

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 3, 2022  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in organizational session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Monday, January 3, 2022 including the availability of virtual participation by the public.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Ridge.

Roll call. Commissioners present: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum and Barbara Rogers. Commissioners absent: Terrance Augustine, Mark Mudry, and Brian Lautzenheiser.

Chairman Whittum asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board for 2022. Commissioner Mulder nominated Commissioner Lautzenheiser as Vice-Chairperson for 2022. There were no further nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner Mulder moved Commissioner Lautzenheiser as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved to continue the current Committee Assignments and approve the meeting schedules for 2022. (On file) Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved to amend the Eaton County Board Rules of Procedure Rules to remove Section # 3.7 - eliminating a remote participation option for members as it is no longer allowed under statute. (On file) Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to amend the Eaton County Board Rules of Procedure Rules under Public Comment Section #4.6C - amending the time limit for public comment to 3 minutes. (On file) Seconded by Commissioner Whitacre. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved to amend the Eaton County Board Rules of Procedure Rules to include the use of gender-neutral pronouns throughout. (On file) Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Chairman Whittum reminded Commissioner Disclosure statements are due.

- Commissioner Whitacre disclosed that her son is an employee of a County vendor.
- Commissioner Reynnet disclosed that he is employed by the State of Michigan Department of Treasury.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of #22-1-1 Resolution to Allow County Treasurer to Deposit and Withdraw Funds.

WHEREAS, under the laws of the State of Michigan, Act No. 40 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1932, 1st Extra Session, as amended (MCL 129.12), this Board is required to provide, by resolution, for the deposit of all public monies, including tax monies, belonging to, or held for, the State, County or other political units coming into the hands of the County Treasurer, in one or more banks, savings and loan associations or credit unions within the State.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- (1) the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby directs Robert A. Robinson Eaton County Treasurer, to deposit all public monies, including monies and funds held for the State Board of Escheats or missing heirs, coming into his hands as Treasurer in any bank, savings and loan association or credit union within the State which is a legal depository as defined by State and/or Federal Law.
- (2) the Treasurer is authorized to invest funds with these institutions or any institution legally permitted by State statute Act No. 20 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1942, as amended (MCL 129.91), Public Act 342 of 1965, as amended by Public Act 149 of 1999 or Federal law or regulation within the limits set therein, and
- (3) the Treasurer is authorized to enter into and execute on behalf of the County, contracts with any bank or trust company for the safekeeping or third party custodianship of any of the County's securities as well as any contracts or repurchase agreements with any corporation for the purchase of any such securities which will be the subject of such safekeeping or third party custodianship arrangements, on such terms and conditions as the County Treasurer shall require, and
- (4) the County Treasurer is authorized to rely on the continuing effect of these Resolutions until amended or repealed by a subsequent resolution of this or a successor Board of Commissioners.
- (5) the County Treasurer is authorized to withdraw investments and deposit into the County General Checking or other County accounts in order to maintain an adequate cash reserve for anticipated expenditures. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of #22-1-2 Resolution to Defer Property Tax Payments for Senior Citizens and Other Qualified Individuals.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners extend the date

for payment of the 2021 taxes for Senior Citizens and Other Individuals who qualify under the General Property Tax Act being Section 211.59 (3) until April 30, 2022 without penalties and interest. Provided claimant presents a copy of the form filed for that purpose to the County Treasurer. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mott moved the approval of #22-1-3 Resolution to Continue Eaton County Human Services Collaborative Council.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners established an Eaton County Human Services Collaborative Council on January 17, 1996; and

WHEREAS, such resolution requires an annual review of the Human Services Collaborative Council to determine the necessity of its continuation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, feels that the Human Services Collaborative Council continues to provide a forum for human services agencies in the county to identify and discuss opportunities for further collaboration and partnership in human services delivery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Human Services Collaborative Council be continued for another year. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Chairman Whittum recessed the meeting to January 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

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Clerk of the Board of Commissioners