

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 17, 2023

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, May 17, 2023 including the availability of virtual attendance 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.

Chairman Mott 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, Scott Hansen, Brian Lautzenheiser, Frank Holmes, Barbara Rogers and Jim Mott.

Commissioners absent: None

Commissioner Droscha requested an addition under New Business - Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the Michigan Constitution. Commissioner Youngquist requested an addition under New Business - Resolution to Recognize Diversity for Pride Month.

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

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the April 19, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried unanimously.

Communications: A communication regarding a sink hole in Windsor Township. Alcona County Resolution in Support of the Revised School Code. Alger County Urging the Repair of the Cornwall Creek Flooding Dam. Livingston County Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment. Ontonagon County Resolution Right to Bear Arms. Osceola County Resolution to Oppose Firearms Control Legislation.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of #23-5-47 Resolution of Appreciation for Jacqueline Ewing Central Dispatch.

WHEREAS, Jacqueline Ewing will be retiring from Eaton County on May 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Jacqueline worked in Central Dispatch from February 13, 1989 and is retiring with 34 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Jacqueline has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Jacqueline's years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Jacqueline provided to Eaton County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 17th day of the month of May in the year 2023.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of #23-5-48 Resolution of Appreciation for Adam Morris Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, Adam Morris will be retiring from the Eaton County Sheriff's Office on June 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Adam worked in the Sheriff's Office from December 15, 1997 and is retiring with 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Adam has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Adam's years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Adam provided to Eaton County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 17th day of the month of May in the year 2023.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: 9-1-1 Director Kelly Cunningham introduced their new facilities dog, Hutch, who was obtained from Canines for Change to provide comfort, serve at Public Relations events, and respond to tactical callouts. Central Dispatch PST Supervisor Jessica Nunham stated that Hutch will be participating in training until August of this year.

Sheree Ritchie, Bruce Barlund and Darius Reynnet spoke in support of a Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment of the US Constitution and the Michigan Constitution.

Sunfield Township Supervisor Selena Dietz spoke in regards to the Sunny Crest Youth Ranch located in Sunfield Township. She also provided materials and a letter of request for assistance from Eaton County in regards to this matter. (on file) LaVon Hamp spoke regarding Sunny Crest Youth Ranch.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #23-5-49 Resolution to Approve Continuation of Agricultural Plastic Film Recycling.

WHEREAS, the County is charged by 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 collection programs, which divert recyclable materials from landfills; and  
WHEREAS, agricultural operations are widely practiced and are a critical economic sector in the State of Michigan and in the County; and  
WHEREAS, high and low density polyethylene film plastic waste is a common and frequent externality of agricultural operations; and  
WHEREAS, in partnership of the Michigan Recycling Coalition and Michigan Farm Bureau, the County Department of Resource Recovery developed a pilot program for recycling of high and low density polyethylene film plastics from agricultural operations in the County that has operated since 2021; and  
WHEREAS, the Department of Resource Recovery recommends continuing a fee of \$0.08 per pound to support the collection, processing, and management of the film plastic material to extend the pilot program for a one-year period, extending from May 1, 2023 through May 1, 2024; and  
WHEREAS, the Public Works and Planning Committee has reviewed the first of its kind in the State recycling program and supports the testing of this program as recommended by the Department to increase the diversion of these materials from landfills and prevent unsafe means of disposal by providing an opportunity for recycling.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners approves the agricultural plastic film recycling pilot program and the \$0.08 per pound program fee during the pilot period; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Resource Recovery will provide data from this pilot program for evaluation to consider its effectiveness, continuation, expansion and/or modification to the Public Works and Planning Committee.  
Seconded by Commission Toomey. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #23-5-50 Resolution to Apply for EGLE Recycling Infrastructure Grant.

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 Rural Electronics Collection and Infrastructure Recycling Grant is designed to provide assistance in the development of infrastructure; and  
WHEREAS, the Resource Recovery Department offers electronics collection events annually and Delta Township accepts electronics recycling monthly; and  
WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy has encouraged regional applications and Eaton County has been approached by Delta Township to submit one grant for the community; and  
WHEREAS, the proposed grant would provide up to a maximum of \$30,000 to increase the capacity for electronics recycling at Delta Township's monthly collections for all county residents; 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 Rural Electronic Collection and Infrastructure Recycling 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 entity providing for said participating entity to reimburse the County for any non-grant costs associated with collection services 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.

Seconded by Commissioner Toomey. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #23-5-51 Resolution to Apply for Public Arts for Communities Grant.

