



MINUTES

St. Clair County Board of Commissioners Community and Economic Development Committee

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

March 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call/Opening

Commissioner Fielitz called the meeting to order at 07:49 AM.

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

Absent: None

2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to revise the agenda removing the MSUE Update and Items 5C and 5D and to move items 5A and 5B under New Business as Items 7B and 7C. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Rushing Nay: None

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the agenda as revised. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Rushing Nay: None

A. Delete: Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Update

3. Citizens to be Heard

Mary Conlan, Burtchville - Prayer and EDA

Shari Schukraft, St. Clair Township - re: EDA

Libby Prill - re: EDA

4. Updates

A. Andy Northrop - Michigan State University Cooperative Extension

This item was deleted from the agenda.

5. Conceptual Initiatives

A. That the BOC allocate the approximately \$310,000 in annual dues currently paid to the Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County to the Community and Economic Development effort in county government as defined by the BOC

This item was removed from the agenda.

B. That the Community and Economic Development Chair and the BOC initiate a contractual document with MSU extension to establish and promote a Community and Economic Development effort in our government

This item was deleted from the agenda.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. TEI Condominium Association Appointments: St. Clair County Member Representative & Board of Director

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to appoint Tom Hull as Member Representative and Board of Director for the County of St. Clair, Michigan on the TEI Condominium Association, with Karry A. Hepting and Gino Giacumbo continuing to serve as alternates. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Rushing
Nay: None

B. That the BOC suspend any funding of the Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County and suspend any in-kind services indefinitely

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to move as a Committee of the Whole (for final action) to suspend funding to the Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County and to suspend all in-kind services indefinitely. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Rushing
Nay: None

C. That the BOC limit any county services to the Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County to what is statutorily required

Died for lack of action.

D. I-69 Corridor Next Michigan Development Corporation - 2025 Membership Fees

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the 2025 Membership Fees for the I-69 Corridor Next Michigan Development Corporation in the amount of \$6,500. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Rushing Nay: None

8. Other Community and Economic Development Matters

None

9. Information Only

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Ange, to receive and file items 9A and 9B as information only. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Rushing Nay: None

A. EDA Weekly Summary - February - Week 1

B. EDA Weekly Summary - February - Week 2

10. Receive and File Packets

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

11. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adjourn at 08:51 PM. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Rushing Nay: None