St. Clair County Board of Commissioners

Board of Commissioners' Room

County Administrative Office Building, 2nd Floor

200 Grand River Avenue

Port Huron, MI 48060

November 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence, Prayer or Personal Reflection

PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Commissioner Baldwin opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Baldwin asked three times if there was anyone that wished to speak. No public comments were given. Commissioner Baldwin closed the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Commissioner Baldwin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Commissioner Baldwin.

Agenda Item 3 - Roll Call

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

Absent: Bohm

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

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to add the Smiths Creek Landfill – Gas Interceptor Trench Project as Item 12A1. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Baldwin Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to remove Item 12AL – Resolution 23-32 Budget Adoption – 2024 (duplicate). Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Baldwin Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 5 – Approval of the Agenda

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

Agenda Item 6– Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve and to approve and file the minutes of the 10/19/23 Commission meeting.

Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 7A- Proclamation

None

Agenda Item 8– Consent Agenda:

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

Agenda Item 9 - Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Rushing – ARPA funds - Oral

Agenda Item 10 - Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Rachel Deplae – 7048 Yager Road, Smiths Creek MI 48074
RE: Landfill Toxic Smell

Rob Usakowski – 6352 Ravenswood, Kimball MI 48074
RE: Landfill

Kim Parsons-Williams – 1169 Richman, Kimball MI 48074
RE: Landfill

Shari Schukraft – 366 Pine River, St. Clair MI 48079
RE: Landfill

Stacy Elliott – 4674 Lorwood Drive, Kimball MI 48079
RE: Landfill Odor

Linda Pickering Emig – 7139 Main Street, Smiths Creek MI 48074
RE: Landfill

David Reichenbach – 7016 Yager Rd, Smiths Creek MI 48074
RE: Landfill

Mark Watson – Port Huron MI 48060
RE: Metropolitan Planning Commission

Vicki Blackburn – 3737 Stone Street, Port Huron MI 48060
RE: Juvenile Justice

Scott Badley – 7093 Main St., Smiths Creek MI 48074
RE: Dump Water

Dave Nowicki – 6110 Smiths Creek Rd., Kimball MI 48074
RE: Landfill

Agenda Item 11 – Unfinished Business

None

Agenda Item 12A1: Smiths Creek Landfill – Gas Interceptor Trench Project

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the contract with BNV Earthmovers, LLC for the installation of the Cell 9 gas interceptor trench at the Smiths Creek Landfill in the amount not to exceed $217,500. Matt Williams, director of landfill, was present to give an update. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12A: Resolution 23-32 Adopting the 2024 General Fund Budget

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to adopt Resolution 23-32 Adopting the 2024 General Fund budget. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12B: EPA Assessment Brownfield Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Torello to approve the EPA Assessment Brownfield Grant application in the amount of $500,000. Carried – Voice Vote 5-1 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello No: Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12C: 2024 Memorandum of Agreement: MSU Extension Services in St. Clair County

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the 2024 Memorandum of Agreement for MSU Extension Services in the amount of $100,748. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12D: Health Department Contract Approval Request – Add on Services -Patagonia Health Systems

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the agreement for electronic medical record management system with Patagonia Health Systems for a term of 9/28/2023 through 9/27/2024 in the amount of $16,105,68. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12E: Library Board Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to accept the nominations for appointment to the District 2 vacancy on the Library Board and to cast ballots. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Elizabeth Buckley was appointed to the Library Board.

Agenda Item 12F: Library Contract Approval Request – Auto-Graphics

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Beedon to approve the agreement with Auto-Graphics for digital content subscription for the Library System for a term of 12/1/2023 through 11/30/2028 in the amount of $16,193. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12G: Library Contract Renewal Approval Request – Midwest Tape/Hoopla

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the digital video music and audiobook access subscription renewal agreement with Midwest Tape/Hoopla for a term of 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2025 in the amount of $315,000. Carried- Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12H: 2023/2024 Child Care Fund Budget

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve 2023/2024 Child Care Fund Budget as presented. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12I: Amendment to FY 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the amendment to FY 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) / American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) agreement increasing the total allocation by $9,820 for a total combined amount of $33,574. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12J: Courts Contract Extension Approval Request – Viviente Software

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the agreement extension with Viviente Software for the term of 11/19/2021 through 12/01/2023 for an additional $26,250 for a total not to exceed amount of $268,825. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12K: FY 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement Approval

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the FY 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) agreement in the amount of $23,754. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12L: FY 2024 Recovery Court Grant Agreement Approval

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve FY 2024 Recovery Court Grant Agreement for the term of 10/1/2023 through 09/30/2024 in the amount of $57,000 with no local match. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12M: FY 2024 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program Contract

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve FY2024 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program grant agreement in the amount of $381,665. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12N: FY 2024 Raise the Age Grant Agreement Approval

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve Raise the Age Grant Agreement for the term 10/1/2023 through 09/30/2024 in the amount of $273,240. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12O: Homeland Security Advisory Council Membership

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to appoint Chief Dave Westrick to the Homeland Security Advisory Council as Fire Chief's Association representative. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12P: Judge Armstrong Courtroom Renovations

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the agreement with Beem Construction for Judge Armstrong's court room renovations in the amount not to exceed $140,500. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12Q: Sheriff Contract for Police Services with Charter Township of East China

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the Sheriff contract for law enforcement services with the Charter Township of East China for the term of 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2026 for a 3-year total cost of $614,373. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12R: Sheriff Contract for Police Services with Charter Township of Fort Gratiot

