

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 17, 2021

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in virtual session on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 as permitted by PA 228 of 2020.

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

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

Commissioner Mulder gave the invocation.

During roll call, the members announced the location they were attending remotely from, as follows:

Roll call. Commissioners present: Tim Barnes from his residence in Roxand Township, Eaton County, Michigan; Blake Mulder from his residence in Oneida Township, Eaton County, Michigan; Terrance Augustine from his residence in the City of Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan; Brandon Haskell from his residence in Delta Township, Eaton County, Michigan; Jeanne Pearl-Wright from her residence in Delta Township, Eaton County, Michigan; Jane M. Whitacre from her residence in Delta Township, Eaton County, Michigan; Mark Mudry from his residence in Delta Township, Eaton County, Michigan; Joseph Brehler from his residence in the City of Lansing, Eaton County, Michigan; Brian Droscha from his residence in Eaton Township, Eaton County, Michigan; Dairus Reynnet from his residence in Windsor Township, Eaton County, Michigan; Wayne Ridge from his residence in the City of Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan, Brian Lautzenheiser from his residence in the City of Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan; Jim Mott from his residence in Walton Township, Eaton County, Michigan; Barbara Rogers from her residence in Hamlin Township, Eaton County, Michigan; and Jeremy Whittum attended in-person at the County Courthouse in Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan. Commissioners absent: None.

Commissioner Mulder requested the following addition to the Ways and Means Committee Report: Item #5 - Resolution to Appoint District Court Magistrate, and Item #6 - Resolution to Approve 2020/2021 Budget Amendments.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the agenda be approved as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Communications: Draft Independent Auditors Communication with Those Charged with Governance related to the September 30, 2020 financial audit prepared by the Rehman firm. (On file)

Limited Public Comment: None

Commissioner Mott moved the approval of #21-3-22 Resolution to Proclaim April as Autism Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 62/139 declaring World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) be celebrated April 2, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is designated as National Autism Awareness Month to increase public awareness of the need to support individuals with autism and the family members, educators and other professionals who teach and care for individuals with autism, and

WHEREAS, in November, 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Health Statistics Report concluded the prevalence of autism spectrum disorder has risen to one in every 45 children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) represents a broad group of disorders that vary widely from mild to severe, and is characterized by difficulty with social interaction, communication, severely limited interest and repetitive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, autism knows no racial, ethnic, family, income, lifestyle, social boundaries, or educational levels. It can affect any family and any child; and

WHEREAS, Xavier DeGroat has dedicated his life to educating and promoting community support for those with autism through the creation of the Xavier DeGroat Autism Foundation; and

WHEREAS, communities have a role, in identifying, assessing, or supporting individuals with ASD and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day and April every year going forward as Autism Awareness Month encourages the residents of Eaton County to become educated and informed of programs, services, and opportunities to support individuals with autism.

Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #21-3-23 Resolution to Authorize Application for Office of Violence Against Women Grant.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) has grant funds available; and

WHEREAS, the grant will provide funding for improving criminal justice responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Office is desirous of submitting a grant application to provide enhanced responses to these serious violations of criminal law through the

creation of a special victims unit to best serve victims and to hold offenders accountable; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding request is an amount not to exceed \$500,000, with no County match for a 36-month period beginning October 1, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Prosecutor's Office to submit a grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the County's participation in the grant is discontinued or requires a County General Fund contribution, the continuation of the grant funded positions will be reviewed by the appropriate committees to determine the necessity of General Fund commitment; 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners be authorized to sign any necessary documents.

Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #21-3-24 Resolution Declaring April 18-April 24 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Whereas, the victim's rights movement has resulted in the passage of laws at the local, state and federal levels that established essential rights for victims; and

Whereas, the William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim's Rights Act in Michigan and federal victim's rights legislation have provided victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process; and

Whereas, the rights of crime victims are best protected when all participants in the criminal justice process, not only victims, are appropriately educated about victim's rights; and

Whereas, the entire community plays a role in reaching out to all victims, engaging with victim communities by providing crime victims services and resources to meet their needs, helps service providers rebuild trust in victims' lives through support, trust and justice; and

Whereas, this is the time to renew our commitment to serving all victims of crime, acknowledging the achievements in victim services and honoring those who have gone above and beyond in their service to others, remembering crime victims and survivors; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 18-24, 2021 with the theme: "*Support Victims, Build Trust, Engage Communities*". The observance provides an opportunity to emphasize the importance of leveraging community support to help victims of crime; and

Whereas, the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, to keeping victims informed about the services and rights available to them; and to working to achieve justice for all victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the third week of April each year, as Crime Victim's Rights Week; reaffirms this County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victim's Rights Week and throughout the year; and this Board further expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation for community members, victim service providers and criminal justice professionals, who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #21-3-25 Resolution to Recognize National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and,

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Eaton County 911 emergency communications center; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of Eaton County Central Dispatch have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

WHEREAS, each telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners declares the second week of April to be National Public Safety

Telecommunicators Week in Eaton County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Seconded by Commissioner Brehler. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Commissioner Ridge moved the approval of #21-3-26 Resolution Recognizing April as National County Government Week.

