

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF EATON ROLL CALL AND VOTES IN BOARD OF  
 COMMISSIONER'S 3-18-15 SESSION A.D. 2015

ROLL CALL

			ON MOTION TO		ON MOTION TO		ON MOTION TO	
A.M	P.M	COMMISSIONERS	AYE	NAY	AYE	NAY	AYE	NAY
	✓	MICHAEL HOSEY						
	✓	TERRANCE AUGUSTINE						
	✓	HOWARD SPENCE						
	✓	JAMES OSIECZONEK						
	✓	JANE M. WHITACRE						
	✓	GLENN H. FREEMAN III						
	✓	JOSEPH C. BREHLER						
	✓	WALTER MIARS						
	✓	ROGER EAKIN						
	✓	WAYNE RIDGE						
	✓	BRIAN LAUTZENHEISER						
	✓	KENT C. AUSTIN						
	✓	JEREMY WHITTUM						
	✓	ROGER HARRIS						
	✓	BLAKE MULDER						

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 18, 2015

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

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

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

Commissioner Miars gave the invocation.

Roll call. Commissioners present; Michael Hosey, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Howard T. Spence, James Osieczonek, Jane M. Whitacre, Glenn Freeman, Joseph Brehler Walter Miars, Roger Eakin, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Kent C. Austin, Jeremy Whittum. Commissioners absent: Roger Harris.

Commissioner Eakin requested the addition to Ways & Means Committee item #7 - Motion to Settle Pending Litigation. Commissioner Hosey moved the agenda be approved as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Carried.

Commissioner Augustine moved the minutes of February 18, 2015 be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Carried.

Communications:

Eaton County Planning Commission 2014 Annual Report (on file)

Eaton County Community Development Housing Program 2014 Annual Report (on file)

Steven Bland Principal of Rehmann Robson presented and discussed Eaton County financial statements and independent auditor's opinion for the year ended September 30, 2014.

Blair Ballou, Engineer - Manager, presented and discussed the Eaton County Road Commission 2013-2014 Annual Report.

Commissioner Whittum moved the approval of #15-3-15 Resolution of Appreciation for Daniel J. Beachnau, Dispatch Supervisor.

WHEREAS, Dan Beachnau will retire from Eaton County on March 31, 2015 after 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Dan worked in the Eaton County Central Dispatch from March 5, 1990 until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Dan 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 Dan's many years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Dan for years of exceptional service to Eaton County and expresses its best wishes to him in the next chapter of his 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of the month of March in the year 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Hosey. Carried.

Public Comment. Russell Hicks, 7900 Columbia Highway, Eaton Rapids, spoke regarding the Crandall Lake property and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant.

Commissioner Whittum moved the approval of #15-3-16 Resolution to Proclaim April 12-18 National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. WHEREAS, the second full week in April has been declared "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America; and WHEREAS, the President of the United States will issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and WHEREAS, problems of crime, fire and other disasters touch and affect all segments of our society, and if unabated, can undermine and erode both moral and economic strengths of our community; and WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical personnel by monitoring their activities, providing them information and insuring their safety; and WHEREAS, our Public Safety Telecommunicators contribute substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients; and WHEREAS, each Public Safety Telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners declares the week of April 12 through April 18, 2015 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Eaton County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and our citizens safe. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried.

Commissioner Whittum moved the approval of #15-3-17 Resolution Declaring April 19, 2015- April 25, 2015 as National Crime Victims Rights Week.

Whereas, Americans are the victims of more than 26 million crimes each year, and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

Whereas, Many victims face challenges in finding appropriate services, including victims with disabilities, young victims of color, Deaf and hard of hearing victims, LGBTQ victims, tribal victims, elder victims, victims with mental illness, immigrant victims, teen victims, victims with limited English proficiency, and others; and

Whereas, the entire community has a role to play; and

Whereas, Involving survivors helps victim service providers and criminal justice professionals understand the culture, values, and expectations of under-served and un-served victims who seek assistance and justice; and

Whereas, Engaging victims' communities and learning from leaders about their unique needs helps service providers foster a supportive and culturally relevant atmosphere in which victims seek help and healing; and

Whereas, Incorporating communities' existing experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve survivors will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime; and

Whereas, Victims know best how to direct and manage their own lives, and true recovery from crime will incorporate a victim's cultural, religious, economic, social, and personal interests; and

Whereas, With the full weight of their community and victim service providers behind them, survivors will feel empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and shame, without fear of judgment and will feel understood and worthy of support; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 19-25, 2015, is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime—even those who are challenging to reach or serve—are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

Whereas, the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney's office is hereby dedicated to building partnerships with trusted sources of support, including community leaders, religious groups, schools, and other agencies to better reach and serve all victims of crime, no matter their community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 19 through April 25, 2015, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and reaffirm this county's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #15-3-18 Resolution to Accept September 30, 2014 Eaton County Audit.

