and WHEREAS, Eaton County Board of Commissioners opposes Section 298/234 of the 2018 Budget recommendation to implement health plan led pilots; and WHEREAS, Eaton County Board of Commissioners opposes the creation of a single private for profit health plan serving as PIHP for the State; and WHEREAS, Sections 298/234 of the 2018 Budget recommendation will result in the elimination of public specialty mental health services that are accountable to the communities and persons residing the in the jurisdiction of this County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners supports the determination of the Section 298 Workgroup Final Report that a publicly managed behavior health system would be in the best interest of Michigan's most vulnerable citizens, and therefore opposes Section 298/234 of the 2018 Budget recommendation and calls on the Governor, State Senate, and State House of Representatives to take actions to prevent it from becoming law. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Discussion held. Roll Call vote. Ayes: Augustine, Spence, Pearl-Wright, Whitacre, Freeman, Brehler Ridge, Austin. Nays: Barnes, Droscha, Eakin, Wood, Rogers, Mulder. Carried.

Commissioner Austin moved the approval of #17-6-49 Resolution to Approve Community Oriented Policing/Cops Hiring Program (CHP) Grant Application.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing Services has Grant Funds available under the COPS Hiring Program (CHP); and WHEREAS, the Sheriff is desirous of submitting a grant to partially fund three positions identified to be eliminated from the County Budget in fiscal year 2017/2018; and

WHEREAS, such grant will provide funding for the entry-level salary and fringe benefits costs of these positions for a 3 year grant period up to \$125,000 per officer with a required 25% cash match; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires Eaton County maintain these positions for one-year after the end of the grant period; and

WHEREAS, the grant acceptance is contingent on the identification of the required matching and retention funds (approximately \$643,000 for the four year period); and

WHEREAS, such grant has been discussed and recommended by the Public Safety Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Sheriff Department be authorized to submit a grant under the COPS Hiring Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the grant is not continued after that time a continuation of the grant funded position will be reviewed by the appropriate committees to determine the necessity of continued General Fund commitment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller be authorized to approve any necessary budget amendments to increase expenditures and increase grant revenue if the grant is approved by the United States Department of Justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners be authorized to sign the necessary documents. Seconded by Commissioner Ridge. Carried.

Commissioner Rogers moved the appointment of Kimberly A. Wilkes to the Planning Commission for a partial term expiring 12/31/2017. Seconded by Commissioner Eakin. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of 2017 Statements of Computations. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried. (on file)

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #17-6-50 Resolution to Adopt 2017 Summer Property Tax Levy and Notice of Certification of County Allocated Tax Levy.

WHEREAS, Eaton County is authorized under the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended, to levy and collect County allocated property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act has been amended by Public Act 357 of 2004 being 211.44a, to require all Michigan Counties to impose a summer tax levy in 2007 and each year thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Public Act 357 of 2004, the Eaton County allocated tax shall be levied and collected on July 1, 2017, at the full amount allocated after application of the "Headlee" millage reduction fraction, or 5.2149 mills for General County Operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of each city and township in Eaton County is directed to account for and deliver the full County allocated tax collections for 2016 in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 357 of 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution constitutes certification of the levy of the County allocated tax and authorized collection of the County allocated tax July 1, 2017, at the full amount allocated after application of the "Headlee" millage reduction fraction, or 5.2149 mills. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #17-6-51 Resolution to Approve an Application for a Farmland and Open Space Developmental Rights Agreement (Public Act 116 Of 1974, As Amended).

