



MINUTES

St. Clair County Board of Commissioners Environmental/Public Works Committee

**Board of Commissioners' Room
County Administrative Office Building, 2nd Floor
200 Grand River Avenue
Port Huron, MI 48060**

June 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call/Opening

Commissioner Torello called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Steve Simasko, Lisa Beedon, Jeff Bohm, Dave Rushing, Dave Vandenbossche and Joi Torello

Commissioners Absent: Jorja Baldwin

2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Dave Vandenbossche, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

3. Citizens to be Heard

Kevin Lindke, St. Clair - re: ARPA funds for 26 mile road

4. Updates

None

5. Conceptual Initiatives

None

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Landfill New Electric Service

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Dave Vandenbossche, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the new electrical service at the Smiths Creek Landfill in the amount of \$17,866.69. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

B. Landfill Letter of Credit Increase

Administrator/Controller Hepting discussed the legislative changes requiring an increase in the letter of credit.

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Lisa Beedon, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the Irrevocable Letter of Credit with Northstar Bank for the Smith's Creek Landfill in the amount of \$3,500,000 with a cost of \$8,750 per year. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

C. Mead and Hunt Environmental Assessment - Phase 2 - Airport

Catie Fiore, Airport Director discussed the need for the next phase of environmental assessment.

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Lisa Beedon, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the Mead and Hunt Environmental Assessment Phase II for the Airport in the amount \$129,131. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

D. Broadband Consultant Recommendation

Commissioner Simasko discussed the reasons he felt the agreement should be awarded to Wideband Group, contrary to the recommendation of the committee established to evaluate the bids received.

Administrator/Controller Hepting discussed the bidding process that was followed during the evaluation. She indicated the standard process was followed. Dave Struck, Deputy Administrator/Metropolitan Planning Department Director discussed communication with Urban Wireless which provided only a status update. Ms. Hepting indicated that if the project was not awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, it was ineligible for the use of ARPA funds.

Much discussion continued.

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Steve Simasko, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to award a Broadband Consultant agreement. Carried - Voice Vote 5-1. Ayes: Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello. Nays: Vandenbossche.

E. AMENDED Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Application Approval Request - EDA Business Center

Moved by Jeff Bohm, supported by Steve Simasko, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the amended Brownfield Redevelopment Grant application for the redevelopment of 1500 3rd Street in the amount of \$750,000. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

F. North Channel County Park Grant Opportunity - Spark Grant Program

The price of the accessible swing was discussed along with whether the Parks and Recreation Board had reviewed the grant application.

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by Lisa Beedon, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the Spark Grant application for the North Channel County Park in the amount of \$200,000. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

8. Smiths Creek Landfill Activities Reports

A. Smiths Creek Landfill Activities Reports

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Jeff Bohm, to receive and file the Smiths Creek Landfill Activities Reports. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

9. Other Environmental/Public Works Matters

None

10. Information Only

A. Monthly PARC Financial Documents

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Dave Vandenbossche, to receive and file item 10A as information only. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

11. Receive and File Packets

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Jeff Bohm, to receive and file packets and all information received. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Jeff Bohm, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

Committee Chair: Joi Torello

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