



**MINUTES**  
**St. Clair County Board of Commissioners**  
**Environmental/Public Works Committee**

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

**November 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

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**1. Roll Call/Opening**

Commissioner Torello called the meeting to order at 06:19 PM.

Present: Jorja Baldwin, Lisa Beedon, Jeff Bohm, Dave Rushing, Steve Simasko, Dave Vandebossche and Joi Torello

Absent: None

**2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda**

- A. Remove: Resolution 24-13 Adopting a Brownfield Plan - Corcat Properties, Algonac

Moved by Commissioner Bohm, supported by Commissioner Vandebossche, to remove Resolution 24-13 adopting a Brownfield Plan - Corcat Properties from the agenda. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche Nay: None

**3. Citizens to be Heard**

Sandra Tannehill, Wales - re: Renewable Energy

Libby Prill, China Twp - re: Renewable Energy and Data Center

Dawn Fulk, Port Huron - re: Brownfield Plan

Linda Schwehofer, China Twp - re: County ordinance on data center regulation

Robert Fielitz, Kimball - re: Negative effects of solar energy

Joe Green, Algonac - re: Brownfield Plan

Margaret Allen, Ft. Gratiot - re: Fort Gratiot Agreement - Ranger Power

Mike Hilferink - re: Brownfield Plan

Angie Defrain, Ft. Gratiot - re: Ft. Gratiot Solar

Maureen Boury, Clay Twp - re: Brownfield Plan

Dan Turke, China Twp - re: Data Centers

Sandra Richardson, Ft. Gratiot Twp - re: Solar Development

Chris Barto, Clyde - re: Portside Solar project

Liz Masters - re: MPSC Appeal

Vance Richardson, Ft. Gratiot - re: Solar Project

Andrea Heering, Ft. Gratiot - re: Solar Project

#### **4. Updates**

Commissioner Rushing discussed an ordinance passed by Riley Township regarding battery storage. He requested the Health Department review the potential negative health effects of renewable energy and place it on the next Committee meeting.

Commissioner Simasko requested Corporation Counsel review the MPSC Appeal.

##### **A. Materials Management Plan**

Administrator/Controller Hepting discussed the formation of the Materials Management Planning Committee and the positions that still need to be filled. She also discussed the award of an agreement to a consultant to assist with the development of the Materials Management Plan.

#### **5. Conceptual Initiatives**

None

#### **6. Old Business**

None

#### **7. New Business**

##### **A. Landfill - Extension of Lease of Flare Skid - Perennial Energy**

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to

forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve a 6-month extension of a flare skid rental from Perennial Energy, LLC for the Landfill in the additional amount of \$42,900. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche  
Nay: None

B. Resolution 24-29 Relative to Annual County At Large Drain Assessments

Moved by Commissioner Bohm, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to adopt Resolution 24-29 relative to annual County-at-Large Drain Assessments. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche  
Nay: None

C. Landfill - Extension of Tetra Tech Phase 2 Air Monitoring

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the second extension of the agreement with Tetra Tech for Phase 2 Air Monitoring services at the Smiths Creek Landfill for 90 days ending 03/14/25 in the amount of \$35,500.

Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche  
Nay: None

D. Landfill - Renewal of Leachate Pretreatment Facility Operating Contract - Michigan Wastewater LLC

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve Addendum E with Michigan Wastewater LLC for Leachate pre-treatment services for the term of 01/30/25 through 01/31/26 increasing the not to exceed amount to \$1,145,418.21. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche  
Nay: None

E. 2025 Survey & Remonumentation Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Bohm, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the 2025 Survey and Remonumentation Grant application in the amount of \$85,140.

Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche  
Nay: None

F. Landfill - 2025 Materials Contract - Pierce & Pitt

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with Pierce and Pitt Trucking, Inc. for Landfill materials in the not-to-exceed amount of \$233,250 for the period of 12/1/24 through 11/30/25. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche  
Nay: None

G. Landfill - 2025 Materials Contract - Asphalt Trucks

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with Asphalt Trucks Inc. for Landfill materials in the not-to-exceed amount of \$360,000 for the period of 12/1/24 through 11/30/25. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche Nay: None

H. Landfill - 2025 Materials Contract - Rauhorn Electric

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with Rauhorn Electric, Inc. for Landfill materials in the not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000 for the period of 12/1/24 through 11/30/25. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche Nay: None

I. Landfill - 2025 Materials Contract - SA Torello, Inc.

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with S.A. Torello, Inc. for Landfill materials in the not-to-exceed amount of \$182,400 for the period of 12/1/24 through 11/30/25. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche Nay: None Abstain: Commissioner Torello

J. Landfill - 2025 Materials Contract - Dani's Transport, Inc.

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with Dani's Transport, Inc. for Landfill materials in the not-to-exceed amount of \$96,850 for the period of 12/1/24 through 11/30/25. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche Nay: None

K. 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche Nay: None

L. Landfill - Talaski Excavating Operations Contract Extension

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the eighth contract extension and amendment to the Talaski Excavating LLC contract for Landfill operations extending the term through 06/30/25 in the estimated value of \$940,000. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner

Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche Nay: None

**M. Resolution 24-23 Accepting the Terms for the Michigan DNR Trust Fund Grant**

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to adopt Resolution 24-23 approving the Michigan DNR Trust Fund Grant agreement for the development of Phase II of development at North Channel County Park with a project total amount of \$600,000. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche Nay: None

**N. Resolution 24-13 Adopting a Brownfield Plan - Corcat Properties - Algonac, MI**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**O. Contract Approval - Mead & Hunt - Design Runway 04-22 Approach Clearing - Phase I - Airport**

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the contract for engineering service with Mead & Hunt, Inc. for the design for Runway 04-22 approach clearing - Phase I in the amount of \$33,880 for the Airport. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche Nay: None

**P. PFAS/PFOS Testing - S. Simasko**

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Bohm, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve and direct the testing of well and surface water for PFAS and PFOA compounds at the Landfill monitoring wells, 125 Sturdevant Road, 150 Burns Road, 366 Pine River Rd and 5300 Smiths Creek Road. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche Nay: None

**8. Smiths Creek Landfill Activities Reports**

**A. July 2024 Activities Report**

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to receive and file the July 2024 Landfill Activities report. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche Nay: None

**9. Other Environmental/Public Works Matters**

None

**10. Information Only**

**A. Monthly PARC Financial Documents**

Moved by Commissioner Bohm, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to receive and file item 10A as information only. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche Nay: None

#### **11. Receive and File Packets**

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to receive and file packets and all information received. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche Nay: None

#### **12. Adjournment**

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to adjourn at 07:23 PM. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Bohm, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche Nay: None