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and
WHEREAS, counties provide health services, administer justice, keep communities safe, foster economic opportunities and much more; and
WHEREAS, Eaton County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and
WHEREAS, under the leadership of National Association of Counties President Gary Moore, NACo is demonstrating how "Counties Matter," especially in supporting residents and businesses during the coronavirus pandemic; and
WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services; and
WHEREAS, the efforts of the Barry-Eaton District Health Department are working to protect public health by communicating with transportation officials, educating health care providers and communicating to the public best practices to reduce the spread of infectious diseases.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April each year as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of the following two resolutions:

#21-3-27 Resolution to Approve Contract for Battery Recycling.

WHEREAS, the County is charged by the Public Act 451, Part 115, as amended, Eaton County Solid Waste Management Plan Update of February 1999 to enhance the separation, collection, and utilization of materials to increase the percentage of

the solid waste stream diverted; and,
WHEREAS, the County Department of Resource Recovery operates a household battery collection program, which diverts potentially hazardous materials from improper disposal; and,
WHEREAS, Battery Solutions, LLC agreed to recycle all household batteries brought to Eaton County collection sites per Federal and State guidelines and in accordance with the proposals submitted to the Department of Resource Recovery; and
WHEREAS, the County Department of Resource Recovery recommended the vendor for a two-year contract through December 31, 2022; and
WHEREAS, the Public Works and Planning Committee reviewed two proposals and recommended that a contract be established between the County and Battery Solutions, LLC for a two-year battery recycling contract at its regular meeting held on March 10, 2021; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners officially approves the recommended contract.

#21-3-28 Resolution to Approve a Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy Scrap Tire Recycling Grant Application.

WHEREAS, the Resource Recovery Department has been established for the development and administration of the County Solid Waste Management Plan under Act 641; and
WHEREAS, key components of the Resource Recovery Department include increasing the amount of materials recycled; and
WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy Scrap Tire Recycling Grant is designed to provide assistance in the removal of residential tires; and
WHEREAS, the Resource Recovery Department offers two Scrap Tire collection events annually; and
WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy has encouraged regional applications and Eaton County has been approached by Clinton County, Barry County, and Ingham County to submit one grant for all four communities; and
WHEREAS, the grant program does not have any matching requirements; and
WHEREAS, Eaton County will serve as the applicant and fiduciary for the grant; and
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that Eaton County approves the application of the Scrap Tire grant; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that acceptance of the grant award is contingent upon the approval of Memorandums of Understanding between the County and other individual participating entities providing for said participating entities to reimburse the County for any non-grant costs associated with collection events held within their jurisdiction; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, or his designee, is authorized to sign any necessary grant documents; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller is authorized to make budget amendments to the adopted budget, in the event the grant is authorized.

Both resolutions seconded by Commissioner Brehler. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #21-3-29 Resolution to Accept September 30, 2020 Audit. (On file)

WHEREAS, the firm of Rehmann completed an audit of Eaton County for the year ending September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, such audit and the recommendations included therein have been, reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners accept the September 30, 2020 Eaton County audit.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #21-3-30 Resolution to Approve Revised Inter-local Agreement for Designated Assessor Services.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appointed Mr. Tim Vandermark as the Designated Assessor for Eaton County and an inter-local agreement with the local assessing districts in the County in accordance with P.A. 660 of 2018 (“the Act”) on December 16, 2020 (Resolution #20-12-117); and

WHEREAS, the inter-local agreement for designated assessor services proposed to meet the requirements of P.A. 660 of 2018 did not meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA); and

WHEREAS, the proposed revised inter-local agreement to meet these requirements and has been provided to the local assessing districts for their re-consideration.

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has reviewed and is recommending approval of the revised inter-local agreement for Designated Assessor services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the revised inter-local agreement for Designated Assessors services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign inter-local agreement.

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #21-3-31 Resolution to Approve Appraisal Services Contract Renewal.

