

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

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

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

Commissioner Ridge 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, Barbara Rogers. Commissioners absent: None

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

Commissioner Augustine moved August 17, 2016 minutes to be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried.

Presentations:

Commissioner Whitacre presented a Breastfeeding Business Award from the Michigan Breastfeeding Network to Eaton County for its support of nursing employees.

County Treasurer Bob Robinson discussed the preliminary results of Eaton County's first Real Property Tax Foreclosure Auction held on September 8, 2016. Discussion held.

Communications:

Letter received from Michigan Association of Counties Executive Director Timothy K. McGuire thanking the Board for sending their resolution in support of legislation to address the assessment methodology utilized by the Michigan Tax Tribunal - "Dark Stores".

Public Comment:

Bruce Barlund, 6506 Glenkirk Drive, Dimondale, and Margo Aseltine spoke regarding the proposed Crandell Lake purchase.

Julie O'Neil, 912 Chads Way, Charlotte spoke regarding her candidacy for 56A District Court Judge.

Commissioner Whittum moved the approval of #16-9-75 Resolution to Approve Application for the Office of Highway Safety Planning Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program.

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning has grant funds available for the Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is willing to apply for the grant and coordinate the program, which will provide \$22,000 of overtime for purposes of developing more comprehensive strategies to reduce fatal crashes and increase seat belt use; and

WHEREAS, there are no required matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Sheriff Department be authorized to apply for the Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program through the Office of Highway Safety Planning; 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 Office of Highway Safety Planning; and

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

Commissioner Miars moved the approval of the Crandell Lake draft Purchase Agreement and related addenda. (on file). Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Discussion held. Carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mulder, Augustine, Spence, Osieczonek, Whitacre, Freeman, Brehler, Miars, Eakin, Ridge, Lautzenheiser, Whittum, Rogers. Nays: Austin, Abstain: Hosey

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #16-9-76 Resolution to Approve the 2016/2017 Eaton County Budget as Amended.

WHEREAS, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, indicates that the Legislative body shall adopt a balanced budget for all funds by passing an Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known as the Fiscal Year 2017 General Appropriation Act; and

WHEREAS, that pursuant to State law, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on August 27, 2016, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on September 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County voters authorized millages of 0.7000 of a mill for Jail Operation, 0.9500 of a mill for 911, 0.2500 of a mill for EATRAN, 0.3500 of a mill for Juvenile Operations and 0.1250 of a mill for the Medical Care Facility and 1.500 for Road Repair and Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners will authorize, in June 2017, a general property tax levy on all real and personal property within the County upon the current tax roll for County general operations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2017 General Appropriations Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves a levy of 0.7000 of a mill for Jail Operation, 0.9500 of a mill for 911, 0.3500 of a mill for Juvenile Operations and 0.1250 of a mill for the Medical Care Facility and 1.5 for Road Repair and Rehabilitation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves a levy of 0.2500 of a mill for EATRAN; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2016/2017 Eaton County General Fund (#101) budget of \$35,202,412 be adopted by activity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other funds budgets (Special Revenue \$17,007,538 and Debt Service \$6,441,205) be adopted by activity, for a total 2016/2017 budget of \$58,651,155; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to increase a salary and/or a Capital Outlay activity in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to increase the total budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller be authorized to make such other budget amendments as necessary with the exception of those specified in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the approved Position Allocation List contained in this resolution shall limit the number of permanent employees who can be employed in all departments, offices, and the courts, and no funds are appropriated for any permanent position or employee not on the Approved Position List; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as vacancies occur during the budget year, they shall not be refilled, except by specific Ways and Means Committee authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certain positions contained in the Position Allocation List which are supported in some part by a grant, cost sharing, reimbursement, or some other source of outside funding are only approved contingent upon the County receiving those budgeted revenues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that some outside funding is not received or the County is notified that it will not be received, said positions shall be considered not funded and removed from the approved Position Allocation List; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is understood that revenues and expenditures may vary from those which are currently contemplated and may be changed from time to time by the Board of Commissioners during the 2016/2017 fiscal year, as deemed necessary. Consequently, there may be a need to increase or decrease various portions of the budget and/or impose

