



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

May 15, 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, Robert Fielitz, David Rushing, Steve Simasko, Joi Torello, Dave Vandenbossche

4. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

None

5. Approval of Agenda

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

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to approve and file the minutes of the 04/17/25 Commission Meeting and the 05/01/25 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. 04-17-2025 Commission Meeting

B. 05-01-2025 Standing Committee Meetings

7. Proclamations

None

8. Consent Agenda

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

A. Summary Budget to Actual Report - April 2025

B. American Rescue Plan Spending Report - April 2025

C. Assessing System Solution Renewal

D. Court Recording Solution Renewal

E. Imaging Solution Renewal

F. Approval of FY 2025 County Veterans Service Fund Amendments

9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Rushing - Veterans Meeting - Oral

Commissioner Fielitz - Health Department - Oral

Commissioner Torello - Parks & Recreation - Oral

Commissioner Beedon - Council on Aging - Oral

Commissioner Ange - WPHM Event - Oral

10. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Joe Pavlov - Smiths Creek, MI

RE: House of Representative Report

Eileen Tesch - Algonac, MI

RE: Solar

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

A. Approval of County Disbursements - April 2025

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the April 2025 County Disbursements in the amount of \$14,839,609.77. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon,

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

B. Health Department Subrecipient Agreement - Children and Adolescent Health Services School Construction - Port Huron Area School District

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to approve the Health Department Children and Adolescent Health Services construction agreement with Port Huron Area School District in the amount of \$141,383.30.

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

C. Homeland Security Advisory Council Membership

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the changes to the Homeland Security Advisory Council membership as follows:

- Remove Jonathan Pinch, Chemical
- Remove Diane Lois and add Mike Falecki, Health
- Remove Dr. Michael Paul, Hospital
- Remove Trish May and add Karyn Belanger, Medical Control - EMS
- Remove Joe Plater and add Ryan Sheedy, Port Huron Police
- Add Stephen Stockwell, Criminal Justice
- Add Tara Reyna and Shannon Benjamin, United Way - 211.

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

D. Opioid Settlement Budget for 72nd District-Adult Mental Health Court

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the use of Opioid Settlement funds for the Mental Health Court in the amount of

\$81,825.00. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

E. FY2026 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program Application

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the FY 2026 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program application in the amount of \$455,229. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

F. Journal Project Change Order - Court Software

Circuit Court Administrator, Michael McMillan, gave a brief update on the Journal project. Matthew Sorensen from Journal was on the phone and available to answer any questions the commissioners had. District Court Administrator, Linda Girard, also gave a brief update on the status of District Court.

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to table the approval of the Case Structure Change Request for the Journal project in the amount of \$64,400 for 30 days until the questions get answered that were developed on the record today. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

G. Phragmites Adaptive Management Framework - Great Lakes Commission
Active Adaptive Management Program Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Great Lakes Commission Active Adaptive Management Program Grant Application in the amount of \$9,174.52 and the \$2,559.66 match to be paid from Parks and Recreation Commission millage funds. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

H. Airport Lease Assignment and Consent of Owner (Lot T-12) - Ludwig & Hayes

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the lease assignment and consent of owner for Lot T-12 at the Airport from Frank Ludwig to Carol Hayes and Daniel Ludwig. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

I. 2025 General Fund Budget Adjustments

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the 2025 General Fund Budget Adjustments as presented, Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

J. New Position: Maintenance Worker - Building Operations and Maintenance Department

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to approve the addition of a Maintenance Worker to the Building Operations and Maintenance manning table. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

K. Professional Services Contract - Treasurer Lawn Services

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the contract with J's Pro Services for the Foreclosed property mowing for the 2025 season in the amount of \$35,000. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

13. Administrator's Report

The May 2025 Administrator's Report is included in the Board of Commissioners Packet.

Thomas Hull, Deputy Administrator/Controller, touched on a few key points from the May 2025 Administrator's Report.

- RFP in process for Intervention Chiller - Due 5/21
- Health Department Relocation update
- Crosswind runway - Possible funding restoration if considered a Legacy Runway
- Landfill Care Fund Escrow Agreement

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

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14. Miscellaneous Business

Commissioner Fielitz informed the Commissioners and the public that there is a meeting scheduled at Kimball Township Hall, 2160 Wadhams Rd., on Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. The purpose is to discuss the proposed consent order between the State of Michigan (EGLE) and the county for the pollution the county-owned Smiths Creek Landfill caused to the communities of Smiths Creek and Kimball in 2023 and 2024.

15. Receive and File Packets and all Information Present

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, 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 Beedon, supported by Commissioner Ange, to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None