



MINUTES
St. Clair County Board of Commissioners

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

March 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Moment of Silence, Prayer or Personal Reflection

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Simasko called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chairperson Simasko.

3. Roll Call

Present: Steve Simasko, Kerry Ange, Lisa Beedon, Joi Torello, Robert Fielitz,
Dave Vandebossche

Absent: David Rushing

4. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Torello, to remove
Item 16 - Closed Session. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko,
Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandebossche,
Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

A. Remove Closed Session

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve
the agenda as amended. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner
Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner
Vandebossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve and file the minutes of the 02/20/25 Workshop, the 02/20/25 Commission Meeting, the 02/26/25 Special Meeting, the 02/26/25 Workshop and the 03/06/25 Standing Committee Meetings. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

- A. 02-20-2025 Workshop
- B. 02-20-2025 Commission Meeting
- C. 02-26-2025 Special Meeting
- D. 02/26/2025 Workshop
- E. 03-06-2025 Standing Committee Meetings

7. Proclamations

None

8. Consent Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve items 8A through 8C on the Consent Agenda. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

- A. Summary Budget to Actual Report - February 2025
- B. American Rescue Plan Spending Report - February 2025
- C. Health Department Software Renewal - HS GovTech USA Inc - Environmental Health

9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Fielitz - Community Economic Development Committee - Oral

10. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Gary Lockers

RE: Schools, Housing Commission, Energy

Liz Masters

RE: EDA Fort Gratiot - Ranger

Sandra Richardson

RE: Solar

Dawn Davery

RE: CMH Reappointment

Vicki Blackburn

RE: Health Board

Katherine Albrecht

RE: SCCCMH Board of Directors Application for Appointment

Rosella Mirabelli

RE: CMH Reappointment

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

A. Approval of County Disbursements - February 2025

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the February 2025 County Disbursements in the amount of \$29,724,961.72. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

B. St. Clair County Library System - Maintenance Agreement - Copiers

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the agreement with Lowery Corp. DBA Applied Imaging for the provision of maintenance on copiers for the Library System in the amount of \$35,800.00 for a term of 10/01/24 through 09/30/25. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

C. St. Clair County Library System - Midwest Tape's hoopla Digital Media

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the increase of \$77,500 to the Midwest Tape's hoopla Digital Media agreement for the Library for the remainder of the term expiring 12/31/25. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

D. St. Clair County Library System - OverDrive, Inc. Subscription renewal

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the contract with OverDrive, Inc. for the provision of access to digital content for a term of 03/01/25 through 12/31/28 in the amount not to exceed \$1,136,840.00. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

E. Community Mental Health Board - Reappointments/Appointments

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to nominate Martha Partipilo and David Hoffman for District 2 Representative; Lori Ames, Anthony Essian, Rosella Mirabelli, Katherine Albrecht, Tracy Birgy, Maryhelen Heering, Chelsey Hull and Carol Miller for Member-at-Large Representatives (3 positions) each for a three-year term expiring 03/31/2028 and to cast ballots.

Martha Partipilo was appointed as the District 2 Representative. Lori Ames was selected as a Member-at-Large Representative. The other two positions will be voted on at the full board meeting in April. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye:

Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

F. Resolution 25-05 Revising Indigent Defense Counsel Rate of Pay - Public Defender

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to adopt Resolution 25-05 revising the Indigent Defense Counsel Rate of Pay for the Public Defender's Office. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

G. FY 2026 Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel (MIDC) Grant Application Approval

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the FY26 Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel grant application in the amount of \$4,278,485 for the Public Defender's Office. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

H. Michigan Learning Collaborative to Support Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in County Jails - Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the grant application for Medications for Opioid Use Disorder within the County Jail in the amount of \$25,000. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

I. Contract Approval: Genoa Contracting - Columbus County Park Operations Center

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the agreement with Genoa Contracting LLC for the construction of a Park Operations Building at the Columbus County Park in the amount of \$294,500. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

J. Contract Approval: Premier Group Associates - North Channel County Park Phase 1 Development

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to adopt Resolution 25-06 approving the agreement with Premier Group Associates for the Phase I North Channel County Park Improvements in the amount of \$1,007,447.55. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

K. Landfill Materials - Asphalt Truck Contract Amendment B

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve amendment B to the Asphalt Trucks, Inc. contract for Landfill Materials increasing

the not to exceed amount to \$520,427.85. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

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

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Torello, 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. Discussion followed. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

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

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the 2025 Membership fees for the I-69 Corridor Next Michigan Development Corporation in the amount of \$6,500. Discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

N. Health Department Subrecipient Agreement with Yale Schools for Adolescent Health Construction Contract

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the subrecipient agreement with Yale Schools to hire an architect for renovation plans for the current Yale adolescent health center location in the amount of \$30,000. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

O. Contract Approval – ThermalNetics - Intervention Center

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the maintenance agreement with ThermalNetics for boiler maintenance at the Intervention Center in the amount of \$12,137 for a term of 04/01/25 through 03/31/26. Discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

P. Change Order: Courthouse Elevator Refurbishment (Gray)

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve a change order in the amount of \$27,985.00 for City Elevator to acquire additional materials and implement the necessary modifications to complete the refurbishment of the Gray elevator at the St. Clair County Courthouse. Discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

Q. Increase in Years of Credited Service - G. Weiss

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to credit G. Weiss for 20 years of service for benefit and pension calculations.

Discussion followed. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

R. Policy Revisions - 336 - Paid Time Off

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to suspend the Policy on Policies and approve the revisions to Policy 336 - Paid Time Off.

Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

S. Resolution 25-07 Authorized Signatories

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to adopt Resolution 25-07 authorizing Karry Hepting Administrator Controller; Thomas Hull, Deputy Administrator/Controller and Dena Alderdyce, Finance Director as authorized signatories for the County of St. Clair. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

T. Resolution 25-08 Ratifying Collective Bargaining Agreement - Friend of the Court Employees Union

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to adopt Resolution 25-08 ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Friend of the Court Employees Union TPOAM. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

U. Resolution 25-09 Ratifying Collective Bargaining Agreement with District Court Employees Union

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to adopt Resolution 25-09 Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the District Court Employees Union AFSCME 1518. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: Noe

V. Resolution 25-10 Ratifying Collective Bargaining Agreement with St. Clair County Baliffs Association

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Torello, to adopt Resolution 25-10 ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the St. Clair County Bailiffs Association TPOAM. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

13. Administrator's Report

Administrator Hepting informed the Board as of March 2025 the Administrator's Report will be a written report included in their packets moving forward.

A few items Administrator Hepting touched on for this month were Board Goals and Objectives, SEMCOG presentation at the April Committee Meeting, updates on capital projects, website upgrades and opioid funds.

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to accept and file the Administrator's Report. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

A. March 2025

14. Miscellaneous Business

None

15. Receive and File Packets and all Information Present

Moved by Commissioner Ange, 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: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

16. Closed Session

Removed from agenda.

A. Discuss Collective Bargaining Negotiation Strategy

17. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None