layoffs due to unforeseen financial changes; therefore, the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to change the Approved Position Allocation List at any time. The County Elected Officials and County Department Heads shall abide by whatever changes are made by the Board of Commissioners, if any, relative to the approved position and the number of employees stated in the Position Allocation List.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salaries of the County's Elected Officials are established according to the Elected Official Salary Schedule contained in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the activity appropriations which represent the estimated costs of operating the Courts in 2016/2017 are contingent upon reimbursements to Eaton County by the State of Michigan in accordance with MCL 600.151(b). County appropriations to the Courts, in accordance with P.A. 374 and 375 of 1996, are made contingent upon conformance to all county policies and procedures regarding court personnel and the expenditure of funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all County Elected Officials and County Department Heads shall abide by all applicable policies set by the Board of Commissioners including but not limited to budgets, purchasing, travel, and per diems; as well as the Eaton County Personnel Policies, and that budgeted funds for these purposes are appropriated contingent upon compliance with all County policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Personnel Policy shall apply to all employees and elected officials who are not covered under a collective bargaining agreement or who function under a policy manual which has been jointly approved by the County Board of Commissioners and an Elected Official who has co-employer status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Controller shall be authorized to make year-end transfers of up to \$20,000 between activities or funds or with such amounts that may be available in the Contingency of the General Fund, as may be necessary to ensure that departments do not end the 2016/2017 fiscal year in a deficit condition. Any such transfer will be reported to the Ways and Means Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Discussion held. Carried. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Hosey, Mulder, Augustine, Spence, Osieczonek, Whitacre, Freeman, Brehler, Miars, Eakin, Ridge, Lautzenheiser, Austin, Whittum, Rogers.

Nays: None

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Lease Agreement as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Brehler.

Commissioner Miars moved to amend the proposed Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Lease Agreement to reflect a 3-year lease term instead of a 5-year term. Seconded by Commissioner Spence. Discussion held. Motion failed. Ayes: Eakin, Miars, and Spence.

Vote on original motion carried. Nays: Spence and Whittum.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of #16-9-77 Resolution to Approve 2016/2017 Budget Amendments.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2015/2016 Appropriations Act of September 16, 2015 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 2015/2016 Eaton County Budget:

GENERAL FUND

	<u>CONTINGENCY/FUND BALANCE CARRYOVER</u>	
Increase	Transfers-Out	\$300,000
Decrease	Contingency	\$210,000
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 90,000

To increase total departmental budget for transfer to the Child Care Fund up to \$210,000 based on projected fund balance.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	<u>CHILD CARE FUND</u>	
Increase	Institutional Care	\$240,000
Increase	State Ward Chargebacks	\$ 60,000
Increase	Transfers-In	\$300,000

To increase the Child Care Fund by up to \$300,000 based on projected fund balance. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser. Carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways and Means Committee in the amount of \$626,239.35 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Brehler. Carried.

Public Comments: none.

Commissioner Comments:

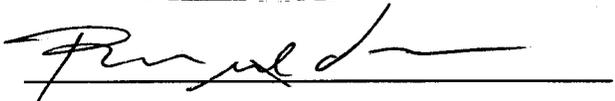
Commissioners Osieczonek and Spence requested clarification regarding the Child Care Fund reimbursement eligibility. Discussion held.

Commissioner Whittum complimented Physical Plant on repairs to the main entrance of the courthouse.

Commissioner Rogers stated that the Urban Air Airstream motor home event runs from September 22, 2016 – September 25, 2016 in downtown Eaton Rapids.

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

Chairman Mulder adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

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**SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR  
THE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING  
STRATEGIC TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

**Introduced by the Public Safety Committee**

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

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2016/2017  
EATON COUNTY BUDGET AS AMENDED**

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