WHEREAS, public art installations are recognized as a best practice of placemaking; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County incorporates placemaking as an important element of the County Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership is making funding available for public art installation through its Public Art for Communities 2023 grant program; and

WHEREAS, an ad-hoc public art committee is preparing an application for this grant program and has directed staff to create the required Public Art Policy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the committee, with the help of County staff, to submit the aforementioned application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Eaton County is committed to ensure the art installation, site preparation and maintenance is provided with County resources.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #23-5-52 Resolution to Apply for DNR Spark Grant.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Spark Grant Program has funds available for parks and recreation agencies through the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County parks, trails and recreation facilities are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in Eaton County, ensuring the health of our citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the county and region; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Department is interested in applying for a grant through the State of Michigan Spark Grant program for development at Crandell Park; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Spark Grant request is \$1,000,000.00 for improvements to and development of Crandell Park; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department has been approved in appropriations of (\$90,000); and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Public Works and Planning board held a duly-noticed Public Meeting on the Parks and Recreation Department's proposed grant application on May 17, 2023.

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the 2023 Taxable Valuation Report. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously. (on file)

County Treasurer Bob Robinson virtually presented the 2022 Annual Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the report. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. (on file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #23-5-53 Resolution for Partial Termination of a P.A. 116 Agreement with a Pre-Existing Structure.

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2023, Eaton County Clerk received a request from Jerry McManus for approval to have a certain parcel released from Farmland Development Rights Agreement number 23-52890-123136 which was executed in accordance with the provisions of PA 116 of 1974, commonly known as the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act ("The Act"); and

WHEREAS, Eaton County Board of Commissioners has reviewed this request and determined that at least one structure located on the parcel was present prior to the original execution of said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parcel proposed for release from the agreement does not exceed the maximum two acres in size; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County, as zoning authority for Brookfield Township, finds that the request for release of the particular parcel is acceptable;

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

(1) That the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the request to release the following described piece of property from said Farmland Development Rights Agreement,

A parcel of land in the SW ¼ of Section 1, T1N, R4W, Brookfield Township, Eaton County, Michigan, described as: commencing at the SW corner of said Sec. 1; thence S88°42'00"E along the South Section line 984.30 feet to the point of beginning; thence N01°55'00"E 206.03 feet; thence S88°42'00"E parallel with said South line 330.15 feet to the East line of the West ½ of said SW ¼; thence S00°10'02"E along said East line 206.09 feet to said South line; thence N88°42'00"W along said South line 337.65 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel containing 1.579 acre M/L; said parcel subject to a right of way for road purposes along Spicerville Hwy; said parcel subject to all easements and restrictions if any.

and

(2) That the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that at least one structure located on the certain piece of property was present prior to the original execution of said Farmland Development Rights Agreement.

(3) That the Eaton County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified and sealed copies of this resolution to the person making the request and to the Farmland Unit of the MI Dept. of Agriculture.

Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following two resolutions:

#23-5-54 Resolution Pledging Full Faith and Credit to Dillon Drain Drainage District Bonds.

WHEREAS pursuant to a petition filed with the Drain Commissioner of the County of Eaton, State of Michigan (the "Drain Commissioner"), proceedings have been taken under the

provisions of Act 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended (the "Act"), for the making of certain intra-county drain improvements referred to as the Dillon Drain Maintenance and Improvement Project (the "Project"), which is being undertaken by the Dillon Drain Drainage District (the "Drainage District") in a Special Assessment District (the "Special Assessment District") established by the Drainage District; and WHEREAS, the Project is necessary for the protection of the public health, and in order to provide funds to pay the costs of the Project, the Drain Commissioner intends to issue the Drainage District's bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$3,200,000 pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable from assessments to be made upon public corporations and/or benefited properties in the Special Assessment District; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the Board, pledge the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds pursuant to Section 276 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County to the Bonds will reduce the cost of financing the Project and will be a benefit to the people of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED as follows:

1. The County pledges its full faith and credit for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds in a par amount not to exceed \$3,200,000. The County shall immediately advance sufficient moneys from County funds, as a first budget obligation, to pay the principal of and interest on any of the Bonds should the Drainage District fail to pay such amounts when due. The County shall, if necessary, levy a tax on all taxable property in the County, to the extent other available funds are insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due.
2. Should the County advance County funds pursuant to the pledge made in this Resolution, the amounts shall be repaid to the County from assessments or reassessments made upon benefited properties in the Special Assessment District as provided in the Act.
3. The Chairperson of the Board, the County Controller/Administrator, the County Clerk, the County Treasurer and any other official of the County, or any one or more of them ("Authorized Officers"), are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or desirable for the issuance of the Bonds and to execute any documents or certificates necessary to complete the issuance of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, any applications including the Michigan Department of Treasury, Application for State Treasurer's Approval to Issue Long-Term Securities, any

waivers, certificates, receipts, orders, agreements, instruments, and any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws, rules, or regulations and to participate in the preparation of a preliminary official statement and a final official statement for the Bonds and to sign such documents on behalf of the County and give any approvals necessary therefor.

4. Any one of the Authorized Officers is hereby authorized to execute a certificate of the County to comply with the continuing disclosure undertaking of the County with respect to the Bonds pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 issued under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and amendments to such certificate from time to time in accordance with the terms of such certificate (the certificate and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate").

