

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Terrance Augustine, Joseph Brehler, Blake Mulder, Barbara Rogers and Jane Whitacre

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Jeremy Whittum; Blair Ballou, Jackie Blanc, Chris Garrison, Morgan Feldpausch, Claudine Williams, and John Fuentes

The March 9, 2022 regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Lautzenheiser.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Blair Ballou, Engineer/Manager, Eaton County Road Commission, was present to provide the agency's semi-annual report. An update was provided on the completed 2021 local road millage projects and the proposed 2022 local road millage projects. There was discussion regarding the asset management (PACER) ratings for local roads that have been completed since the inception of the program. There was also discussion regarding the state critical bridge funding program and the condition of bridges within the County system. It was reported that 18 bridges are weight restricted or obsolete. Further discussion held.

Chairperson Lautzenheiser announced the Parks Director position has been filled. Travis Keeton, will begin employment with the County on March 21, 2022.

Jackie Blanc, Interim Park Director was present to provide the Department's monthly report. A presentation by Tim Knutsen, Beckett & Raeder for a proposed MDNR Trust grant application for development at Crandell Park. The application will require a public hearing and resolution by the Board of Commissioners by the April 1, 2022 deadline. Discussion held.

Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend approval of a resolution authorizing the MDNR Trust fund grant application and schedule a public hearing on the proposed project to be included in the application for 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried.

Chris Garrison, Construction Code Enforcement Director was present to provide the Department's monthly update. Monthly housing starts, permit and inspection activity reports were reviewed. It was also reported that it is being recommended that the County seek to hire a full-time dually

certified Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector, to attempt to improve recruiting for the plumbing inspection responsibilities. While the part-time plumbing inspector position is vacant, Delta Township will be temporarily performing these inspections. It was reported that Delta Township and the County will be developing a mutual aid agreement to address these types of reciprocal cover for inspections in periods of unexpected or extended staff shortage situations. Discussion held.

Morgan Feldpausch, Resource Recovery Coordinator, was present to provide the monthly report for Designated Implementing Agency. An update was provided on the annual waste licensing and semi-annual surcharge remittances. It was reported that efforts continue to resolve of the outstanding hauler's remittance that was discussed at the last regular meeting. Discussion held.

It was also reported that changes were made in the County's battery collection program, to eliminate unattended collection sites, due to a recent incident involving an improperly recycled lithium battery. Improper recycling and handling of these items is hazardous and creates risk of fire. The program remains available at the staffed collection sites within the County. Discussion held.

Claudine Williams, Community Development Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly update. It was reported that a public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:00pm for the proposed Community Development Block Grant program income expenditures.

Chairperson Lautzenheiser adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held at 9:00am on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.



Brian Lautzenheiser, Chairperson