

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Commissioner Jeremy Whittum; Blair Ballou, Claudine Williams, Troy Stowell, Morgan Feldpausch, Gene Bryan and John Fuentes

The August 11, 2021 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 Whitacre moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried by unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no limited public comment.

Blair Ballou, Engineer/Manager, Eaton County Road Commission, was present to provide the agency's semi-annual update. It was reported the 21 miles of the primary road system was scheduled for re-surfacing, in addition to 21 miles of the local system through the millage program. The millage program projects also include 48 miles of chip sealing and 25 miles of gravel restoration. Discussion held. It was also reported that the agency is experiencing increased lead times due to supply limitations and contract delays due to contractor availability. Further discussion held.

Troy Stowell, Park and Recreation Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly report. Clarification as to the grant match (\$50,000) currently included in the proposed budget was provided. Data on annual pass sales and gate revenue was provided and discussed. It was also reported that the regional trail grant pursued by the cities of Eaton Rapids and Charlotte was not awarded. Discussion held.

Gene Bryan, Construction Code Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly update. The monthly permit, inspection and housing start reports were presented and reviewed. It was also reported that additional steps were taken to promote the availability of the customer satisfaction survey. Discussion held.

Morgan Feldpausch, Resource Recovery Coordinator, was present to provide the monthly report for the Designated Implementing Agency. An update was provided on the current registrations for the August 14, 2021 collection event. The recommended local unit Solid Waste Alternative Grant (SWAG) awards were distributed and reviewed. The data analysis utilized in developing the recommendation was also reviewed and discussed. It was reported that in order not to reduce available funding for County-wide collection events and programs the cost of operating the Sunfield collection center was considered part of the total available funding for SWAG programs. Discussion held. There was discussion regarding the status of the Recycling Workgroup. Commissioner Augustine reported that the workgroup reviewed preliminary cost estimates for centralizing the recycling center operations however was not prepared to make a recommendation. A recommendation was intended, in part to be based on the data collected through the operation of the Sunfield center, which is still being collected. Further discussion held. There was also discussion regarding an update to the County Solid Waste Plan. The County has been delaying undertaking the process to update its plan in anticipation of legislative action to update the plan requirement. There was discussion regarding the consideration of updating the plan rather than continuing to wait for legislative changes.

Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend the Solid Waste Alternative Grant allocations identified as Option 2 (attached), Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

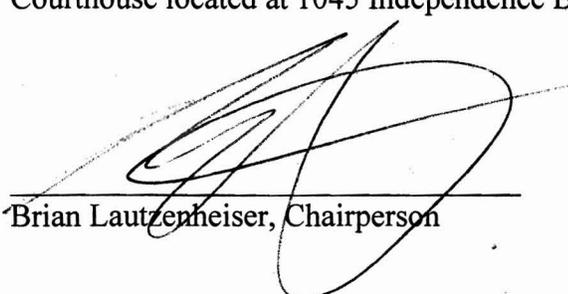
Claudine Williams, Community Development Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly report. An update was provided on upcoming scheduled meetings of the zoning ordinance committee. Ms. Williams also provided information on the required public hearing for the CDBG Emergency Repair program scheduled for August 18, 2021.

Chairman Whittum also discussed a concern raised to him by a constituent regarding a zoning ordinance section related to recreational vehicles being used on a parcel as an additional living space. Ms. Williams indicated that this issue is one of the agenda items for the zoning ordinance committee.

A list of the expiring citizen appointments that will be advertised for availability to solicit interest, including the recently vacated Parks Commissioner appointment, was presented and reviewed. Information received from interested individuals will be provided to the Committee at their next regular meeting. Discussion held.

Chairperson Lautzenheiser adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813.



Brian Lautzenheiser, Chairperson