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded to the extent of the conflict.

#23-5-55 Resolution Pledging Full Faith and Credit to Trumbull Drain Drainage District Bonds.

WHEREAS pursuant to a petition filed with the Drain Commissioner of the County of Eaton, State of Michigan (the "Drain Commissioner"), proceedings have been taken under the provisions of Act 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended (the "Act"), for the making of certain intra-county drain improvements referred to as the Trumbull Drain Maintenance and Improvement Project (the "Project"), which is being undertaken by the Trumbull Drain Drainage District (the "Drainage District") in a Special Assessment District (the "Special Assessment District") established by the Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, the Project is necessary for the protection of the public health, and in order to provide funds to pay the costs of the Project, the Drain Commissioner intends to issue the Drainage District's bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable from assessments to be made upon public corporations and/or benefited properties in the Special Assessment District; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the Board, pledge the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds pursuant to Section 276 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County to the Bonds will reduce

the cost of financing the Project and will be a benefit to the people of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED as follows:

1. The County pledges its full faith and credit for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds in a par amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. The County shall immediately advance sufficient moneys from County funds, as a first budget obligation, to pay the principal of and interest on any of the Bonds should the Drainage District fail to pay such amounts when due. The County shall, if necessary, levy a tax on all taxable property in the County, to the extent other available funds are insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due.

2. Should the County advance County funds pursuant to the pledge made in this Resolution, the amounts shall be repaid to the County from assessments or reassessments made upon benefited properties in the Special Assessment District as provided in the Act.

3. The Chairperson of the Board, the County Controller/Administrator, the County Clerk, the County Treasurer and any other official of the County, or any one or more of them ("Authorized Officers"), are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or desirable for the issuance of the Bonds and to execute any documents or certificates necessary to complete the issuance of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, any applications including the Michigan Department of Treasury, Application for State Treasurer's Approval to Issue Long-Term Securities, any waivers, certificates, receipts, orders, agreements, instruments, and any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws, rules, or regulations and to participate in the preparation of a preliminary official statement and a final official statement for the Bonds and to sign such documents on behalf of the County and give any approvals necessary therefor.

4. Any one of the Authorized Officers is hereby authorized to execute a certificate of the County to comply with the continuing disclosure undertaking of the County with respect to the Bonds pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 issued under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and amendments to such certificate from time to time in accordance with the terms of such certificate (the certificate and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate").

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded to the extent of the conflict.

Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Both resolutions carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution:

#23-5-56 Resolution to Approve FY 2022/2023 Budget Amendments – Drain Commissioner's Office.

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

DRAIN COMMISSIONER - 442

|          |                            |          |
|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| Increase | Contractual Services       | \$27,024 |
| Increase | Refunds and Reimbursements | \$27,024 |



To increase total budget for the Monsanto Class action settlement for PCB sampling and/or any other mitigation efforts.

#23-5-57 Resolution to Approve FY 2022/2023 Budget Amendments – Controller’s Office.

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

CONTROLLER’S OFFICE - 172

|          |                                  |          |
|----------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Increase | Contractual Services             | \$48,585 |
| Increase | Office Supplies/Equipment        | \$ 5,000 |
| Increase | Training                         | \$ 1,500 |
| Increase | Contractual Services – Marketing | \$ 5,000 |
| Decrease | Contingency                      | \$60,085 |

To increase total budget to add one new FTE and amend the Position Allocation List as described in the request recommended by the Information Technology and Communication Committee for a Communication Director.

#23-5-58 Resolution to Approve FY 2022/2023 Budget Amendments – Emergency Services.

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES - 426

|          |                  |          |
|----------|------------------|----------|
| Increase | Wage and Fringes | \$38,376 |
| Decrease | Contingency      | \$38,376 |

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 for an Emergency Services Specialist.

#23-5-59 Resolution to Approve FY 2022/2023 Budget Amendments – Parks and Recreation.

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

TRANSFERS OUT - 999

|          |                                  |           |
|----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Decrease | Transfers Out – Parks Department | \$ 90,000 |
| Increase | Fund Balance Carryover           | \$ 90,000 |

To reduce total budget for the MDNR Parks Grant not awarded to Eaton County.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

PARKS AND RECREATION - 208

|          |                             |             |
|----------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Increase | Tax Revenue                 | \$1,848,427 |
| Decrease | Local Unit Contributions    | \$ 38,000   |
| Decrease | State Revenue               | \$ 90,000   |
| Decrease | Transfers In (General Fund) | \$ 90,000   |
| Increase | Fund Balance Carryover      | \$1,026,397 |
| Increase | Personnel – Wages & Fringes | \$ 50,770   |
| Increase | Supplies & Other            | \$ 180,000  |
| Increase | Grant Program Expenses      | \$ 400,000  |
| Decrease | Capital Outlay              | \$ 26,740   |

To increase total budget to recognize the adoption of the parks millage as recommended by the Parks Steering Committee.