WHEREAS, the Equalization Department has utilized an independent contractor to provide appraisal services to assist in completing the required annual appraisal of property within the County during the equalization process; and

WHEREAS, the Department wishes to continue to utilize these services and is requesting authorization to enter into a renewal agreement with Accurate; and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has reviewed and is recommending the approval of the appraisal services contract renewal (attached) for a one year period commencing March 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract is for the maximum not-to-exceed amount of \$22,550.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners approves the contract for appraisal services with Accurate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Equalization Director is authorized to execute the contract renewal agreement on behalf of the County.

Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways & Means Committee for \$ 333,635.55 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #21-3-32 Resolution to Appoint District Court Magistrate.

WHEREAS, The District Court has recommended the appointment of Attorney Heather Berkompas as the District Court Magistrate; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to MCL 600.8501, the Board of Commissioners must approve the appointment of such Magistrate positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the appointment of Attorney Heather Berkompas as the District Court Magistrate.

Seconded by Commissioner Mott. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark

Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #21-3-33 Resolution to Approve 2020/2021 Budget Amendments.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2020/2021 Appropriations Act of September 16, 2020 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 2020/ 2021 Eaton County Budget:

GENERAL FUND

Friend of the Court 130.141

Increase	Wage and Fringe	\$ 15,311
Increase	Grant Revenue	\$ 6,106
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 9,204

To increase Friend of the Court budget and amend the position allocation list for the status change of Intermittent Investigator/Conciliator to full-time as recommended by the Ways and Means Committee.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Limited Public Comments: None

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Haskell stated that he, Chairman Whittum, Commissioner Whitaker and Commissioner Pearl-Wright where invited by Lt. Governor Gilchrist to tour the Delta Center school. They observed the process in which teachers are conducting classes both digitally and in-person.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright commended the Barry-Eaton Health Department for their work with vaccinating the public. She stated that on April 5th, the vaccinations would be available to everyone 16 years of age and older.

Chairman Whittum noted that the rate of inoculations for Eaton County residents is 25%. Commissioners Barnes and Whitacre were commended for their assistance with the vaccination clinics.

There was no Unfinished Business or Old Business.

New Business: Chairman Whittum reported that he had declared a local a state of emergency under PA 390. A resolution to automatically renew this declaration every 7 days until the Board's next regular meeting was presented for discussion. The intent of the declaration and resolution were to continue the availability of virtual and/or hybrid public meetings by public bodies in compliance with amendments to the Open Meeting Act until the Board reconsiders extending the emergency declaration further at its next meeting, April 21, 2021.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of #21-3-34 Resolution to Authorize the Declaration of The State of Emergency for the County of Eaton.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the County of Eaton sustained one of the first confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County continues to assess its local situation status relating to the COVID-19 outbreak. As a result of this ongoing situation, the following conditions exist:

- There is significant monitoring, assessment, and response to the virus outbreak locally, regionally, throughout the State of Michigan, the United States, and in other countries.
- There has been adjustment of policy and procedure for many employees in units of local governmental, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, families, and individuals to include conducting meetings of a public body in a virtual setting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.
- Strict response and patient care protocols by all hospitals, long-term care facilities, police, fire, and EMS personnel for any interaction with the general public.
- Bars and restaurants are operating at a limited capacity per as a part of issued Epidemic Orders.
- Schools in Eaton County have significantly altered their learning service platforms.
- A widespread outbreak within Eaton County could hinder and/or cease most daily operations within the entire county and overwhelm essential services.

WHEREAS, a request for a declaration of a Local State of Emergency has been completed for Eaton County to ensure local units of government can continue to meet virtually or that the public can attend an open meeting virtually in compliance with the Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, after the signing of the Local State of Emergency declaration by the Chief Elected Official of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners the declaration shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of 7 days except with the consent of the governing body of the county.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, hereby declares that a “state of emergency” exists within our jurisdiction as of March 17, 2021, and that local resources and funding are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. The response and recovery elements of our emergency operations plan have been activated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves renewing the Local State of Emergency every 7 days and will review the renewal on a monthly basis.

Seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

Chairman Whittum adjourned the meeting to the Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 17, 2021

RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Introduced by the Health & Human Services Committee

Commissioner Mott moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright.

