

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 15, 2023

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, February 15, 2023 including the availability of virtual participation by the public.

Chairman Mott 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: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Trevor Youngquist, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Jacob Toomey, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Frank Holmes, Barbara Rogers and Jim Mott.
Commissioners absent: None

Commissioner Mulder requested the removal of Ways and Means Item #5 – Resolution to Approve Sustainability Plan and the addition #7 Part-Time Corrections Deputy Letter of Understanding. Commissioner Toomey requested the addition under New Business – Resolution Related to the Michigan State University Shooting. Controller Sobie requested the removal under New Business – Closed session To Consult with Legal Counsel related to COAM Collective Bargaining Unit Requested (15.268(c)).

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Toomey. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Haskell moved the approval of the January 3, 2023 and January 18, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Communications: Resolutions from Cheboygan County and Mackinac County Board of Commissioners Honoring the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th Anniversary.

Presentation by Michelle Lantz CEO of Greater Lansing Food Bank.

Public Comment: County resident Michelle Kost presented a resolution from the Eaton County Republican Party executive committee.

Margo Aseltine, Bruce Barlund and Kevin Bush spoke in support of the Michigan State University students and their families and in opposition to the proposed Resolution Related to the Michigan State University Shooting.

John Cameron and Landon Myers spoke in support of the Michigan State University students and their families and in support of the proposed Resolution Related to the Michigan State University Shooting.

Controller Sobie introduced two of her staff members in the Controller's Office: Jennifer Hankins, County Payroll Specialist; Heidi Kirchen, County Accountant.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval the American Airlines Slot Exemption Letter of Support.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously. (on file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #23-2-11 Resolution to Approve Youth Facility Construction Design Plan.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Youth Facility ; and
WHEREAS, the County owns the facility and has received Raise the Age grant funds from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; and
WHEREAS, the County identified Granger Construction as the vendor to assist in the development and design of the proposed Youth Facility Expansion Project; and
WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee reviewed and is recommending the approval of the design-build construction contract with Granger Construction for an amount not to exceed \$690,000 for the expansion to the Youth Facility;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the contract with Nielson Commercial Construction for an amount not to exceed \$441,248. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners or his designee is authorized to sign the contract.

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #23-2-12 Resolution to Approve FY 2023 Budget Amendments.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2022/2023 Appropriations Act of September 21, 2022 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 2022/2023 Eaton County Budget:

GENERAL FUND

	<u>TRASFERS-OUT 101.99</u>	
Decrease	Transfers-Out Parks and Recreation	\$376,557
Decrease	Fund Balance Carryover	\$376,557

To decrease the General Fund Appropriation to the Parks and Recreation Fund.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

PARKS AND RECREATION 208

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CENTRAL DISPATCH 261

Increase	Wages and Fringes	\$ 57,450
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 57,450

To increase total budget for to add one new FTE and amend the Position Allocation List as described in the request recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of # 232-13 Resolution to Approve FY 2023 Budget Schedule. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways & Means Committee for \$380,778.29 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of the Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) Grant Letter of Support on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Toomey. Carried unanimously. (on file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the letter of understanding for a Part-Time Corrections Deputy. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser. Discussion held.

Commissioner Augustine moved the approval to include a friendly amendment to add the word “annually” in the letter of understanding. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Kelly Cunningham, Eaton County 9-1-1 Director spoke regarding Monday’s Michigan State University campus shooting and the Eaton County response. Eight additional 9-1-1 dispatchers were called in for duty. GIS Administrator Jon Merrick created a tracking application for students and families that was used on campus at the family information center. The 9-1-1 staff worked diligently helping during the MSU event. Responders from Eaton County to the scene included: ECSO deputies; police officers from the cities of Charlotte, Potterville, Eaton Rapids and Grand Ledge; Delta Township EMS, Windsor Township EMS and Grand Ledge EMS; and EC Technology Services.

There was no Commissioner Comment.

There was no Unfinished Business or Old Business.

New Business: Commissioner Toomey moved the approval of #23-2-14 Resolution Related to the Michigan State University Shooting.