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. All four resolutions carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways & Means Committee for \$9,352,249.21 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Brehler. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #23-5-60 Resolution to Support Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's proposed \$177 Million FY2024 Budget to Ensure Full Implementation of Proposal 2 and Address Historic Disinvestment in Election Administration.

WHEREAS, free and fair access to voting and participation in our democracy is fundamental to creating an equitable system of governance; and,

WHEREAS, in November 2022, Michigan voters overwhelmingly supported Proposal 2, enshrining a right to vote in the Michigan constitution, establishing a minimum of 9 days of early voting, creating a permanent mailed ballot voter list, providing prepaid postage for mailed absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots, and requiring a minimum of one drop box for every jurisdiction and at least one drop box per every 15,000 registered voters in larger municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, elections should be treated as critical infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, elections officials have been operating for years with insufficient budgets; and,

WHEREAS, on April 19th, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson proposed a \$177 million budget for FY 2024 to the House Elections Committee, Senate Elections and Ethics Committee, House Appropriations Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, Speaker of the House Joe Tate and Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed FY 2024 budget covers the necessary expenses for successful implementation of Proposal 2, addresses historic disinvestment in elections and recognizes election administration as critical infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State and clerks have emphasized that successful implementation of Proposal 2 will require a significant increase in resources for election officials to provide the training, transparency, audits, and other procedures that ensure the integrity of our elections and protect access to the ballot for all Michigan voters; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners calls on the Michigan State Legislature to support Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's proposed FY 2024 budget and commit to sufficient funding of Michigan elections. Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be delivered to the following:

*Senator Sarah Anthony, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Representative Angela Witwer, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Senator John Cherry, Chair of the Senate General Government Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative Felicia Brabec, Chair of the House General Government Appropriations Subcommittee*  
Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Discussion held. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Sheree Ritchie and Bruce Barlund spoke the Regarding Resolution to Support Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's Proposed \$177 Million FY 2024 Budget to Ensure Full Implementation of Proposal 2 and Address Historic Disinvestment in Election Administration. Landon Myers spoke regarding this resolution and provided further information regarding the Secretary of State's proposed budget.

Will Pitylak spoke in regards to increasing Eaton County revenues.

Administrator's Report: Finance Director Melissa Ballard affirmed that things are running smoothly within Eaton County as well as in the Controller's office. Human Resource Director Ben Dawson thanked the Commissioners for their support and consideration of personnel budget amendments.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Barnes spoke regarding Sunny Crest Youth Ranch. Commissioner Youngquist spoke regarding public safety funding. Commissioner Pearl-Wright regarding the success of the recent Delta Township Recycling event. Commissioner Toomey spoke regarding the recent Tri-County Mental Health Authority meeting. Commissioner Droscha thanked voters for approving the 2022 County Parks and Open Space Millage. He stated it would bring many necessary improvements to Eaton County. Commissioner Mudry stated that the Capitol Regional Area Authority now has a direct flight slots to Washington D.C. and Chicago. He also commented on the pending Baker storm drain sewer project. Chairman Mott noted that Memorial Day (May 29<sup>th</sup>) is to honor America's military men and women who lost their lives in service to our country. He stated that the Bellevue Memorial Day parade will be held on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>.

There was no Unfinished Business, Old Business.

New Business - Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of # 23-5-61 Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the Michigan Constitution.

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution of the United States of America, ratified in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, states "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed", and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution (1963) provides that "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state", and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board to reaffirm its commitment and support of the Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan including all amendments which protect Eaton County citizens' individual rights; and

WHEREAS, each Eaton County Commissioner, as provided by Article IX, Section 1, of the Michigan Constitution (1963), took such an oath to support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Michigan Constitution, and

WHEREAS, a "Constitutional County" is defined as a place of refuge for the law-abiding citizen in regards to the citizens' rights under The Constitution of the United States of America and Michigan Constitution including but not limited to the Second Amendment right to Keep and Bear Arms, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Eaton, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a "Constitutional County", and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this board affirms its support for the Eaton County Sheriff and the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney and acknowledges and respects their respective oaths of office. This board strongly encourages their utmost discretion

in the exercise of their duties in enforcing any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation that is contrary to the rights established by The Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Michigan Constitution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board will not authorize or appropriate new funds, resources, employees, contractors, buildings, detention centers or offices for the sole purposes of enforcing any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation that restricts the rights of any law-abiding citizen affirmed by the Second Amendment or Article 1, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, nor be used to aid any state or federal agency in infringing or restricting such rights, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board respectfully requests the Michigan Legislature, the United States Congress, and other agencies of State and Federal government to vigilantly preserve and protect those rights by rejecting any provision, statute, law, rule, order or regulation that may infringe, have tendency to infringe or place any additional burdens on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan House Representatives Gina Johnsen and Angela Witwer, Michigan State Senator Sara Anthony, U.S. Representatives John Moolenaar and Alissa Slotkin, U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, Eaton County Sheriff Tom Reich, Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, all county department directors and all the other 82 county board of commissioners in the State of Michigan. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Discussion held.

