

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioners Barbara Rogers, Scott Hansen, Terrance Augustine, Joseph Brehler, Blake Mulder, Brian Lautzenheiser, and Trevor Youngquist

ALSO PRESENT:

Commissioner Jim Mott, Claudine Williams, Chris Garrison, Rachel Cuschieri-Murray, Matt Hannahs, Debbie Penfield, Chad Powers, Tamiko Rothhorn, Jon Merrick, Judy Ash, Connie Sobie

The March 8, 2023 regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Rogers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Brehler moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the February 8, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Executive Director of the Eaton County Conservation District Rachel Cuschieri-Murray presented an overview of coming events and programs.

Eaton County Road Commission Manager Matt Hannahs presented the 2022 Local Road Millage Program report and 2022 Annual Report. Mr. Hannahs also provided a Supplemental Annual Report. Discussion held.

Controller Sobie reported Parks Director Keeton and Finance Director Ballard met to review Parks Department budget for this year and next year. They met with the Chairman's Parks Millage Workgroup to develop a timeline with cost estimates for project recommendations. Ms. Sobie stated the Parks Department would like to apply to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Trust Fund for a \$220,000 fishing pier project. She noted this is the same grant funding application submitted last year for which Eaton County was not selected for funding.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to recommend approval for submission of the DNR Trust fund application to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

Construction Code Director Chris Garrison presented the Construction Code Department report and discussed the current staffing for each trade.

Discussion held.

Resource Recovery Program Assistant, Debbie Penfield presented the department's monthly report. Discussion held.

Community Development Director Claudine Williams presented the department's monthly report.

Community Development Director, Claudine Williams, was present to provide the Department's monthly report. Ms. Williams reported the Governor signed an executive order moving all CDBG funding currently held by the MEDC, be moved back to MSHDA. Planning and Zoning Essentials training will be held April 20, 2023 and will be available for any local municipality for only the cost of the handouts.

Ms. Sobie stated there were two appointments for consideration, one for the Purchase of Development Rights Committee (PDR) and Board Appeals of Appeals - alternate. Commissioner Augustine moved to appoint Richard Heisler to the PDR Committee and Mark Stahl as the Board of Appeals alternate. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

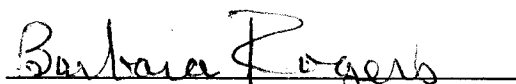
Ms. Sobie reported on the Employee Sustainability Steering Committee which met on February 28th. Members of the committee spoke regarding employee engagement in the project and provided a report regarding projects and improvements employees identified to best capture the interest of County employees. Members of the Employee Sustainability Steering Committee spoke regarding the campus plan including Chad Powers, Jon Merrick, Judy Ash and Tamiko Rothhorn. The Commissioners thanked all of the committee members for their time and effort.

Commissioner Augustine moved forward the Placemaking Sustainability plan to Ways and Means for funding request. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Mr. Drew Marks was present and addressed the Committee in reference to his disappointment with the Zoning Board of Appeals decision on his application to review an administrative decision of the Community Development Department.

Chairperson Rogers adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.


Barbara Rogers, Chairperson