

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

May 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence, Prayer or Personal Reflection

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Commissioner Baldwin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Commissioner Baldwin.

Agenda Item 3 - Roll Call

Present: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Absent: Beedon, Bohm

Agenda Item 4 – Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

None

Agenda Item 5 – Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0. Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 6– Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve and file the minutes of the 04/20/23 Workshop, the 04/20/23 Commission meeting and the 05/04/23 Standing Committee meetings. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 7 - Proclamations

None

Agenda Item 8– Consent Agenda:

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to approve items 8A through 8I on the Consent Agenda. Carried- Voice Vote 5-0. Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 9 - Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Rushing - Road Funding – Oral

Commissioner Torello - Landfill – Oral

Commissioner Simasko - Parks & Recreation - Oral

Agenda Item 10 - Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

John Thompson – 5831 Markel Road, East China MI 48054
RE: 26 Mile Road

Kevin Watkins – Wales Township
RE: 26 Mile Road

Liz Maters – 1629 Fox Road, Wales MI 48027
RE: 26 Mile Road

Linda Schwehofer – 3169 Allington Road, China MI 48054
RE: Chinese Plants

Vicki Blackburn – 3437 Stone St, Port Huron MI 48060
RE: Support Kevin Watkins, RN Health Advisory Board

Libby Prill – 6177 Tripp Road, China MI 48054
RE: ARPA Funds

Dan Cass – 2277 Renee Drive, St Clair MI 48079
RE: Airport

Kevin Lindke – PO Box 44, St. Clair MI 48079
RE: Pat Patterson

Agenda Item 11 – Unfinished Business

None

Agenda Item 12A: Approval of County Disbursements – April 2023

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to approve the April 2023 County Disbursements in the amount of \$11,218,570.95.

Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello,
Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12B: FY 2023 Marine Safety Program Grant Agreement Approval

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the FY 2023 Marine Safety Program Grant agreement in the amount of \$179,100.

Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello,
Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12C: Child & Adolescent Health Center Grant – Algonac

Discussion by Commissioners.

Agenda Item 12D: Child and Adolescent Health Center Grant – Yale

Discussion by Commissioners.

Agenda Item 12E: Community Mental Health Board - Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to appoint Robert Johnson, Member at Large, to the Community Mental Health Authority Board for a 3-year term expiring 03/31/26. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0. Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12F: Contract Approval Request – Able Eyes

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the agreement with Able Eyes for a virtual tour of Library branches in the amount of \$17,934. Carried – Voice Vote 4-1 Ayes: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche No: Torello

Agenda Item 12G: Contract Approval Request – Port Huron Family Radio Inc. (WGRT)

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the service agreement with Port Huron Family Radio, Inc. for a term of 01/01/23 through 12/31/23 in the amount of \$10,000 for advertising on WGRT for

Veteran's Affairs. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0. Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12H: Contract Approval Request – Qualtrics, LLC

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the agreement with Qualtrics, LLC for the Health Department for a term of 04/17/23 through 04/16/24 in the amount of \$28,000. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0. Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12I: Health Advisory Board – Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to Kevin Watkins to the Advisory Board of Health, each representing Member at Large for the remainder of 2-year terms expiring 12/31/23. Discussion followed. Carried – Voice Vote 4-1 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche No: Torello

Agenda Item 12J: 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program – Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement Approval

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the 2022 Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement in the amount of \$146,250. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12K: Board of Canvassers Compensation

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the compensation schedule for the Board of Canvassers as presented. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12L: Harsens Island Transportation Authority – Letter of Support

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to approve the letter of support for Harsens Island Transit Authority seeking alternative transportation services. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12M: Central Dispatch Advisory Board - Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to appoint Assistant Chief Brian Kerrigan to the Central Dispatch Advisory Board, Criminal Justice Representative Alternate, for the remainder of a 4-year term expiring 12/31/24. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12N: Contract Approval Request – Hyland – Document

Composition for OnBase

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the agreement with Hyland for an additional Document Composition license for the

Prosecuting Attorney for a 3-year term in the amount of \$15,000. Carried – Roll Call
Vote Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12O: Contract Renewal Approval Request – Aramark Correctional Services, LLC

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve Addendum L to the Operating Agreement with Aramark Correctional Services for inmate food service in the approximate amount of \$87,000 for a term of 05/01/23 through 12/31/23. Discussion followed. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12P: Day Treatment Night Watch (DTNW) Renovation Project – Architectural Services Bid Award & Recommendation

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the agreement with Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick for architectural services for the Day Treatment/Night Watch Renovation project in the amount not to exceed of \$77,700. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12Q: FY2024 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program Application and Budget