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 62/139 declaring World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) be celebrated April 2, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is designated as National Autism Awareness Month to increase public awareness of the need to support individuals with autism and the family members, educators and other professionals who teach and care for individuals with autism, and

WHEREAS, in November, 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Health Statistics Report concluded the prevalence of autism spectrum disorder has risen to one in every 45 children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) represents a broad group of disorders that vary widely from mild to severe, and is characterized by difficulty with social interaction, communication, severely limited interest and repetitive behaviors; and

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

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 17, 2021

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR
OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT**

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) has grant funds available; and

WHEREAS, the grant will provide funding for improving criminal justice responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Office is desirous of submitting a grant application to provide enhanced responses to these serious violations of criminal law through the creation of a special victims unit to best serve victims and to hold offenders accountable; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding request is an amount not to exceed \$500,000, with no County match for a 36-month period beginning October 1, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Prosecutor's Office to submit a grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the County's participation in the grant is discontinued or requires a County General Fund contribution, the continuation of the grant funded positions will be reviewed by the appropriate committees to determine the necessity of General Fund commitment; 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners be authorized to sign any necessary documents.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**MARCH 17, 2021****RESOLUTION DECLARING
APRIL 18, 2021 – APRIL 24, 2021
AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK****Introduced by the Public Safety Committee**

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

Whereas, the victim's rights movement has resulted in the passage of laws at the local, state and federal levels that established essential rights for victims; and

Whereas, the William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim's Rights Act in Michigan and federal victim's rights legislation have provided victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process; and

Whereas, the rights of crime victims are best protected when all participants in the criminal justice process, not only victims, are appropriately educated about victim's rights; and

Whereas, the entire community plays a role in reaching out to all victims, engaging with victim communities by providing crime victims services and resources to meet their needs, helps service providers rebuild trust in victims' lives through support, trust and justice; and

Whereas, this is the time to renew our commitment to serving all victims of crime, acknowledging the achievements in victim services and honoring those who have gone above and beyond in their service to others, remembering crime victims and survivors; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 18-24, 2021 with the theme: "*Support Victims, Build Trust, Engage Communities*". The observance provides an opportunity to emphasize the importance of leveraging community support to help victims of crime; and

Whereas, the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, to keeping victims informed about the services and rights available to them; and to working to achieve justice for all victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the third week of April each year, as Crime Victim's Rights Week; reaffirms this County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victim's Rights Week and throughout the year; and this Board further expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation for community members, victim service providers

and criminal justice professionals, who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 17, 2021

**RESOLUTION DECLARING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK**

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Brehler.

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and,

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Eaton County 911 emergency communications center; and,

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WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of Eaton County Central Dispatch have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

WHEREAS, each telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners declares the second week of April to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Eaton County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 17, 2021

**RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT
MONTH**

Introduced by the Information Technology and Communication Committee

Commissioner Ridge moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright.

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, counties provide health services, administer justice, keep communities safe, foster economic opportunities and much more; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of National Association of Counties President Gary Moore, NACo is demonstrating how "Counties Matter," especially in supporting residents and businesses during the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Barry-Eaton District Health Department are working to protect public health by communicating with transportation officials, educating health care providers and communicating to the public best practices to reduce the spread of infectious diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April each year as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers.
Nays: None. Carried.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**MARCH 17, 2021****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR BATTERY RECYCLING*****Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee***

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Brehler.

WHEREAS, the County is charged by the Public Act 451, Part 115, as amended, Eaton County Solid Waste Management Plan Update of February 1999 to enhance the separation, collection, and utilization of materials to increase the percentage of the solid waste stream diverted; and,

WHEREAS, the County Department of Resource Recovery operates a household battery collection program, which diverts potentially hazardous materials from improper disposal; and,

WHEREAS, Battery Solutions, LLC agreed to recycle all household batteries brought to Eaton County collection sites per Federal and State guidelines and in accordance with the proposals submitted to the Department of Resource Recovery; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of Resource Recovery recommended the vendor for a two-year contract through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Planning Committee reviewed two proposals and recommended that a contract be established between the County and Battery Solutions, LLC for a two-year battery recycling contract at its regular meeting held on March 10, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners officially approves the recommended contract.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**MARCH 17, 2021****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT GREAT LAKES AND ENERGY SCRAP TIRE RECYCLING GRANT APPLICATION***Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee*

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Brehler.