WHEREAS, the firm of Rehmann Robson completed an Audit of Eaton County for the year ending September 30, 2014; 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 2013/2014 Eaton County Audit. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #15-3-22 Jury Board Appointment of Ann Garvey.

WHEREAS, the appointment of Ann Garvey to the Eaton County Jury Board expires April 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the circuit judges pursuant to MCL 600.1301, have recommended the reappointment of Ms. Garvey for a six-year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners appoints Ann Garvey to the Eaton County Jury Board for a six-year term expiring April 30, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser. Carried

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #15-3-19 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Payment by Financial Transaction Devices.

WHEREAS, Public Act 280 of 1995, authorizes the acceptance of payments 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, the Board of Commissioners has previously authorized individual departments to accept payments by a financial transaction device for a tax, assessment or fee; and

WHEREAS, the County Controller and County Treasurer are recommending the availability of all departments to accept payments by a financial transaction device; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the acceptance of payment by a financial transaction device for all taxes, assessments and fees of Eaton County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and Controller may determine to require a use fee for credit and debit cards not to exceed the actual cost of the transaction to the County; 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 ensure that the credit and debit cards are valid. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #15-3-20 Resolution to Approve the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Lease renewal at the Eaton County Office Building.

WHEREAS, the USDA has been leasing space in the Office Building since 1993; and WHEREAS, the USDA is desirous of extending the current lease through December 2017; and

WHEREAS, the USDA is requesting the extension under the same terms and conditions as currently exist, 3295 square feet at a cost of \$16.50 per square foot (all inclusive); and

WHEREAS, Building and Grounds Committee is recommending the lease extension.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the lease extension as described above through December 2017 and the Controller be authorized to sign the lease. Seconded by Commissioner Whitacre. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #15-3-21 2014/2015 Budget Amendments.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2014/2015 Appropriations Act of September 17, 2014 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 2014/2015 Eaton County Budget:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	<u>COUNTY CLERK #215</u>	
Increase	Wage and Fringe	\$ 3,800
Decrease	Contingency	\$ 3,800

To increase wage and fringe for overtime necessary to assist with implementation of the new software and scanning of court documents within the software. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways and Means Committee in the amount of \$951,574.19 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved to authorize the settlement of pending litigation as recommended by the Ways & Means Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Brehler.  
Nays: Commissioner Whittum. Carried.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Whittum announced the Eaton Palliative Care Fundraiser at St. Mary's Church on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Osieczonek spoke regarding questions raised by Mr. Hicks in public comment and requested follow-up communication with Mr. Hicks. Commissioner Osieczonek thanked Martha Richard of the Eaton County Medical Facility for her work related to a constituent issue. Commissioner Austin asked for prayers for Commissioner Harris.

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

Chairman Mulder adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Blake Mulder

Diana Bosworth

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
DANIEL J. BEACHNAU  
DISPATCH SUPERVISOR**

**March 18, 2015**

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

**WHEREAS**, Dan Beachnau will retire from Eaton County on March 31, 2015 after 25 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Dan worked in the Eaton County Central Dispatch from March 5, 1990 until his retirement; and

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

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Dan for years of exceptional service to Eaton County and expresses its best wishes to him in the next chapter of his 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of the month of March in the year 2015. Carried.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM  
APRIL 12-18  
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK**

**March 18, 2015**

**Introduced by the Public Safety Committee**

Commissioner Whittum moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

**WHEREAS**, the second full week in April has been declared "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States will issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, problems of crime, fire and other disasters touch and affect all segments of our society, and if unabated, can undermine and erode both moral and economic strengths of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

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**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****MARCH 18, 2015****RESOLUTION DECLARING  
APRIL 19, 2015 – APRIL 25, 2015  
AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK****Introduced by the Public Safety Committee**

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**Whereas**, Many victims face challenges in finding appropriate services, including victims with disabilities, young victims of color, Deaf and hard of hearing victims, LGBTQ victims, tribal victims, elder victims, victims with mental illness, immigrant victims, teen victims, victims with limited English proficiency, and others; and

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**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 18, 2014**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2014  
EATON COUNTY AUDIT**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Austin.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners accepts the 2013/2014 Eaton County Audit. Carried.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 18, 2015**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE  
OF PAYMENT BY FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICES**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

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

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**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 18, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) LEASE RENEWAL  
AT THE EATON COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Whitacre.

**WHEREAS**, the USDA has been leasing space in the Office Building since 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, the USDA is desirous of extending the current lease through December 2017; and

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**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****MARCH 18, 2015****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE  
2014/2015 BUDGET AMENDMENTS****Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

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15-3-22

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 18, 2015**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EATON COUNTY JURY BOARD  
APPOINTMENT**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser.

**WHEREAS**, the appointment of Ann Garvey to the Eaton County Jury Board expires April 30, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the circuit judges pursuant to MCL 600.1301, have recommended the reappointment of Ms. Garvey for a six-year term.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners appoints Ann Garvey to the Eaton County Jury Board for a six-year term expiring April 30, 2021. Carried.