



MINUTES

St. Clair County Board of Commissioners Ways and Means Committee

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

March 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call/Opening

Commissioner Rushing called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Steve Simasko, Jorja Baldwin (7:01 p.m.), Lisa Beedon, Jeff Bohm, Joi Torello, Dave Vandenbossche, and Dave Rushing

Commissioners Absent: None

2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Joi Torello, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

3. Citizens to be Heard

Daniel Bedard - re: opposed to 26 Mile Rd expansion

Tiffany Turke - re: opposed to 26 Mile Rd project

Elizabeth Prill - re: opposed to 26 Mile Rd project

Steve Owsen - re: opposed to 26 Mile Rd expansion

Helen Hermes - re: opposed to ARPA funds for 26 Mile Rd project

Easter Jones - re: opposed to 26 Mile Rd; citizen engagement

Liz Sommerville - re: unequal distribution of ARPA funds for 26 Mile Rd project

Liz Masters - re: use of ARPA funds for 26 Mile Rd project

Robert Ring - re: opposed to 26 Mile Rd. development

Dawn Fulk - re: opposed to ARPA funds for 26 Mile Rd project

Mary Conlan - re: Burtchville Twp critical water infrastructure

Linda Schweihofer - re: opposed to 26 Mile Rd development

Jessica Maynard - re: opposed to 26 Mile Rd project

4. Updates

None

5. Conceptual Initiatives

None

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Ambulance Millage Distribution

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement for Ambulance millage distribution with the Village of Capac. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

B. Water and Sewer Infrastructure Regarding 26 Mile Rd.

Commissioner Bohm discussed the background of the Magna project and the history of the discussions regarding the 26 Mile Rd project as it relates to economic development. He discussed other possible sources of funding and repayment options. He requested the Commissioners indicate whether they wish to continue exploring the project.

Commissioner Vandenbossche discussed the benefits to the treatment plant in Algonac/Clay if a water treatment plant is constructed during the project.

Commissioner Torello discussed the apparent opposition of citizens to the project, the legality of the repayment and the possible impending recession.

Commissioner Beedon indicated she requires more information, current capital needs and indicated she believes ARPA funds should be used for the best and most effective use.

Commissioner Baldwin discussed the possibility of creating a revolving fund, the need for local control and use of funds resulting in an equitable impact.

Commissioner Simasko summarized the direction Commissioner Bohm is requesting. He discussed the previous proposal for process he distributed prior to being sworn in as Commissioner, equal distribution, possible needs throughout St. Clair County and would not support in the current fashion.

Commissioner Rushing discussed the information distributed and whether bids were received, what entity would enter into contracts, master plans and previous water main/sewer constructions by various municipalities.

Some discussion continued.

C. Sidewalk Replacement - Marine City Courthouse

Moved by Jeff Bohm, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to award the sidewalk replacement project at the Marine City Courthouse to McKenzie Concrete in the amount of \$22,600. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

D. Day Treatment/Night Watch Manning Table Change Request

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Dave Vandenbossche, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to eliminate a part-time At-Risk Youth Worker position and to add a part-time Juvenile Counselor position to the Day Treatment/Night Watch manning table. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

8. Other Ways and Means Matters

Commissioner Simasko discussed the RFP for a Broadband consultant he proposed on the Environmental/Public Works agenda. Some discussion continued about whether the Board is required to authorize the issuance of a RFP. Administrator/Controller Hepting indicating she believes a broadband project is supported by a majority of the Board, therefore Administration will follow the normal procedures for the RFP process.

9. Information Only

None

10. Receive and File Packets

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Lisa Beedon, to receive and file packets and all information received. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

11. Adjourn

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Lisa Beedon, to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

Committee Chair: Dave Rushing

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