WHEREAS, the Resource Recovery Department has been established for the development and administration of the County Solid Waste Management Plan under Act 641; and

WHEREAS, key components of the Resource Recovery Department include increasing the amount of materials recycled; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy Scrap Tire Recycling Grant is designed to provide assistance in the removal of residential tires; and

WHEREAS, the Resource Recovery Department offers two Scrap Tire collection events annually; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy has encouraged regional applications and Eaton County has been approached by Clinton County, Barry County, and Ingham County to submit one grant for all four communities; and

WHEREAS, the grant program does not have any matching requirements; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County will serve as the applicant and fiduciary for the grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that Eaton County approves the application of the Scrap Tire grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that acceptance of the grant award is contingent upon the approval of Memorandums of Understanding between the County and other individual participating entities providing for said participating entities to reimburse the County for any non-grant costs associated with collection events held within their jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, or his designee, is authorized to sign any necessary grant documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller is authorized to make budgets amendments to the adopted budget, in the event the grant is authorized.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 17, 2021

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
EATON COUNTY AUDIT**

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

WHEREAS, the firm of Rehmann completed an audit of Eaton County for the year ending September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, such audit and the recommendations included therein have been, reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners accept the September 30, 2020 Eaton County audit.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**MARCH 17, 2021****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR DESIGNATED ASSESSOR SERVICES****Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appointed Mr. Tim Vandermark as the Designated Assessor for Eaton County and an inter-local agreement with the local assessing districts in the County in accordance with P.A. 660 of 2018 ("the Act") on December 16, 2020 (Resolution #20-12-117); and

WHEREAS, the inter-local agreement for designated assessor services proposed to meet the requirements of P.A. 660 of 2018 did not meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA); and

WHEREAS, the proposed revised inter-local agreement to meet these requirements and has been provided to the local assessing districts for their re-consideration.

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has reviewed and is recommending approval of the revised inter-local agreement for Designated Assessor services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the revised inter-local agreement for Designated Assessors services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign inter-local agreement.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 17, 2021

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPRAISAL SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWAL

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

WHEREAS, the Equalization Department has utilized an independent contractor to provide appraisal services to assist in completing the required annual appraisal of property within the County during the equalization process; and

WHEREAS, the Department wishes to continue to utilize these services and is requesting authorization to enter into a renewal agreement with Accurate; and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has reviewed and is recommending the approval of the appraisal services contract renewal (attached) for a one year period commencing March 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract is for the maximum not-to-exceed amount of \$22,550.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners approves the contract for appraisal services with Accurate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Equalization Director is authorized to execute the contract renewal agreement on behalf of the County.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 17, 2021

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT
DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATE**

Introduced by the Ways & Means Committee

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Mott.

WHEREAS, The District Court has recommended the appointment of Attorney Heather Berkompas as the District Court Magistrate; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to MCL 600.8501, the Board of Commissioners must approve the appointment of such Magistrate positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the appointment of Attorney Heather Berkompas as the District Court Magistrate.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 17, 2021

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2020/2021 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2020/2021 Appropriations Act of September 16, 2020 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 2020/ 2021 Eaton County Budget:

GENERAL FUND

Friend of the Court 130.141

Increase	Wage and Fringe	\$ 15,311
Increase	Grant Revenue	\$ 6,106
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 9,204

To increase Friend of the Court budget and amend the position allocation list for the status change of Intermittent Investigator/Conciliator to full-time as recommended by the Ways and Means Committee.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 17, 2021
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE
DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE
COUNTY OF EATON

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Barnes.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the County of Eaton sustained one of the first confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County continues to assess its local situation status relating to the COVID-19 outbreak. As a result of this ongoing situation, the following conditions exist:

- There is significant monitoring, assessment, and response to the virus outbreak locally, regionally, throughout the State of Michigan, the United States, and in other countries.
- There has been adjustment of policy and procedure for many employees in units of local governmental, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, families, and individuals to include conducting meetings of a public body in a virtual setting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.
- Strict response and patient care protocols by all hospitals, long-term care facilities, police, fire, and EMS personnel for any interaction with the general public
- Bars and restaurants are operating at a limited capacity per as a part of issued Epidemic Orders.
- Schools in Eaton County have significantly altered their learning service platforms
- A widespread outbreak within Eaton County could hinder and/or cease most daily operations within the entire county and overwhelm essential services.

WHEREAS, a request for a declaration of a Local State of Emergency has been completed for Eaton County to ensure local units of government can continue to meet virtually or that the public can attend an open meeting virtually in compliance with the Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, after the signing of the Local State of Emergency declaration by the Chief Elected Official of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners the declaration shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of 7 days except with the consent of the governing body of the county.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, hereby declares that a "state of emergency" exists within our jurisdiction as of March 17, 2021, and that local resources and funding are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. The response and recovery elements of our emergency operations plan have been activated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves renewing the Local State of Emergency every 7 days and will review the renewal on a monthly basis.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.