



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

April 17, 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: Kerry Ange, Lisa Beedon, Joi Torello, Robert Fielitz, Dave Rushing, Dave Vandebossche and Steve Simasko

Absent: None

4. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

None

5. Approval of Agenda

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

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve and file the minutes of the 03/20/25 Commission meeting and the 04/03/25 Standing Committee Meetings. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner

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

A. 03-20-2025 Commission Meeting

B. 04-03-2025 Standing Committee Meetings

7. Proclamations

None

8. Consent Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve items 8A through 8E on the Consent Agenda. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

A. Treasurer's Cash and Investment Report - 2024

B. Summary Budget to Actual Report - March 2025

C. American Rescue Plan Spending Report - March 2025

D. Securus 2024 FCC Order Compliance Amendment - Intervention Center

E. Health Department Renovation - Change Order Log Completed Through 03/31/2025

9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Vandenbossche - Marine Division - Oral

Commissioner Fielitz - Economic development meetings - Oral

Commissioner Torello - SEMCOG - Oral

10. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Vance Richardson - Fort Gratiot, MI
RE: Solar

Sandra Richardson - Fort Gratiot
RE: CMH

Vicki Blackburn - Port Huron
RE: CMH

Eileen Tesch - Algonac
RE: CMH

Carol Miller - Port Huron
RE: CMH

Katherine Albrecht - East China
RE: CMH

Dawn Faulk - Port Huron

RE: Katherine Albrecht

Jill Barto - Clyde
RE: CMH

Chris Barto - Clyde
RE: CMH

Kevin Watkins - Wales
RE: Microchip, CMH, Jail video visits

Dawn Nowicki - Kimball
RE: Landfill

Carolyn Richards - Avoca
RE: Landfill

Gary Lokers - Kimball
RE: Landfill

11. Unfinished Business

A. Community Mental Health Board - Reappointments/Appointments

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Ange, to nominate Anthony Essian, Rosella Mirabelli, Katherine Albrecht, Tracy Birgy, Maryhelen Heering, Chelsey Hull, David Hoffman and Carol Miller for Member-at-Large Representative (2 positions) each for a three-year term expiring 03/31/2028 and to cast ballots. Ballots were cast. Rosella Mirabelli and Katherine Albrecht were appointed. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

12. New Business

A. Approval of County Disbursements - March 2025

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the March 2025 County Disbursements in the amount of \$31,216,955.48. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

B. Resolution 25-12 Approving the 2025 St. Clair County Equalization Report

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to adopt Resolution 2025-12 approving the 2025 St. Clair County Equalization Report. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

C. Memorandum of Understanding with Blue Water Day Reporting Program - Recovery Court - Opioid Settlement Funds

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Blue Water Day Reporting

Program for the Recovery Court Program using Opioid Settlement funds in the amount of \$19,155 for a term of 01/01/25 through 12/31/25. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

D. Memorandum of Understanding with Community Mental Health - Recovery Court - Opioid Settlement Funds

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Clair County Community Mental Authority for the Recovery Court Program using Opioid Settlement Funds in the amount of \$20,000 for a term of 01/01/25 through 12/31/25. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

E. Resolution 25-11 Amending the St. Clair County 9-1-1 Plan

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adopt Resolution 25-11 amending the 9-1-1 plan to adopt text to 9-1-1 and PFN within St. Clair County. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

F. Landfill - Extension of Lease for Flare Skid - Perennial Energy

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the extension of the flare skid rental from Perennial Energy, LLC for the Landfill for a term of 05/05/25 through 05/04/26 in the amount of \$85,800. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

G. Friends of the St. Clair River 2025-2026 Stewardship Services Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the agreement with the Friends of the St. Clair River for stewardship services for Parks and Recreation for the period 4/1/25-3/31/26 in the amount of \$10,000.

Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

H. Materials Management Planning Committee- Bylaws

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Materials Management Planning Committee By-laws as presented.

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

I. 2025 Survey and Remonumentation Grant Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the 2025 Survey and Remonumentation Grant Agreement in the amount of \$85,140. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner

Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

J. Parks and Recreation Commission - Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to nominate Colleen Provost and Linda Taylor for appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission as Member-at-Large Representative for the remainder of a three-year term expiring 12/31/2027 and cast ballots. Ballots were cast. Linda Taylor was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

K. Contract Approval - Mead & Hunt - Environmental Assessment Airport - Phase III - Threatened and Endangered Bat Survey

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the contract with Mead and Hunt for the threatened and endangered bat survey and agency coordination for the Airport in the amount of \$24,574. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

L. Airport Lease Assignment and Consent of Owner (Lot 10) - R Thoms

Moved by Commissioner Vandebossche, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the lease assignment and consent of owner for Hangar 10 at the Airport from Ronald Sample to Robert Thoms. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

M. Materials Management Planning Committee Appointment - Rauh

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to appoint Susan Rauh to the Materials Management Planning Committee representing Materials Recovery Facility Operator for the remainder of a 5-year term expiring 11/21/29. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

N. Vehicle Maintenance Contract Extension - Valvoline Inc.

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandebossche, to approve the addendum B with Valvoline Inc. for fleet maintenance for the period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026 in the not to exceed amount of \$36,000. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

O. I-69 Corridor Next Michigan Development Corporation Withdrawal

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to withdraw from the I-69 Next Michigan Development Corporation. Discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 5-2. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Fielitz

Nay: Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Ange

P. Implementing or Expanding the Administration of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder within Jails in Michigan Grant Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the grant agreement with Health Management Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000 for the period of 4/1/25 to 10/25/26 for the use of medications for Opioid Use Disorder at the Intervention Center. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0.

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

Q. EGLE Administrative Consent Order - Landfill

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the EGLE Administrative Consent Order for the Landfill as presented. Lengthy discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-1. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange
Nay: Commissioner Fielitz

13. Administrator's Report

A. April 2025

The April 2025 Administrator's Report is included in the board of commissioners packet.

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to request the Administrator/Controller Hepting to initiate the process to obtain at least two quotes on support and operation of the Smiths Creek Landfill such as CTI and Associates are doing at this time. Failed - Roll Call Vote 2-5. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Fielitz
Nay: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange

Administrator Hepting touched on a few key points with regard to the courthouse.

- There will be a request for a shift in staffing to move a custodian from night shift to a full-time day custodian.
- Request an additional maintenance worker that is solely dedicated to the courthouse.
- Full analysis of the courthouse building to bring up to ADA-compliant, plumbing, and electrical.

In addition, there will be a staffing proposal for the Landfill to make sure all the items that are in the EGLE Administrative Consent Order can be handled.

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche to accept and file the Administrator's Report. Discussion followed. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange
Nay: None

14. Miscellaneous Business

None

15. Receive and File Packets and all Information Present

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to receive and file packets that were sent to Commissioners, packets at their places and any other information presented. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

16. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None