Commissioner Rogers moved to end discussion and call the question. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Vote to call the question carried unanimously.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Commissioners Barnes, Mulder, Droscha, Hansen, Lautzenheiser, Holmes, Rogers and Mott.

Nays: Commissioners Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Toomey. Motion carried.

Commissioner Youngquist moved the approval of #23-5-62 Resolution to Recognize Diversity for Pride Month.

WHEREAS, Eaton County recognizes the diversity of its citizens whose religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, height, weight, familial status, or marital status contribute to a wealth of culture, history, and traditions in our region;

WHEREAS, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, named for its two primary sponsors, Daisy Elliott, a Democrat from Detroit, and Melvin L. Larsen, a Republican from Oxford, originally passed in 1976 and expanded in 2023, prohibits discriminatory practices, policies, and customs in the exercise of those rights in our state based on the abovementioned features;

WHEREAS, Pride Month is celebrated every year in the month of June, commemorating the Stonewall Riots, and recognized by the past three U.S. presidents, including former President Obama, former President Trump, and President Biden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners affirms the value of diversity in making our county great and the commitment of Eaton County government and area businesses in protecting diversity, as enshrined in the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Discussion held.

Commissioner Augustine moved to end discussion and call the question. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Commissioners Mulder, Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Toomey, Lautzenheiser. Nays: Commissioners Barnes, Droscha, Hansen, Holmes, Rogers and Mott. Motion carried.

Chairman Mott adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, June 21, 2023 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

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
JAQUELINE EWING  
CENTRAL DISPATCH**

**MAY 17, 2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, Jacqueline Ewing will be retiring from Eaton County on May 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Jacqueline worked in Central Dispatch from February 13, 1989 and is retiring with 34 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Jacqueline has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Jacqueline's years of public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Jacqueline provided to Eaton County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 17th day of the month of May in the year 2023. Carried unanimously.

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Jim Mott  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

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Diana Bosworth  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

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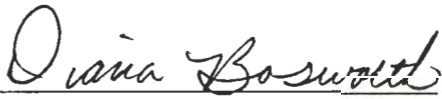
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Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

  
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Diana Bosworth  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners



**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
ADAM MORRIS  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**MAY 17, 2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, Adam Morris will be retiring from the Eaton County Sheriff's Office on June 16, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Adam worked in the Sheriff's Office from December 15, 1997 and is retiring with 25 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Adam has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Adam's years of public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Adam provided to Eaton County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 17th day of the month of May in the year 2023. Carried unanimously.

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Jim Mott  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

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Diana Bosworth  
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**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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James Mott  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

  
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**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****May 17, 2023****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF AGRICULTURAL PLASTIC FILM  
RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM EXTENSION****Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee**

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

**WHEREAS**, the County is charged by 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 collection programs, which divert recyclable materials from landfills; and

**WHEREAS**, agricultural operations are widely practiced and are a critical economic sector in the State of Michigan and in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, high and low density polyethylene film plastic waste is a common and frequent externality of agricultural operations; and

**WHEREAS**, in partnership of the Michigan Recycling Coalition and Michigan Farm Bureau, the County Department of Resource Recovery developed a pilot program for recycling of high and low density polyethylene film plastics from agricultural operations in the County that has operated since 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Resource Recovery recommends continuing a fee of \$0.08 per pound to support the collection, processing, and management of the film plastic material to extend the pilot program for a one-year period, extending from May 1, 2023 through May 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works and Planning Committee has reviewed the first of its kind in the State recycling program and supports the testing of this program as recommended by the Department to increase the diversion of these materials from landfills and prevent unsafe means of disposal by providing an opportunity for recycling.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners approves the agricultural plastic film recycling pilot program and the \$0.08 per pound program fee during the pilot period; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Department of Resource Recovery will provide data from this pilot program for evaluation to consider its effectiveness, continuation, expansion and/or modification to the Public Works and Planning Committee. Carried unanimously.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****MAY 17, 2023****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATION****Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee**

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

**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, Recycling Infrastructure Grant is designed to provide assistance in the development of infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County desires to increase the collection and processing capacity of recyclable materials, increase access to recycling infrastructure, and to increase participation rates in recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed grant would provide up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 to be successful with these initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County pledges to match all requested funds in the amount of at least 20 percent and possibly more; 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 submission of an application for the Michigan Recycling Infrastructure Grant; 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. Carried unanimously.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 17, 2023**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE LEAP  
PUBLIC ART FOR COMMUNITIES 2023 GRANT PROGRAM**

**Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee**

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

**WHEREAS**, public art installations are recognized as a best practice of placemaking; and

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County incorporates placemaking as an important element of the County Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership is making funding available for public art installation through its Public Art for Communities 2023 grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, an ad-hoc public art committee is preparing an application for this grant program and has directed staff to create the required Public Art Policy.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the committee, with the help of County staff, to submit the aforementioned application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** Eaton County is committed to ensure the art installation, site preparation and maintenance is provided with County resources. Carried unanimously.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 17, 2023**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MICHIGAN SPARK GRANT PROGRAM  
APPLICATION**

**Introduced by Public Works and Planning Committee**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Spark Grant Program has funds available for parks and recreation agencies through the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County parks, trails and recreation facilities are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in Eaton County, ensuring the health of our citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the county and region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Department is interested in applying for a grant through the State of Michigan Spark Grant program for development at Crandell Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Spark Grant request is \$1,000,000.00 for improvements to and development of Crandell Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Department has been approved in appropriations of (\$90,000); and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Public Works and Planning board held a duly-noticed Public Meeting on the Parks and Recreation Department's proposed grant application on May 17, 2023. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 17, 2023

RESOLUTION FOR A PARTIAL TERMINATION OF A FARMLAND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AGREEMENT  
-WITH PRE-EXISTING STRUCTURE-

At a regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, Eaton County, Michigan, held at the County Courthouse of said County on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 at 7 o'clock P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Commissioners Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Trevor Youngquist, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Jacob Toomey, Scott Hansen, Brian Lautzenheiser, Frank Holmes, Barbara Rogers and Jim Mott.

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Mulder and seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright.

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2023, Eaton County Clerk received a request from Jerry McManus for approval to have a certain parcel released from **Farmland Development Rights Agreement number 23-52890-123136** which was executed in accordance with the provisions of PA 116 of 1974, commonly known as the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act ("The Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County Board of Commissioners has reviewed this request and determined that at least one structure located on the parcel was present prior to the original execution of said agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the parcel proposed for release from the agreement does not exceed the maximum two acres in size; and

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County, as zoning authority for Brookfield Township, finds that the request for release of the particular parcel is acceptable;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners as follows:

- (1) That the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the request to release the following described piece of property from said Farmland Development Rights Agreement,

A parcel of land in the SW ¼ of Section 1, T1N, R4W, Brookfield Township, Eaton County, Michigan, described as: commencing at the SW corner of said Sec. 1; thence

S88°42'00"E along the South Section line 984.30 feet to the point of beginning; thence N01°55'00"E 206.03 feet; thence S88°42'00"E parallel with said South line 330.15 feet to the East line of the West ½ of said SW ¼; thence S00°10'02"E along said East line 206.09 feet to said South line; thence N88°42'00"W along said South line 337.65 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel containing 1.579 acre M/L; said parcel subject to a right of way for road purposes along Spicerville Hwy; said parcel subject to all easements and restrictions if any.

and

(2) That the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that at least one structure located on the certain piece of property was present prior to the original execution of said Farmland Development Rights Agreement.

(3) That the Eaton County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified and sealed copies of this resolution to the person making the request and to the Farmland Unit of the MI Dept. of Agriculture.

ADOPTED:

YEAS: Commissioners Barnes, Mulder, Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Droscha, Toomey, Hansen, Lautzenheiser, Holmes, Rogers and Mott.

NAYS: None

State of Michigan     )  
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County of Eaton     )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting County Clerk for Eaton County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners of said County at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2023.

Signed: *Diana Bosworth*  
Diana Bosworth, County Clerk



**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**RESOLUTION PLEDGING FULL FAITH AND CREDIT**  
**TO DILLON DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT BONDS**

**RESOLUTION # 23-5-54**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Eaton County, Michigan, held in the County on May 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Trevor Youngquist, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Jacob Toomey, Scott Hansen, Brian Lautzenheiser, Frank Holmes, Barbara Rogers and Jim Mott.

ABSENT: None.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Mulder and supported by Commissioner Rogers:

WHEREAS pursuant to a petition filed with the Drain Commissioner of the County of Eaton, State of Michigan (the "Drain Commissioner"), proceedings have been taken under the provisions of Act 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended (the "Act"), for the making of certain intra-county drain improvements referred to as the Dillon Drain Maintenance and Improvement Project (the "Project"), which is being undertaken by the Dillon Drain Drainage District (the "Drainage District") in a Special Assessment District (the "Special Assessment District") established by the Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, the Project is necessary for the protection of the public health, and in order to provide funds to pay the costs of the Project, the Drain Commissioner intends to issue the Drainage District's bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$3,200,000 pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable from assessments to be made upon public corporations and/or benefited properties in the Special Assessment District; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the Board, pledge the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds pursuant to Section 276 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County to the Bonds will reduce the cost of financing the Project and will be a benefit to the people of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED as follows:

1. The County pledges its full faith and credit for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds in a par amount not to exceed \$3,200,000. The County shall immediately advance sufficient moneys from County funds, as a first budget obligation, to pay the principal of and interest on any of the Bonds should the Drainage District fail to pay such amounts when due. The County shall, if necessary, levy a tax on all taxable property in the County, to the extent other available funds are insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due.

