

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

June 15, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence, Prayer or Personal Reflection

**PUBLIC HEARING: DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE
INCLUSIVE PLAY FEATURES AT NORTH CHANNEL COUNTY PARK**

Chairman Bohm opened the public hearing at 4:00 pm.

Chairman Bohm asked three times if there was anyone that wished to speak.

Ken Harris was unable to attend the meeting. He submitted the following correspondence.

Dear Administrator and County Commissioner: please accept my inability to attend this public hearing tonight.

I question the public purpose of requesting this grant given the most recent policy change of St.Clair County and is Parks and Recreation to charge a fee (\$20.00) for non county residents to use Fort Gratiot County Park.

I believe the tenants of Michigan law forbids the discriminate and disparate use of state funds yet our Parks / Recreation Commission already discriminate and disparate in at least one application of policy. As I forward these comments for you and hopefully you share with County Commissioners.

cc , Michigan Department of Natural Resources Spark Program Grant Fund.

Ken Harris
1521Wells St.
Port Huron , MI 48060

Chairman Bohm closed the public hearing at 4:01 pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chairman Bohm called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chairman Bohm.

Agenda Item 3 - Roll Call

Present: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Absent: Torello

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

None

Agenda Item 5 – Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 6– Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve and file the minutes of the 05/18/23 Commission meeting and the 06/01/23 Standing Committee meetings. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 7 - Proclamations

None

Agenda Item 8– Consent Agenda:

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve items 8A through 8F on the Consent Agenda. Carried- Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 9 - Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Vandenbossche – Weather sirens – Oral

Commissioner Rushing – Lenox EMS – Oral

Riley Twp Board Meeting – Oral

Commissioner Simasko – Parks and Recreation - Oral

Agenda Item 10 - Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Tiffany Turke – China Township
RE: Eddy Loan & EDA Grant

Jamie Murray – PO Box 44, St. Clair MI 48079
RE: Eddy Loan/BOC

Kevin Lindke – PO Box 44, St. Clair MI 48079
RE: Eddy Loan

Joe Bixler – 2022 Thornhill St, Port Huron MI 48060
RE: ARPA Funding

Libby Prill – 6177 Tripp, China MI 48054
RE: Funding in general

Shawn Treadaway – 1520 Pug Road, St. Clair MI 48079

I would have liked to be at this meeting in person but as of the last meeting I no longer feel safe at these meetings. One county employee Geoffery Donaldson and County Board Chairman Bohm's Business partner Rob Drewek both

assaulted a resident after the last BOC meeting. This is very concerning. There has been some very heated meetings in the past few years but it has never resulted in a resident being assaulted. Now that the shady deal known as the Eddy Center is continuing to gain exposure the players involved are becoming more and more unhinged. This could most likely be from the fact that all players took Tax Payer money to develop a private enterprise with the BOC Chairman as the Architect and designer of this entire deal. The same Chairman that brought this deal to multiple Elected Boards and Councils with the intent to profit from this deal. The chairman can spin this any way he would like but he has violated multiple MCL's in profiting from his Elected position. Abstaining or being absent from voting on any of the Eddy Center deals does not excuse his behavior nor does it give him immunity from his wrong doing. I encourage the rest of the Board to read MCL 46.30. I also encourage the Board to educate themselves on how much Tax Payer money has been given to the Eddy Center via the LandBank, Brownfield and County Funded loans before you agree to a loan extension. Please enquire to the sale of land to Build Senior Living Llc from Eddy Development Llc in the amount of \$525,000.00 on July 24, 2022. It seems like Chairman Bohm's business partners could have and should have paid back the Tax Payer loan quite some time ago.

Agenda Item 11 – Unfinished Business

None

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

Equipment/Services

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the Information Technology Policy. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12B: Approval of County Disbursements – May 2023

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the May 2023 County Disbursements in the amount of \$ 19,597,233.90.

Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12C: Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimbursement Program Contract Application Approval

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the application for the Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program for Friend of Court for a term of 10/01/23 through 09/30/28 in the amount of \$16,488,993.

Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12D: 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program – Operation Stonegarden Grant Application Approval

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the FY 2023 Operation Stonegarden Grant application in the amount of \$341,250. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12E: Child and Adolescent Health Center Grant - Algonac

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the FY 2023 Child and Adolescent Health Center Program Implementation grant for the Algonac Community School District in the amount of \$180,000.

Discussion followed. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm
Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12F: Child and Adolescent Health Center Grant - Yale

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the FY 2023 Child and Adolescent Health Center Program Implementation grant for Yale Public Schools in the amount of \$180,000. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0
Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12G: Commission on Aging - Appointments

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to appoint to the Commission on Aging, Todd Bigger, District 5, for the remainder of a 3-year term expiring 12/31/25 and Elizabeth Sawielski, Member-at-Large for the remainder of a 3-year term expiring 12/31/24. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12H: Sheriff's Office FY 2023 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership

Program Application Approval

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the 2023 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Program application in the amount of \$5,775. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12I: AMENDED Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Application

Approval Request – EDA Business Center Broadband Consultant

Recommendation

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the amended Brownfield Redevelopment Grant application for the redevelopment of 1500 3rd Street in the amount of \$750,000. Discussion followed. Carried – Voice Vote 5-1 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko No: Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12J: Broadband Consultant Recommendation

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to table the broadband consultant recommendation indefinitely. Discussion followed. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12K: Landfill Letter of Credit Increases

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, 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 – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12L: Landfill New Electric Service

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the new electrical service at the Smiths Creek Landfill in the amount of \$17,866.69. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12M: Mead and Hunt Environmental Assessment – Phase 2 - Airport

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the Mead and Hunt Environmental Assessment Phase II for the Airport in the amount \$129,131. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12N: Resolution 23-10 North Channel County Park Grant Opportunity – Spark Grant Program Authorization

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the Spark Grant application for the North Channel County Park in the amount of \$200,000. Discussion followed. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12O: Ambulance Millage Agreement – Brockway Township

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the Agreement for Ambulance Millage Distribution with Brockway Township.

Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12P: Ambulance Millage Distribution – City of Richmond

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the Agreement for Ambulance Millage Distribution with the City of Richmond. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12Q: Ambulance Millage Distribution – Lynn Township

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Agreement for Ambulance Millage Distribution with the Lynn Township. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12R: Commissioner Simasko – District 1 American Rescue Plan Project – Clyde Township

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the District 1 American Rescue Plan project for Clyde Township for a DPW feasibility study, digitizing township records, park safety improvements, computer service

updates and ditching in the amount of \$50,000. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12S: Commissioner Simasko – District 1 American Rescue Plan Project – Grant Township

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the District 1 American Rescue Plan project for Grant Township in the amount of \$2,100 for annual ARPA reporting. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12T: Resolution 23-12 Commissioner Simasko's Proposed Resolution RE: Funding of Companies Owned by Interests Hostile to State and National Interests

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adopt Resolution 23-12 regarding Funding of Companies owned by Interests Hostile to State and National Interests with corrections. Discussion followed. Carried – Voice Vote 5-1 Aye: Baldwin, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche No: Beedon

Agenda Item 12U: Eddy Development LLC – Loan Extension

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve an extension to the Eddy Development LLC loan for six months and another six months extension for good cause. Discussion followed. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche Abstention - 1: Bohm

Agenda Item 12V: Resolution 23-11 2023 Summer Tax Levy L-4029 R

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to adopt

Resolution 23-11 imposing the 2023 property tax levy. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye:

Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 13 – Administrator's Report

1. The Agenda software has been selected. Full implementation is expected by year end.
2. The final testing is being completed for the library roof project. RFP will be issued in July. Anticipated project completion is three to four weeks. The library should not need to close during this project.
3. The audit is wrapping up. A draft is being reviewed and it should be presented at the full board meeting in July or at the August committee meeting.
4. The medical director interviewing is going well. There were three candidates. The individual selected is highly qualified. A contract should be presented to the Board in July.

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to accept the Administrator's Report. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 14A – Miscellaneous Business

None

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 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 16 – Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche

Angie Waters, County Clerk/Register of Deeds