

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 16, 2018

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

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

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

Chairman Mulder gave the invocation.

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

Commissioners absent: Christine Barnes, Glenn Freeman.

Commissioner Eakin Requested the following addition to the Ways & Means Committee report: item #4 Resolution Appointing the Eaton County Emergency Services Coordinator, and under New Business: International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324 Collective Bargaining Settlement Agreement.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the agenda be approved as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the minutes of April 18, 2018 be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried.

Communications:

Email received from resident Kathy Brown regarding annual flooding on Canal Road.

Letter from James Green, 10783 Hartel Road, regarding zoning for large solar arrays.

It was reported that the standing committees received the annual reports of the Drain Commissioner, Central Dispatch and District Health Department.

Public Comment:

Lynn Ball of Grand Ledge Homebuilders Association and Arrowhead Homes, and Jeff Teachout of Teachout Builders spoke regarding issues with concerns dealing with the Construction Code Department.

Sgt. Kuhlman, Emergency Manager, spoke regarding his position. He introduced Lt. Rich Martin Emergency Services Manager for MSP, and indicated he would be available to answer any questions the members have.

Commissioner Austin moved the approval of #18-5-47 Resolution Authorizing the State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant.

WHEREAS, Eaton County, Michigan, is a political subdivision within the State of Michigan with an official emergency operations plan in compliance with Section 19 of the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.419, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County sustained severe losses of major proportions brought on by the flooding resulting in the following conditions: road and culvert collapses; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners certifies that the Eaton County Emergency Operations Plan was implemented at the onset of the disaster on February 19, 2018 and all applicable disaster relief forces identified therein were exhausted; and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the disaster, public damage and expenditures were extraordinary and place an unreasonably great financial burden on Eaton County, totaling \$88,780.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Eaton County requests the Governor authorize a grant to Eaton County from the State Disaster Contingency Fund pursuant to Section 19 of the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.419, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, John Fuentes, Controller/Administrator is authorized to execute for and in behalf of Eaton County the application for financial assistance and to provide to the State any information required for that purpose.

Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried.

Commissioner Austin moved the approval of #18-5-48 Resolution to Recognize National Police Week.

WHEREAS, there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Eaton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, there have been 58,627 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2016, resulting in approximately 16,677 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including three members of the Eaton County Sheriff's Office;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, 360 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 129 officers killed in 2017 and 231 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 30th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 13-19; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners formally designates May 13-19, 2018, as Police Week in Eaton County, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried.

Commissioner Austin moved the approval of #18-5-49 Resolution to Recognize National Correctional Officers and Employees Week.

WHEREAS, correctional officers are trained law enforcement professionals dedicated to maintaining safe correctional facilities and ensuring the public safety; and

WHEREAS, correctional facilities across the U.S., both civilian and military, public and private, adult and juvenile, are run by highly qualified and experienced individuals with a deep understanding of the challenges within the profession; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees are responsible for the custody, care and rehabilitation of thousands of offenders every year, as well as the maintenance of safe and secure facilities; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees are resourceful, capable, committed, patient and persistent professionals in criminal justice and our nation; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees serve admirably in many different capacities, including jail administrators, wardens, chaplains, nurses, supervisors, social workers, teachers, managers and directors; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees teach, train, mentor, counsel and treat thousands of offenders; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees provide offenders with direction, hope and a new focus while assisting with reentry and life outside corrections; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees rise to meet any challenge and serve this honorable profession nobly and admirably.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that correctional officers and employees deserve the recognition for their service and should be commended by leaders in the profession, the public and our elected officials for the tremendous job

they do and exceptional performance of duties under the most difficult of circumstances.

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried.

Commissioner Austin moved the approval of #18-5-50 Resolution Recognize to National Emergency Medical Services Week.

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and
WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, including those in Benton Township EMS, Delta Township EMS, Eaton Area EMS, Grand Ledge EMS, Vermontville EMS and Windsor Township EMS engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 20-26, 2018, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK with the theme, **EMS Strong: Stronger Together**, and encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the following Public Works & Planning Committee appointment to the Eaton Rapids Local Development Financing Authority:

Barbara Rogers - Commissioner District 15 (Appointment concurrent with County Commissioner term)

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Nays: Brehler. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of 2018 Taxable Valuation report.

Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Carried. (on file)

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #18-5-51 Resolution to Approve 2018/2019 Budget Amendments.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2017/2018 Appropriations Act of September 20, 2017 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 2017-2018 Eaton County Budget:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

CENTRAL DISPATCH – FUND 261

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| Increase | Printing | \$ | 4,000 |
| Increase | Postage | \$ | 8,000 |
| Increase | Advertising | \$ | 1,600 |
| Decrease | Physician | \$ | 1,000 |
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| Decrease | Telephone | \$ | 2,000 |

Increase Printing, Postage and Advertising line-items for production and distribution of informational material related to the 911 Millage renewal question.

Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Nays: Wood. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways and Means Committee in the amount of \$335,390.58 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments.

Seconded by Commissioner Brehler. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #18-5-52 Resolution Appointing the Eaton County Emergency Services Coordinator.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, on July 20, 1977, passed a Resolution establishing a County Emergency Preparedness Policy and Organization pursuant to Act 390, Public Acts of 1976; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, on January 19, 2005, passed a Resolution appointing the Sheriff of Eaton County as Emergency Services Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has recommended that the position of Emergency Services Coordinator be established under the direction of the Controller/Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the authority granted him by the Resolution of July 20, 1977, heretofore referred to, appoints Michael Armitage as interim Emergency Services Coordinator, effective immediately and until the position of Emergency Services Coordinator is filled on a full-time basis.

Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Discussion held.

Commissioner Wood moved to call the question. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Commissioner Spence requested a roll call vote on the motion to call the question. Ayes: Augustine, Spence, Pearl-Wright, Whitacre, Brehler, Droscha, Eakin, Ridge, Lautzenheiser, Austin, Wood, Rogers, Mulder. Nays: Ridge. Carried.

Chairman Mulder requested a roll call vote on Resolution Appointing the Eaton County Emergency Services Coordinator. Ayes: Droscha, Eakin, Ridge, Lautzenheiser, Austin, Wood, Rogers, Mulder. Nays: Augustine, Spence, Pearl-Wright, Whitacre, Brehler. Carried.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Eakin stated that the Financial Stability Workgroup continues to discuss strategies for long term solutions regarding fiscal issues facing Eaton County. He also stated that his grandson won 5th Place in a National Archery Competition held in Tennessee.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser spoke regarding comments he made at the Health & Human Services Committee meeting regarding professional liability insurance coverage.

Commissioner Austin spoke regarding Eaton County's pilot program to install propane autogas converter on a Parks vehicle for a 30-day trial. Several other agencies in the County are also participating in the pilot sponsored by the Michigan Propane Gas Association.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright spoke regarding Older Michigianians Day and events to be held in Lansing on May 16th.

There was no Unfinished Business.

Old Business:

Controller Fuentes provided an update on the 2018-2019 budget development.

New Business:

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of Settlement Agreement between the Eaton County Board of Commissioners and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324. Seconded by Lautzenheiser. Carried.
(on file)

Chairman Mulder adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 16, 2018

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE DISASTER CONTINGENCY
FUND GRANT**

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Austin moved for the approval of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

May 16, 2018

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

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

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**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK**

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

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

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Resolution to Recognize Emergency Medical Services Week

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
2017/2018 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 16, 2018

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE EATON COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR**

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

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

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