

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Tuesday, September 12, 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 Lautzenheiser 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, Roger Eakin, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Kent Austin, Heather Wood, Barbara Rogers. Commissioners absent: None. Commissioner Brian Droscha arrived after roll call.

Commissioner Spence moved to add Commissioner Comment to the agenda. Motion failed for lack of second. Chairman Mulder stated he may recognize him for comment after the close of the public hearing.

Commissioner Freeman moved the agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee presented the Annual Budget Report to the Board. He noted the total proposed 2017/2018 Budget for Eaton County is \$34,653,663, highlighted specific areas of both revenues and expenses and thanked everyone who was involved with creating the budget. (Copy on file). Discussion held.

There was no Unfinished Business or New Business.

Public Hearing.

Chairman Mulder opened the Public Hearing for Truth in Budgeting at 7:25 p.m. and asked for public comment.

Public Comment:

Russ Hicks, 7900 Columbia Highway, spoke regarding the proposed layoff of county road patrol deputies and in support of a Public Safety millage proposal.

Leonard Benden, Carmel Township, spoke regarding the proposed layoff of county road patrol deputies.

John Forell, 5858 N. Cochran Road, spoke regarding a Headlee Override millage. He also spoke regarding commercial solar projects in Benton and Oneida townships.

Stan Karamol, 4785 Pinch Hwy., spoke regarding the proposed layoff of county road patrol deputies and in support of a Public Safety millage proposal.

Jodee Pruden, 309 E. Shepherd St., spoke regarding the proposed layoff of county road patrol deputies and in support of a Public Safety millage proposal.

David Jansma, 344 N. Ionia Rd, spoke regarding the proposed layoff of county road patrol deputies and in support of a Public Safety millage proposal.

Titus Merriam 2547 E. Kinsel Hwy., spoke regarding the proposed layoff of county road patrol deputies, enlisting community volunteers, and against a Public Safety millage proposal.

Larry McNair 2500 S. Cochran Rd., spoke regarding the proposed layoff of county road patrol deputies and in support of a Public Safety millage proposal.

Chairman Mulder closed the Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m.

Chairman Mulder recessed the meeting to Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.



Chairman of the Board of Commissioners



Clerk of the Board of Commissioners