

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

October 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence, Prayer or Personal Reflection

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chairman Bohm called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Torello, Simasko, Vandenbossche

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. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, 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 09/14/2023 Special Meeting, the 09/21/2023 Commission meeting and the 10/05/2023 Standing Committee meetings. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0.

Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 7A- Proclamation

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the proclamation designating Fall 2023 – United in Purpose for United Way of St. Clair County. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 7B - Proclamation

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the proclamation recognizing Joanne Shirkey. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 7C - Proclamation

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the proclamation recognizing Lee W. Pochert as 2023 St. Clair County Veteran of the Year. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 8– Consent Agenda:

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve items 8A through 8I on the Consent Agenda. Carried- Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 9 - Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Simasko – Parks & Recreation – Oral

Commissioner Rushing – Solar - Oral

Agenda Item 10 - Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Vance Richardson – 4126 Cole Road, Ft Gratiot MI 48059
RE: Solar

Sandra Richardson – 4126 Cole Road, Ft Gratiot MI 48059
RE: Solar

Jessica Maynard – 940 Cove Road, Wales MI 48027
RE: Solar

Liz Masters – Wales Township
RE: Solar

Harry Brown – Port Huron MI 48060
RE: Airport

Jim Wier – Clyde Township MI 48049
RE: Solar

Julian Ruck – 1423 Polly’s Place, Port Huron MI 48060
RE: General

Carol Miller
RE: EDA

Amanda McClure – 10852 Lambs Road, Memphis MI 48041
RE: Solar

Kevin Glass – 10106 Hill Rd, Goodells MI 48027
RE: Solar/Wind

Izabella Silva
RE: Board of Canvassers

Linda Schwehofer – 3169 Allington, China MI 48054
RE: Solar

Diane Hulett – 1325 Calvin, Riley MI 48041
RE: Solar

Shane Richardson – 3775 Pollina Ave., Ft Gratiot MI 48059
RE: Solar

Nancy Laskowski – 4151 Ball Road, Caro MI 48723
RE: Solar

Sandra Tannehill – 9219 Webb Road, Goodells MI 48027
RE: Solar

Sarah Beebe – 4331 Carrigan Road, Ft Gratiot MI 48059
RE: Solar

Agenda Item 11 – Unfinished Business

Broadband Consultant – Tabled

New Business:

Toby Valentino, Development Manager from Ranger Power, was present and answered questions the Commissioners had in regards to decommission and disposal of solar items.

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

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the September 2023 County Disbursements in the amount of \$44,744,173.72.

Carried – Roll Call Vote 7-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12B: November Regular Full Board of Commissioners' Meeting

Date Change

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to move the November Regular Board meeting to November 9, 2023. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12C: 2024 County Veteran Service Fund (CVSF) Grant

Agreement Approval

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the FY 2024 County Veteran Service Fund Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in the amount of \$146,871.85. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12D: Department of Human Services Board - Reappointment

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to reappoint Reverend Thomas Seppo to the Department of Human Services for a 3-

year term expiring 10/31/26. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12E (1): Board of Canvasser - Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to accept the nominations for the Democratic Party and cast ballots. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche Yvonne Williams was selected for the Democratic Party Board of Canvasser.

Agenda Item 12E (2): Board of Canvasser - Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to accept the nominations for the Republican Party and cast ballots. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche Barry Mugridge was selected for the Republican Party Board of Canvasser.

Agenda Item 12F: Central Dispatch Authority Board - Appointments

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to appoint Joe Doan, Fire Representative and Mark Harrington as his alternate to the Central Dispatch Advisory Board for the remainder of a 4-year term expiring 04/31/25. Carried- Voice Vote 7-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12G: FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Agreement Approval

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant agreement in the amount of \$33,172. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12H: FY 2024 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant

Award Approval

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the FY 2024 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grant in the amount of \$242,953. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0 Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12I: Resolution 23-20 Authorizing the Establishment of a Capital Improvement Fund for Capital and Facility Needs of the 72nd District Court

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to adopt Resolution 23-20 authorizing the establishment of a capital improvement fund for capital and facility needs for the 72nd District Court. Carried – Roll Call Vote 7-0 Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12J: Brownfield Redevelopment Authority BOD -

Reappointments

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to appoint Pauline Repp, District 3 and Dan Casey, Economic Development Alliance Director;

to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority each for a 3-year term expiring 10/31/2026. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12K: MSHDA Citizen Participation Plan Adoption

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adopt the State of Michigan Citizen Participation Plan for CDBG housing grant programs. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12L: Resolution 23-23 2023 MSHDA Chill Grant Application

Approval

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to adopt Resolution 23-23 authorizing the Metropolitan Planning Commission to apply for 2023 MSHDA Chill Grant funding and designating the Board Chair and Administrator/Controller as authorized signers. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12M: Resolution 23-34 Apportioning Taxes for 2023

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to adopt Resolution 23-34 apportioning taxes for 2023. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12N: Landfill Flare Piping

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the purchase of piping material for the Landfill from Lee Supply in the amount of \$28,652.19. Discussion. Carried – Roll Call Vote 7-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12O: Landfill Flare Rental

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the rental agreement with LFGT Technologies for the Landfill for a flare in the amount of \$28,200 for a 3-month term. Discussion. Carried – Roll Call Vote 7-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12P: Odor Neutralization System

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the purchase of the ATMOST Technologies system for an odor neutralization system for the Landfill in the amount of \$49,900. Discussion. Carried – Roll Call Vote 7-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 13 – Administrator's Report

1. Earlier this month I had the pleasure of presenting our opioid task force recommendation to the Attorney General. Updated her on what we are doing with our opioid funds. I also made that same presentation to the CHIP committee as well as the Michigan Association of Counties. We do have some more funds that should be coming to us later this year or early next year

- with some settlements that are coming. So, our internal committee continues to meet to define our process and we will have some further recommendations later this year or early next year.
2. The RFP for our ARPA consultant was due on Tuesday. We received 6 proposals that we are reviewing and we will be setting up some interviews. We hope to have a recommendation for you in November so we can get the consultant onboard for some of the district projects.
 3. We are following a package of juvenile justice reform bills. As part of the State budget there has been some changes to our childcare fund. Currently the State reimburses 50% and it is going up to 75% for all of our community-based programs. So, you will see that change in our budget but the legislature changes will actually codify it and put it into law versus making it an annual budget item.
 4. Our new agenda software is going well and it should be implemented for December. There will be some training in November for Commissioners. You will see more standardization on the different memos and information that comes on the agenda for you.
 5. The Library roof work began earlier this week. It is expected to take about two weeks. There should be no closure to the Library but they might experience a little bit of noise but there should not be any closures to the public.
 6. The RFP for the administration roof and courthouse roof has went out. The administration roof responses came back last week and the courthouse roof responses are due tomorrow. We hope to have a recommendation for you in November.

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to

accept the Administrator's Report. Discussion followed. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0

Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 14A – Miscellaneous Business

Commissioner Rushing wanted to thank the Metropolitan Planning for hosting the training they will be having on October 24th for the 23 townships.

Agenda Item 15 – Receive and File

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner

Beedon, to receive and file packets that were sent to Commissioners, packets at their places and any other information presented. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0 Aye:

Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 16 – Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to

adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Carried – Voice Vote 7-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm,

Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Angie Waters, County Clerk/Register of Deeds