

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 18, 2017

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, October 18, 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, Brian Lautzenheiser, Kent Austin, Heather Wood, and Barbara Rogers.  
Commissioners absent: None

Commissioner Augustine moved the agenda be approved as presented.  
Seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Carried.

Commissioner Rogers moved the minutes of September 12, 2017 and September 20, 2017 be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser. Carried.

Communications: None

Public Comments:

Nathan Dolman 507 Ryder Road, spoke regarding a fall banquet benefitting the Crosswalk Teen Center to be held on October 26th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Mary Family Life Center, Charlotte.

Russell Hicks, 7900 Columbia Highway, spoke regarding the Grand River Water Trail project. (information on file).

Commissioner Austin spoke regarding a Families Against Narcotics meeting to be held on November 2nd at 7:00 p.m at the Real Life Church in Charlotte.

Commissioner Ridge stated that new county plat books will be available to purchase later this year, through the Eaton County Farm Bureau.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser noted the recent passing of Eaton County Parks Director Clay Summer's mother.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of #17-10-85 Resolution Supporting the Participation of Eaton County in the Greater Lansing Brownfields Coalition.

WHEREAS, brownfields are properties such as former industrial sites, closed gas stations, dumps, or other sites that are vacant or underutilized due to contamination, perceived contamination, or blight; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup and revitalization of brownfields can provide many community benefits, including protection of public health and the environment, opportunities for economic development, neighborhood improvement, opportunities for creation of parks and community spaces, opportunities to grow advanced manufacturing, and other benefits; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County faces the challenge of brownfields at many sites throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing region that includes the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, Clinton County, Eaton County, and Ingham County, seeks to work together in collaboration to revitalize brownfields and secure more resources for redevelopment of these sites for both the individual communities and the broader region; and

WHEREAS, these five local governments have formed the "Greater Lansing Brownfields Coalition"; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) is a non-profit economic development entity with members including Eaton County, which is prepared to seek, administer and implement funding to support the Greater Lansing Brownfields Coalition and its local government participants; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now soliciting applications, due November 16, 2017, for brownfields grants including grants of \$600,000 for coalitions of local governments and non-profits, which can be used for assessment and reuse planning at brownfield sites ("EPA Brownfields Assessment grants"); and

WHEREAS, LEAP and the Greater Lansing Brownfields Coalition desire to obtain one of these \$600,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment grants for the benefit of the entire region and its local governments;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that Eaton County is a collaborative partner in the Greater Lansing Brownfields Coalition; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Eaton County supports the development and submission of an application for an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant by LEAP on behalf of the entire Coalition; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Eaton County designates the Director of Community Development and Housing Department to work in collaboration with LEAP and the other Coalition members on the development, submission, and implementation of an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Eaton County will support a designated representative and other interested persons from the community to participate in the "Greater Lansing Brownfields Coalition Task Force", a group of

stakeholders meant to advance the region's brownfields revitalization objectives. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of #17-10-86 Resolution to Approve a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Scrap Tire Recycling Grant Application.

WHEREAS, the Resource Recovery Department has been established for the development and administration of the County Solid Waste Management Plan under Act 641; and

WHEREAS, key components of the Resource Recovery Department include increasing the amount of materials recycled; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Scrap Tire Recycling Grant is designed to provide assistance in the removal of residential tires; and

WHEREAS, the Resource Recovery Department offers two Scrap Tire collection events annually; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has encouraged regional applications and Eaton County has been approached by Clinton County, Barry County, and Ingham County to submit one grant for all four communities; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County will serve as the applicant and fiduciary for the grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that Eaton County approves the application of the Scrap Tire grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that acceptance of the grant award is contingent upon the approval of Memorandums of Understanding between the County and other individual participating entities providing for said participating entities to reimburse the County for any non-grant costs associated with collection events held within their jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, or his designee, is authorized to sign any necessary grant documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller is authorized to make budget amendments to the adopted budget, in the event the grant is authorized.

Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried.

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

Commissioner Eakin Moved the Approval of #17-10-87 Resolution to Approve an Application for a Farmland and Open Space Developmental Rights Agreement (Public Act 116 Of 1974, As Amended).

WHEREAS A, Daniel W Ritter Trust, filed a Farmland and Open Space Application for property located in Windsor Township, with the Eaton County Clerk's Office in September of 2017; and  
WHEREAS, this application includes Parcel # 23-080-021-300-005-00 of which parcel totals 76.00 acres; and  
WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting a 20 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 September 18, 2017 does hereby approve the Farmland and Open Space Application filed by Daniel W Ritter Trust property located in Windsor Township.  
Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #17-10-88 Resolution to Approve an Application for a Farmland and Open Space Developmental Rights Agreement (Public Act 116 Of 1974, As Amended).

WHEREAS, Growing Acres, LLC filed four Farmland and Open Space Applications for property located in Eaton Township, Benton Township, and Carmel Township with the Eaton County Clerk's Office in August and September of 2017; and  
WHEREAS, these applications include Parcel numbers # 23-110-014-300-025-14, 23-070-005-400-001-00, 23-100-014-100-002-00, 23-100-015-200-046-00 and 23-100-023-400-080-02 for a total of 314.96 Acres.  
WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting 90 year agreements; and  
WHEREAS, a copy of these applications were sent to all reviewing agencies as required by the act; and  
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Ways & Means Committee has reviewed the applications and is recommending there approval.  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 18, 2017 does hereby approve the Farmland and Open Space Applications filed by Growing Acres, LLC properties located in Eaton, Benton and Carmel Township.  
Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #17-10-89 Resolution to Approve 2017/2018 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:

GENERAL FUND

MSU EXTENSION 101.261

Increase	Revenue – Reimbursements	\$ 3,944
Increase	Contractual	\$ 3,944

Increase revenue for reimbursement from Michigan State University for employee wage and increase contractual for service contract.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT 245.901

Increase	Capital Outlay	\$243,047
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$243,047

Increase capital outlay to complete projects carried over from 2016/2017. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways and Means Committee in the amount of \$531,107.43 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Ridge. Carried.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Rogers noted the recent passing of Brookfield Township Clerk Sharon Roiter who served the township for many years and will be missed.

There was no Unfinished Business.

Old Business:

Chairman Mulder announced the appointment of a financial stability workgroup comprised of Commissioners Augustine, Brehler, Eakin and Wood to meet to discuss the long-term fiscal issues facing the County and present a report to the Board within approximately 120 days, at the February 2018 Commission meeting. Controller Fuentes will coordinate meeting dates and provide information and data to the workgroup.

New Business:

Denise Dunn, Director of Housing Services, spoke regarding homelessness in Eaton County and presented the 2016 Annual Report - Ending Homelessness in Michigan (on file).

Tracy Mulvaney, Director of Siren Eaton Shelter, spoke regarding many services offered by Siren Shelter including homeless services.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #17-10-90 Resolution to Recognize Homeless Awareness Week November 11-19, 2017 in Eaton County.

WHEREAS, statistics maintained by the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority recorded more than 66,400 homeless people in Michigan in 2016; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby designates November 11-19, 2017 as Homeless Awareness Week in Eaton County, and encourages all residents to join in the effort to end homelessness in Michigan in the next several years. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried.

Chairman Mulder adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

17-10-85

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PARTICIPATION OF  
EATON COUNTY IN THE GREATER LANSING BROWNFIELDS COALITION**

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

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

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY SCRAP TIRE RECYCLING GRANT APPLICATION**

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN  
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DEVELOPMENTAL RIGHTS AGREEMENT  
(PUBLIC ACT 116 OF 1974, AS AMENDED)**

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**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE  
HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK,  
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**Introduced by the Commissioner Barbara Rogers**

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