

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jeremy Whittum and Brian Droscha; Bill Hendrian (MSU Extension), Travis Keeton, Chris Garrison, Morgan Feldpausch, Claudine Williams, and John Fuentes

The September 14, 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 Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2022 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Hendrian, MSU Extension District Coordinator, was present to provide the Agency's semi-annual update. A staff program update and overview was provided. An update was also provided for 4-H programs, including the livestock and small animal sales at the annual County Fair. There was also discussion regarding Regenerative Agriculture practices, crop year production costs and current year yield estimates. Discussion held.

Claudine Williams, Community Development Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly report. An update was provided on schedule for the development of the update to the County Master Plan. It was also reported that the County was notified that Hamlin Township conducted a public hearing to consider the adoption of an interim zoning ordinance. It was also reported that the Zoning Ordinance Committee of the Planning Commission has scheduled monthly meetings to discuss the development of language to provide for land use statutory marijuana activities should any of the local units exercise their exclusive statutory authority to allow for this in the future. Discussion held.

Travis Keeton, Parks and Recreation Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly update. It was reported that the Parks Commission met on September 7, 2022 and approved the Dyer Kiln property transfer document to correct the property's ownership. The deed has been recorded with the Register of Deeds. This action makes the June 15, 2022 resolution of the Board of Commissioners effective and dissolves the Parks Commission.

It was reported that the Department was awarded a \$30,000 grant by Priority Health, for the installation of a fitness court at Fitzgerald Park. Mr. Keeton is in the process of identifying additional funding sources for the remainder of the estimated \$50,000-\$60,000 total cost. There was also discussion regarding the consideration of amending the current policy prohibiting motorized vessels on Crandell Lake. Discussion held regarding alternative policies that could be considered to allow motorized vessels with a limit to the size or thrust of a motor.

It was also reported that the vessel that was donated with the intent of being sank to create a scuba dive attraction does not appear to be viable in this manner. The vessel's paint was tested and results indicate excessive levels of lead-based paint. The department has been unable to identify solutions to remove the paint to properly prepare it for sinking at the present time. Solutions to properly dispose of the vessel are being researched. Discussion held.

Chris Garrison, Construction Code Enforcement Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly update. The monthly activity, permit and inspection reports were submitted for the Committee's review.

Morgan Feldpausch, Resource Recovery Coordinator, was present to provide the monthly update on behalf of the Designated Implementing Agency.

It was reported that two licensed haulers (Liberty Environmental and Lebron Trash Hauling) were notified of today's meeting as a hearing for alleged violations of the County Solid Waste Ordinance, specifically failure to remit surcharge collections to the County as required in Section 4.02 of the ordinance. Department efforts to work with these haulers prior to the hearing were discussed. Neither hauler was in attendance for their hearing. Discussion held.

Commissioner Augustine moved to find Liberty Environmental in violation of Section 4.02 of the Solid Waste Ordinance and directed staff to proceed under the ordinance to issue the civil infraction notice. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Augustine moved to find Lebron Trash Hauling in violation of Section 4.02 of the Solid Waste Ordinance and directed staff to proceed under the ordinance to issue the civil infraction notice. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

An update on the scheduled activities for the Michigan Materials Management County Engagement Grant were discussed.

It was also reported that after further discussion regarding the siting of a construction material and debris transfer station, the company is reconsidering and does not appear interested in pursuing the necessary amendments to the County Solid Waste Management Plan. Discussion held.

It was reported that the contract for the operation of the Sunfield recycling site needs to be renewed for another year with the current individual. It was also reported the City of Grand Ledge requested the County to consider operating their recycling center. Discussion held regarding the current contractor for Sunfield not having the capacity to consider adding a second site to their contract. Discussion held.

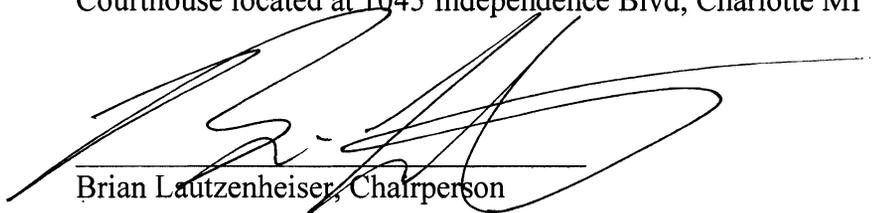
The consensus of the Committee was to have staff communicate to the City of Grand Ledge, that the County was not presently in the position to assume the operation of their recycling center.

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve a one-year contract renewal, with the same terms and conditions, for the operation of the Sunfield recycling center with Mr. Bruce Butler. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was also reported that the Department will be disputing an additional inflation-based surcharge added to the County's invoice by its contract household hazardous waste vendor. Discussion held.

Chairperson Lautzenheiser adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held at 9:00am on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Lautzenheiser', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and somewhat abstract, with long, sweeping strokes.

Brian Lautzenheiser, Chairperson