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Sheriff contract for law enforcement services with the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot for the term of 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2026 for a 3-year total cost of $3,390,648. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12S: 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program as recommended by the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12T: Contract Approval Request – Asphalt Trucks Inc. – Landfill Materials and Delivery

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Landfill materials and delivery contract with Asphalt Trucks Inc. for the period of 12/1/2023 through 11/30/2024 in the amount not to exceed $417,000. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12U: Contract Approval Request – JADC Enterprises, Inc. DBA Dani's Transport, Inc. – Landfill Materials and Delivery

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the Landfill materials and delivery contract with JADC Enterprises, Inc./DBA Dani's Transport, Inc. for the period of 12/1/2023 through 11/30/2024 in the amount not to exceed $300,750. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12V: Contract Approval Request – S.A. Torello Inc. – Landfill Materials and Delivery

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the Landfill materials and delivery contract with S.A. Torello Inc. for the period of 12/1/2023 through 11/30/2024 in the amount not to exceed $184,000. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche 1 -Abstenation: Torello

Agenda Item 12W: Metropolitan Planning Commission - Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to appoint Mark Watson, Member-at-Large, to the Metropolitan Planning Commission for the remainder of a three-year term expiring 12/31/2025. Carried –Voice Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche 1-Absenation: Beedon

Agenda Item 12X: North Channel County Park Recommendation for Demolition of Two Structures

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the agreement with S.A. Torello, Inc. for the demolition of two structures located at the North Channel park development in the amount not to exceed $74,800. Carried – Roll Call Vote 5-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche 1 -Abstenation: Torello

Agenda Item 12Y: Resolution 23-29 2023 Annual County at Large Drain Assessment

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to adopt Resolution 23-29 approving the annual County-at-Large Drain Assessments in the amount of $577,426.84. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12Z: Resolution 23-35 Supporting the Submission of a Grant Application to the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Torello, to adopt Resolution 23-35 supporting the submission of a grant application to Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Fund in the amount of $25,000 for a year-round tubing hill at Columbus County Park, with a $30,000 match to be provided by millage funds. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AA: Survey and Remonumentation Grant Application 2024

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the 2024 Survey and Remonumentation Grant Application in the amount of $88,468. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AB: 2024 Pension and Retiree Healthcare Contribution Rates

Moved by Commissioner Rushing supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the 2024 Pension and Retiree Health Care Contribution Rates of $5,093,033 for pension and 9% of eligible payroll contributions to the Health Care Trust Fund. Carried –

Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AC: Blue Cross Blue Shield Annual Renewal

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the BCBS 2024 renewal documents as presented. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AD: Commissioner Baldwin District 2 American Rescue Plan Project – Burtchville Township Fire Department

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the District 2 American Rescue Plan project to replace mobile and handheld radios for the Burtchville Township Fire Department in the amount of $42,936.58. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AE: Commissioner Baldwin District 2 American Rescue Plan Project – Fort Gratiot Fire Department

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the District 2 American Rescue Plan project to replace mobile and handheld radios for the Fort Gratiot Township Fire Department in the amount of $57,861.34. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AF: Commissioner Rushing District 6 American Rescue Plan Project – Revised Request – Casco Township

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the District 6 American Rescue Plan project revised request for Casco Township for culvert replacement on Springborn Road in the amount of $19,196.13. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AG: Contract Approval Request – 2024 RESA Service Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the 2024 RESA service agreement for payroll services in the amount of $34,500.

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

Agenda Item 12AH: Contract Renewal Approval Request – Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI)

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the renewal maintenance agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) for a term of 11/10/2023 through 11/09/2024 in the amount of $26,679.

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

Agenda Item 12AI: Information Technology Contract Approval Request – InaCOMP TSG

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the web security license agreement with InaComp TSG (INACOMP) for the term 10/31/2023 through 10/30/2026 in the amount of $42,250. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AJ: Resolution 23-26 Waiving Investment Interest Earned on Taxes Collected by Local Units

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adopt Resolution 23-26 waiving investment earned on taxes collected by local units. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AK: Resolution 23-30 Adopting 80/20 Cost Sharing Model

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to adopt Resolution 23-30 adopting the 80/20 cost sharing model for health insurance as set forth in the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. Carried – Roll Call Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 12AM: Resolution 23-25 Relative to Per Diems for Boards and Commissioners

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to adopt Resolution 23-25 establishing per diems for Boards and Commissions.

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

Agenda Item 13 – Administrator's Report

1. The new agenda software will be used next month. Staff will be reaching out to commissioners for training for those that are interested. There was training earlier this week for department heads on how things will go on the agenda and the proper work flows. CivicPlus will replace the Novus Agenda. The new software is user friendly, has more search functions and is mobile friendly.
2. State of Michigan is starting their transition and consolidating their space so you may see some dumpsters or some activity. They will be starting to move out later this month.
3. ARPA consultant contract was just finalized late this afternoon so we were unable to get it on the meeting for today. It will be on the December agenda.
4. The December committee meeting will be held the 1st week in December with the full board meeting being held the second week in December.

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to accept the Administrator's Report. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0

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

Agenda Item 14A – Miscellaneous Business

None

Agenda Item 15 – Receive and File

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, 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, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Agenda Item 16 – Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Carried – Voice Vote 6-0 Aye: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche

Angie Waters, County Clerk/Register of Deeds