



MINUTES
St. Clair County Board of Commissioners
Workshop

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

February 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Fielitz called the meeting to order at 06:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fielitz.

3. Roll Call

Present: Kerry Ange, Lisa Beedon, Joi Torello, Robert Fielitz and Dave Rushing,

Absent: Dave Vandebossche and Steve Simasko

4. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Liz Masters, Wales Twp - re: Economic Development Alliance

Angela Defrain, Fort Gratiot - re: Economic Development Alliance

Tracy Birgy, Marysville - re: Economic Development Alliance

Sandra Richardson, Fort Gratiot - re: Economic Development Alliance

Carolyn Richards, Avoca - re: Economic Development Alliance

Mike Grover, China Twp - re: Economic Development Alliance

Dawn Fulk, Port Huron - re: Economic Development Alliance

Kevin Glass, Wales Twp - re: Trust

Carol Miller, Port Huron Twp - re: Economic Development Alliance

Greg Abbey, Cottrellville - re: Economic Development Alliance

Amanada McClure, Riley Twp - re: Economic Development Alliance

Anthony Ferrell, Fort Gratiot - re: Community Accountability

Sandra Tannehill, Wales Twp - re: Economic Development Alliance

Libby Prill, China Twp - re: Economic Development Alliance

Vance Richards, Fort Gratiot - re: Economic Development Alliance

Diane Hulett, Riley Twp - re: Economic Development

Shane Richardson, Fort Gratiot - re: Economic Development

5. New Business

A. Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Presentation - K. Creguer

Karly Crueger, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension, discussed a potential partnership between MSU Extension and the County to provide economic and community development services. She discussed a proposed job description with a title of Community Economics Extension Educator. The position requires a Masters Degree and the starting wage would be \$56,100. As there is existing space, the position would be located within their office in the County Administration Building. Some discussion continued.

B. Economic Development Solutions

Commissioner Fielitz discussed the previous workshops that have been held regarding Economic Development and discussed possible Memorandums of Understandings with the Economic Development Alliance. Bruce Seymour, EDA, was present to answer questions. He indicated the EDA will be sending a proposal by the end of the week. He discussed current staffing numbers and the top three areas of services they provide. Some discussion occurred regarding the Code of Ethics and Confidentiality. Further discussion was had regarding communication, public outreach and transparency.

Discussion continued. Commissioner Fielitz discussed items that he would like added to the Committee agenda.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Ange, to adjourn at 07:37 PM. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Aye: Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None