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to approve the FY 2024 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program application in the amount

of \$381,665. Discussion followed. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12R: FY2024 Michigan Indigent Defense Council (MIDC) Grant Application Approval

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission grant application for FY23- 24 in the amount of \$3,593,694.46. Discussion followed. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12S: Homeland Security Advisory Council Membership

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Torello, to appoint Randy Bennett, Clergy and Melissa Cunningham, Hospital-Alternate to the Homeland Security/Emergency Management Advisory Council. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0. Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12T: Resolution 23-07 Setting Court Appointed Attorney Rate of Pay for St. Clair County Circuit Court

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adopt Resolution 23-07 setting the Court Appointed Attorney rate of pay for St. Clair County Circuit Court. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12U: Fixed Based Operator Services – Airport

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to bring Fixed Based Operator services under the supervision of the Airport Director and to add 2 full-time and 1 part-time Airport FBO Maintenance Worker positions to the Airport manning table. Discussion followed. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12V: Resolution 20-08 Approving the Airport Rescue Grant

Agreement – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adopt Resolution 23-08 approving the Airport Rescue Grant agreement - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 in the amount of \$59,000. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12W: 2023 Budget Adjustments

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the 2023 budget adjustments as presented. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12X: Ambulance Millage Distribution – China Township

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the agreement for Ambulance Millage distribution with China Township. Discussion followed. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12Y: Ambulance Millage Distribution – Cottrellville Township

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the agreement for Ambulance Millage distribution with Cottrellville Township. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12Z: Ambulance Millage Distribution – Wales Township

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the agreement for Ambulance Millage distribution with Wales Township. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AA: Board of Commissioners 2023 Summer Meeting Schedule

Moved by Commissioner Rushing supported by Commissioner Simasko, to revise the Regular Board meeting start time to 4:00 p.m. for the months of June, July and August. Carried – Voice Vote 4-1 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello No: Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AB: Central Dispatch Manning Table Addition Request

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to remove 2 part-time 911 operator positions and to add 2 full-time Communication Officer positions to the Central Dispatch manning table. Discussion followed. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AC: Circuit Court Manning Table Addition Request

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to approve the addition of a Court Clerk III position through the end of December 2023. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AD: Commissioner Baldwin – District 2 American Rescue Plan Project – Fort Gratiot

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to approve the District 2 American Rescue Plan project for engineering services for a sewer pump station and forced sewer system for Fort Gratiot Township in the amount of \$59,300. Discussion followed. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AE: Proposed Agreement – Thumbcoast TV

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the agreement with Thumbcoast TV in the amount of \$12,000 for a term of 05/01/23 through 04/30/24. Discussion followed. Carried – Roll Call Vote 4-1 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello No: Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AF: Resolution 23-09 Performance Resolution for Sheriff Department

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adopt Resolution 23-09 Performance Resolution for the Sheriff Department. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AG: Policy 421 Internet, Technology and Communication

Equipment/Services

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to forward Policy 421 Internet, Technology and Communication Equipment/Services to the June Regular Board meeting for final adoption. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AH: Mail Machine Replacement and Maintenance Agreement –

Pitney Bowes

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to approve the Pitney Bowes postage meter purchase in the amount of \$18,142.88 and the associated 5-year service agreement in the amount of \$3,255.04 per year. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AI: FY2023 Veteran Service Fund Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the FY 2024 County Veteran Service Fund Grant application in the amount of \$146,872. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AJ: FY2024 Recovery Court Grant Applications

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve FY 2024 Recovery Court Grant applications with the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program and Federal Office of Highway Safety Planning Recovery Court Grant in the

total amount of \$105,100. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 13 – Administrator’s Report

1. Spongy moth spray has been scheduled for May 22, 2023. It is a much smaller area this year. There is 320 acres being covered. The spray will take place in Clyde, Columbus Township, Kimball, Fort Gratiot and St. Clair Township.
2. Retirement Board met this week. Our first quarter investments are up 4% so far this year which is good. We are starting to recover a bit of what we lost last year.
3. Notified by the landfill that EGLE would like to come to the landfill to create an educational video, highlighting different landfill operations. This will take place sometime in June.
4. We received the RPF’s for Lobbyist. Received four different proposals back and I will be working with the Board chair on how he would like that selection committee to look.

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to accept the Administrator’s Report. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 14A – Miscellaneous Business

Commissioner Baldwin brought up the topic of ARPA Funds. Discussion followed with the Commissioners

Agenda Item 15 – Receive and File

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to receive and file packets that were sent to Commissioners, packets at their places and any other information presented. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 16 – Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Carried – Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Angie Waters, County Clerk/Register of Deeds