WHEREAS, Hickling, John B. & Betty A. filed a Farmland and Open Space Application for property located in Walton Township, with the Eaton County Clerk's Office in April of 2017; and

WHEREAS, this application includes Parcel #23-140-006-200-100-00 of which parcel totals 80.00 acres; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting a 40 year agreement; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this application was sent to all reviewing agencies as required by the act; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Ways & Means Committee has reviewed this application and is recommending approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 21, 2017 does hereby approve the Farmland and Open Space Application filed by John B. & Betty A. Hickling property located in Walton Township. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #17-6-52 Resolution to Approve 2016/2017 Budget Amendments.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2016/2017 Appropriations Act of September 21, 2016 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 2016-2017 Eaton County Budget:

GENERAL FUND

	<u>CONTINGENCY</u>	
Decrease	Contingency	\$100,000
Increase	Transfers-Out	\$100,000

To increase total departmental budget for transfer to Retirement Stabilization Fund for legal and actuarial services.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

RETIREMENT STABILIZATION FUND

Increase	Contractual Services	\$100,000
Increase	Transfers-In	\$100,000

To increase the Retirement Stabilization Fund for legal and actuarial services. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways and Means Committee in the amount of \$237,972.19 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Carried.

Public Comment: Kimberly Wilkes, 2419 N. Ionia Road, thanked the Board of Commissioners for appointing her to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Pearl-Wright stated there will be a tour of the Medical Care Facility on July 10th. She thanked the Board for the Employee Appreciation picnic held on June 21st.

Commissioner Spence stated that Delta Rocks Family Festival will be held June 25th from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Sharp Park in Delta Township.

Commissioner Spence asked Controller Fuentes to update the Board regarding the status of a medical examiner appointment contract. Controller Fuentes stated there had been discussions with Sparrow regarding the re-negotiation of an extension through 12/31/17, a request for proposals for services after that date was being developed and discussions with Ingham County regarding a cooperative approach would be held as well.

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

Chairman Mulder adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
CORALIE JERICK  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**JUNE 21, 2017**

**Introduced by Commissioner Blake Mulder**

Commissioner Mulder moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Barnes.

**WHEREAS**, Coralie Jerick retired from Eaton County on May 31, 2017 after 22.5 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Coralie worked in the Sheriff's Office from October 31, 1994 to May 31, 2017, until her retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Coralie has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents of Eaton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Coralie's years of public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Coralie for years of exceptional service to Eaton County and expresses its best wishes to her in the next chapter of her life; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of the month of June in the year 2017. Carried.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****JUNE 21, 2017****RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM****Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee**

Commissioner Rogers moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

**WHEREAS**, Michigan's public mental health system provides one of the broadest array of cutting edge, community-based mental health services and supports programs in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate and House sections 298/234 of the 2018 Budget recommendation effectively nullifies the duly authorized actions taken by Community Mental Health Service Programs to create a regional entity under section 330.204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSPs) were created by County Boards of Commissioners as duly authorized under 330.1205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

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or improve health outcomes for vulnerable population nor provides any details regarding purpose of integration; and

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**WHEREAS**, Eaton County Board of Commissioners opposes the creation of a single private for profit health plan serving as PIHP for the State; and

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**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 21, 2017**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE  
COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING/COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP)  
GRANT APPLICATION**

**Introduced by the Public Safety Committee**

Commissioner Austin moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Ridge.

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Oriented Policing Services has Grant Funds available under the COPS Hiring Program (CHP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff is desirous of submitting a grant to partially fund three positions identified to be eliminated from the County Budget in fiscal year 2017/2018; and

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

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 16, 2017**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2017 SUMMER PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND  
NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY ALLOCATED TAX LEVY**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

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

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**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 21, 2017**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN  
APPLICATION FOR A FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE  
DEVELOPMENTAL RIGHTS AGREEMENT  
(PUBLIC ACT 116 OF 1974, AS AMENDED)**

**Introduced by the Ways & Means Committee**

Commissioner Eakin moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

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Diana Bosworth, County Clerk

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Date

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 21, 2017**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE  
2016/2017 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Eakin moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

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**INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS**

	<b><u>RETIREMENT STABILIZATION FUND</u></b>	
Increase	Contractual Services	\$100,000
Increase	Transfers-In	\$100,000

To increase the Retirement Stabilization Fund for legal and actuarial services. Carried.