

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022
9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Jane Whitacre

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Jeremy Whittum, Donna Webb (EATRAN) Travis Keeton, Chris Garrison, Morgan Feldpausch, Claudine Williams, and John Fuentes

The July 13, 2022 regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Lautzenheiser.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

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

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2022 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Donna Webb, EATRAN General Manager, was present to provide the agency's semi-annual report. It was reported that ridership has largely returned to pre-pandemic levels. It was also reported that only full-time routes are in operation, due primarily to a current shortage of drivers. It was also reported that meetings with officials from Delta Township are ongoing to improve service within and to the township's commercial corridor.

Commissioner Augustine, the Board of Commissioner's representative on the EATRAN Board, also provided an update on the continued discussions to improve public transportation within the tri-county region. Discussion held.

Commissioner Augustine also discussed the current re-organization of the management at EATRAN. The Board has separated the responsibilities of general and financial manager into two positions. Ms. Webb will serve as the financial manager and the new general manager position has been advertised to receive candidates for consideration. The EATRAN Board has also been in discussions with the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) regarding a management services contract between the agencies. Discussion held.

Parks Director, Travis Keeton, was present to provide the Department's monthly update. It was reported that there were over 2,800 visitors at the annual Fitzgerald Park car show on July 9th. It

was also reported that there was a private fundraising event with the proceeds intended to benefit restorations to preserve the kiln at Dyer Park. It was also reported that the Department is researching the possibility of acquiring an accessible track chair for use in the parks.

It was also requested that the Department be approved to pursue a private grant opportunity through Priority Health for funding to install a fitness court at Fitzgerald Park. Discussion held. The consensus of the Committee was the opportunity should be pursued.

Chris Garrison, Construction Code Enforcement Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly update. It was reported that the consolidated code ordinance was published and filed with the State and is in effect. There was also discussion regarding recent unsafe structure notifications by the Department that have been made within the County. Discussion held.

Morgan Feldpausch, Resource Recovery Coordinator, was present to provide the monthly update for the Designated Implementing Agency. An update was provided for recent collection events held by the County. It was also reported that the City of Eaton Rapids announced the closure of its grant-funded drop-off site due to excessive contamination of materials and illegal dumping. It was also reported that the rural recycling grant is being requested to be extended through September 30, 2024.

Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of a resolution approving an amendment to the State Energy Great Lake and Environment Rural Recycling Program Grant, as presented. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Claudine Williams, Community Development Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly update. It was reported that the Planning Commission will be scheduling a kick-off meeting with the consultant for the update of the County Master Plan.

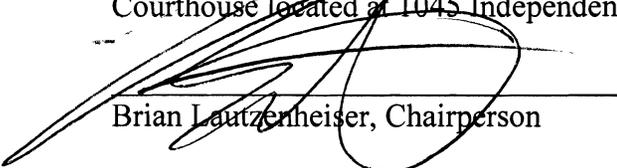
A resolution to approve a district change amendment (DCA) recommended by the Planning Commission, was presented and discussed.

Commissioner Mott moved to recommend approval of the resolution to approve DCA 7-22-2 to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the eligibility of accessibility projects for funding through the CDBG Emergency Homeowner Repair program, if the homeowner meets the other program eligibility requirements.

Chairperson Lautzenheiser adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held at 9:00am on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.


Brian Lautzenheiser, Chairperson