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023, a gunman shot and killed at least 3 victims and wounded at least 5 others at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan; and WHEREAS, there is a need for the Lansing Area governments to express their positions on school safety matters that affect the children and parents residing in its communities; and

WHEREAS, student safety is a prerequisite for consistently high levels of academic and social development; and

WHEREAS, a large population of residents in Eaton County work, study, or visit Michigan State University and are impacted by the events of February 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, thousands of students have publicly expressed concern for their safety and well-being and have indicated that policymakers should act immediately to protect them in school and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with a gun than people in other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, on average, someone is killed with a gun every 7 hours in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, communities across the State need considerable additional resources to plan for, assess and prevent such horrendous acts of violence, including coordinating with law enforcement in order to secure our schools from intruders intent upon committing violence; and

WHEREAS, many schools lack the mental health counselors, psychologists, and social workers needed to identify and work with students showing warning signs for depression and violence; and

WHEREAS, the most effective approach to creating safe school environments is a comprehensive, coordinated effort including schoolwide, districtwide and communitywide strategies supplemented with policy, resources and support at the local, state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, the multiple school shootings that the nation has witnessed over the years have complex causes requiring multiple solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners which finds and determines as follows:

1. Adopts the foregoing recitals as true and correct;
2. The Board stands with the students of Michigan State University and the people of the State of Michigan in solidarity and remembrance of lives lost as a result of gun violence on February 13, 2023.
3. The Board calls on the Legislators of Michigan to appropriate adequate new funds to increase the numbers of counselors, mental health staff, psychologists, and social workers in our communities to both prevent and respond to gun violence.
4. The Board stands with the students of Michigan State University and the people of the State of Michigan in demanding effective and comprehensive action on gun safety legislation to protect students, teachers, parents, support staff, and others visiting the schools of Eaton County from gun violence.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Discussion held.

Commissioner Augustine moved to strike the word “comprehensive” from the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Discussion held.

Commissioner Rogers requested the discussion be closed and to call the question on the amendment. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Roll call. Ayes: Barnes, Mulder, Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Droscha, Toomey, Hansen, Lautzenheiser, Holmes, Rogers and Mott. Motion carried.

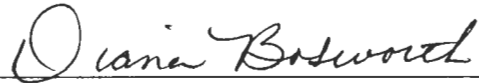
Roll call vote on amendment to strike the word “comprehensive” from the resolution. Ayes: Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Mudry, Toomey. Nays: Barnes, Mulder, Youngquist, Brehler, Droscha, Hansen, Lautzenheiser, Holmes, Rogers, Mott. Motion failed.

Discussion held. Commissioner Droscha requested the roll call vote on approval of Resolution Related to the Michigan State University Shooting. Ayes: Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Toomey. Nays: Barnes, Mulder, Droscha, Hansen, Lautzenheiser, Holmes, Rogers, Mott. Motion failed.

Chairman Mott adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.



Chairman of the Board of Commissioners



Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

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Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

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2023/2024 BUDGET SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 28, 2023	Budget Documents to Elected Officials/Department Heads	
Friday, March 10, 2023	Present Personnel Expenditure Estimates	Ways & Means Committee
Friday, March 17, 2023	Technology and Building Requests Due	
Friday, March 24, 2023	Budget Forms Returned by Elected Officials/Department Heads	
Friday, April 14, 2023	Review Revenue Estimates and Departmental Expenditure Requests	Ways & Means Committee
Friday, May 12, 2023	Review Revised Revenue Estimates and Controller's Office Expenditure Recommendations	Ways & Means Committee
Friday, May 12, 2023	Recommendations to Departments	
Friday, June 16, 2023	Work Session (a.m. and p.m. if necessary) * Departmental Budget Presentations	Ways & Means Committee
Wednesday, June 21, 2023	Adoption of Operating Millage	Board
Friday, June 23, 2023	* Departmental Budget Presentations (a.m. and p.m. if necessary)	Ways & Means Committee
Friday, July 14, 2023	Work Session (a.m. and p.m. if necessary)	Ways & Means Committee
Friday, August 11, 2023	Work Session (a.m. and p.m. if necessary)	Ways & Means Committee
Tuesday, September 12, 2023	Truth in Budgeting Hearing	Board
Friday, September 15, 2023	Work Session (a.m. and p.m. if necessary)	Ways & Means Committee
Wednesday, September 20, 2023	Adoption of Budget and Tax Rates	Board

* **Tentative, will be cancelled if unnecessary.**

p.m. **Indicates work session may cause meeting to continue into the afternoon.**

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the FY 2023 Budget Schedule. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.