2. Should the County advance County funds pursuant to the pledge made in this Resolution, the amounts shall be repaid to the County from assessments or reassessments made upon benefited properties in the Special Assessment District as provided in the Act.

3. The Chairperson of the Board, the County Controller/Administrator, the County Clerk, the County Treasurer and any other official of the County, or any one or more of them ("Authorized Officers"), are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or desirable for the issuance of the Bonds and to execute any documents or certificates necessary to complete the issuance of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, any applications including the Michigan Department of Treasury, Application for State Treasurer's Approval to Issue Long-Term Securities, any waivers, certificates, receipts, orders, agreements, instruments, and any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws, rules, or regulations and to participate in the preparation of a preliminary official statement and a final official statement for the Bonds and to sign such documents on behalf of the County and give any approvals necessary therefor.

4. Any one of the Authorized Officers is hereby authorized to execute a certificate of the County to comply with the continuing disclosure undertaking of the County with respect to the Bonds pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 issued under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and amendments to such certificate from time to time in accordance with the terms of such certificate (the certificate and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate").

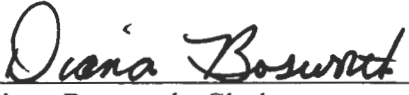
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded to the extent of the conflict.

YEAS: Commissioners Barnes, Mulder, Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Droscha, Toomey, Hansen, Lautzenheiser, Holmes, Rogers and Mott.

NAYS: None.


ABSTAIN: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

  
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Diana Bosworth, Clerk  
County of Eaton

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Diana Bosworth, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Eaton County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on May 17, 2023, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

  
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Diana Bosworth, Clerk  
County of Eaton

Date: May 19, 2023

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**RESOLUTION PLEDGING FULL FAITH AND CREDIT**  
**TO TRUMBULL DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT BONDS**  
**RESOLUTION # 23-5-55**

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ABSENT: None.

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YEAS: Commissioners Barnes, Mulder, Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Droscha, Toomey, Hansen, Lautzenheiser, Holmes, Rogers and Mott.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

  
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County of Eaton

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County of Eaton

Date: May 19, 2023

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 17, 2023**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2022/2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

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

**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**

**DRAIN COMMISSIONER - 442**

|          |                            |          |
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| Increase | Contractual Services       | \$27,024 |
| Increase | Refunds and Reimbursements | \$27,024 |

To increase total budget for the Monsanto Class action settlement for PCB sampling and/or any other mitigation efforts. Carried unanimously.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 17, 2023**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2022/2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following budget amendments be approved and added to the 2022/2023 Eaton County Budget:

**GENERAL FUND**

**CONTROLLER’S OFFICE - 172**

|          |                                  |          |
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| Increase | Contractual Services             | \$48,585 |
| Increase | Office Supplies/Equipment        | \$ 5,000 |
| Increase | Training                         | \$ 1,500 |
| Increase | Contractual Services – Marketing | \$ 5,000 |
| Decrease | Contingency                      | \$60,085 |

To increase total budget to add one new FTE and amend the Position Allocation List as described in the request recommended by the Information Technology and Communication Committee for a Communication Director. Carried unanimously.



**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 17, 2023**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2022/2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following budget amendments be approved and added to the 2022/2023 Eaton County Budget:

**GENERAL FUND**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES - 426**

|          |                  |          |
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| Increase | Wage and Fringes | \$38,376 |
| Decrease | Contingency      | \$38,376 |

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 for an Emergency Services Specialist.  
Carried unanimously.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 17, 2023**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2022/2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

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

**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**

| <b><u>TRANSFERS OUT - 999</u></b> |                                  |           |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Decrease                          | Transfers Out – Parks Department | \$ 90,000 |
| Increase                          | Fund Balance Carryover           | \$ 90,000 |

To reduce total budget for the MDNR Parks Grant not awarded to Eaton County.

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

| <b><u>PARKS AND RECREATION - 208</u></b> |                             |             |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Increase                                 | Tax Revenue                 | \$1,848,427 |
| Decrease                                 | Local Unit Contributions    | \$ 38,000   |
| Decrease                                 | State Revenue               | \$ 90,000   |
| Decrease                                 | Transfers In (General Fund) | \$ 90,000   |
| Increase                                 | Fund Balance Carryover      | \$1,026,397 |
| Increase                                 | Personnel – Wages & Fringes | \$ 50,770   |
| Increase                                 | Supplies & Other            | \$ 180,000  |
| Increase                                 | Grant Program Expenses      | \$ 400,000  |
| Decrease                                 | Capital Outlay              | \$ 26,740   |

To increase total budget to recognize the adoption of the parks millage as recommended by the Parks Steering Committee. Carried unanimously.

## EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 17, 2023

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON'S PROPOSED \$177 MILLION FY 2024 BUDGET TO ENSURE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSAL 2 AND ADDRESS HISTORIC DISINVESTMENT IN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION****Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee Meeting**

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

**WHEREAS**, free and fair access to voting and participation in our democracy is fundamental to creating an equitable system of governance; and,

**WHEREAS**, in November 2022, Michigan voters overwhelmingly supported Proposal 2, enshrining a right to vote in the Michigan constitution, establishing a minimum of 9 days of early voting, creating a permanent mailed ballot voter list, providing prepaid postage for mailed absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots, and requiring a minimum of one drop box for every jurisdiction and at least one drop box per every 15,000 registered voters in larger municipalities; and,

**WHEREAS**, elections should be treated as critical infrastructure; and,

**WHEREAS**, elections officials have been operating for years with insufficient budgets; and,

**WHEREAS**, on April 19th, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson proposed a \$177 million budget for FY 2024 to the House Elections Committee, Senate Elections and Ethics Committee, House Appropriations Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, Speaker of the House Joe Tate and Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed FY 2024 budget covers the necessary expenses for successful implementation of Proposal 2, addresses historic disinvestment in elections and recognizes election administration as critical infrastructure; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of State and clerks have emphasized that successful implementation of Proposal 2 will require a significant increase in resources for election officials to provide the training, transparency, audits, and other procedures that ensure the integrity of our elections and protect access to the ballot for all Michigan voters; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners calls on the Michigan State Legislature to support Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's proposed FY 2024 budget and commit to sufficient funding of Michigan elections. Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be delivered to the following:

*Senator Sarah Anthony, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee*

*Representative Angela Witwer, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee*

*Senator John Cherry, Chair of the Senate General Government Appropriations Subcommittee*

*Representative Felicia Brabec, Chair of the House General Government Appropriations Subcommittee*

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 17, 2023**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT  
OF THE US CONSTITUTION AND THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION**

**Introduced by Commissioner Droscha**

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Holmes.

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution of the United States of America, ratified in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, states “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”, and

**WHEREAS**, Article 1, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution (1963) provides that “Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state”, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of this Board to reaffirm its commitment and support of the Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan including all amendments which protect Eaton County citizens’ individual rights; and

**WHEREAS**, each Eaton County Commissioner, as provided by Article IX, Section 1, of the Michigan Constitution (1963), took such an oath to support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Michigan Constitution, and

**WHEREAS**, a “Constitutional County” is defined as a place of refuge for the law-abiding citizen in regards to the citizens’ rights under The Constitution of the United States of America and Michigan Constitution including but not limited to the Second Amendment right to Keep and Bear Arms, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Eaton, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a “Constitutional County”, and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this board affirms its support for the Eaton County Sheriff and the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney and acknowledges and respects their respective oaths of office. This board strongly encourages their utmost discretion in the exercise of their duties in enforcing any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation that is contrary to the rights established by The Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Michigan Constitution, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board will not authorize or appropriate new funds, resources, employees, contractors, buildings, detention centers or offices for the sole purposes of

enforcing any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation that restricts the rights of any law-abiding citizen affirmed by the Second Amendment or Article 1, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution, nor be used to aid any state or federal agency in infringing or restricting such rights, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board respectfully requests the Michigan Legislature, the United States Congress, and other agencies of State and Federal government to vigilantly preserve and protect those rights by rejecting any provision, statute, law, rule, order or regulation that may infringe, have tendency to infringe or place any additional burdens on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan House Representatives Gina Johnsen and Angela Witwer, Michigan State Senator Sara Anthony, U.S. Representatives John Moolenaar and Alissa Slotkin, U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, Eaton County Sheriff Tom Reich, Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, all county department directors and all the other 82 county board of commissioners in the State of Michigan.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Commissioners Barnes, Mulder, Droscha, Hansen, Lautzenheiser, Holmes, Rogers and Mott. Nays: Commissioners Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Toomey. Motion carried.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**May 17, 2023**

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE DIVERSITY FOR PRIDE  
MONTH**

**Introduced by Commissioner Trevor Youngquist**

Commissioner Youngquist moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County recognizes the diversity of its citizens whose religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, height, weight, familial status, or marital status contribute to a wealth of culture, history, and traditions in our region;

**WHEREAS**, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, named for its two primary sponsors, Daisy Elliott, a Democrat from Detroit, and Melvin L. Larsen, a Republican from Oxford, originally passed in 1976 and expanded in 2023, prohibits discriminatory practices, policies, and customs in the exercise of those rights in our state based on the abovementioned features;

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month is celebrated every year in the month of June, commemorating the Stonewall Riots, and recognized by the past three U.S. presidents, including former President Obama, former President Trump, and President Biden;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners affirms the value of diversity in making our county great and the commitment of Eaton County government and area businesses in protecting diversity, as enshrined in the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Commissioners Mulder, Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Toomey, Lautzenheiser. Nays: Commissioners Barnes, Droscha, Hansen, Holmes, Rogers and Mott. Motion carried.