



MINUTES
St. Clair County Board of Commissioners
Environmental/Public Works Committee

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

June 5, 2025 at 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call/Opening

Commissioner Torello called the meeting to order at 07:41 PM.

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

Absent: None

2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

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

3. Citizens to be Heard

Dawn Nowicki, re: CTI fees at the Landfill

T.J. Gaffney, Port Huron re: Parks and Recreation Board appointment

Kathleen McCready, Port Huron re: Parks and Recreation Board appointment

4. Updates

A. Road Commission 2025 Annual Report

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Ange, to receive and file the Road Commission's 2025 Annual Report. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon,

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

B. EGLE Landfill Consent Order Meetings - R. Fielitz

Commissioner Fielitz discussed his attendance and the comments he made at the EGLE Landfill Consent Order Meetings. Discussion continued. Commissioner Rushing requested Rob Usakowski's, Kimball Township Supervisor, e-mail be included in the record.

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of Kimball Township to clarify our position regarding recent public comments made by Commissioner Fielitz at the EGLE Town hall meeting concerning the Smiths Creek Landfill.

We want to make it clear that Kimball Township does not share or support the statements made by Commissioner Fielitz suggesting that other members of the County Board "didn't want to face the people." These comments do not reflect the views of our township leadership, nor do they fairly represent the engagement we have seen from the County Board of Commissioners throughout the ongoing landfill discussions.

It is our position that multiple commissioners, including Chair Simasko and Commissioner Torello, have shown genuine interest and involvement in this issue well before Commissioner Fielitz began participating. We have observed a consistent effort by the entire Board to remain informed and engaged, and we appreciate your continued willingness to collaborate with our community on this matter. We also recognize that certain delays in action have been due in part to ongoing legal considerations, including the pending lawsuit in which Commissioner Fielitz played a central role, and the status of the EGLE Consent Order. These are significant and complex issues that require careful navigation, and we respect the need for due diligence and legal compliance.

Please know that Kimball Township values our working relationship with the County Board and remains committed to a cooperative approach as we continue addressing the landfill and related community concerns.

Thank you for your continued service and support of our residents.

Robert Usakowski
Supervisor
Kimball Township

C. Supplemental Environmental Plans - R. Fielitz

Commissioner Fielitz discussed conversations he has had with EGLE representatives regarding Supplemental Environmental Plans. Gary Fletcher, Corporation Counsel, discussed the ability to hold a portion of the enforcement action costs in abeyance and apply for SEP plans to be installed in the affected community.

5. Conceptual Initiatives

None

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Contract Approval Request - Hess Asphalt Paving - FINAL ACTION

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to move as a Committee of the Whole (for final action) to approve the agreement with Hess Asphalt Paving for the Goodells County Park Asphalt Improvements in the amount of \$11,500. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

B. Parks and Recreation Commission - Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to nominate Thomas Gaffney and Kathleen McCready for Districts 2,3 Representative on the Parks and Recreation Commission and forward the applications to the Regular Board meeting for appointment. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

C. Environmental Health Appeals Board - Appointments

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to reappoint Supervisor Micheal Appel and appoint Supervisor Greg Abbey to the Environmental Health Appeals Board each for four-year terms expiring 12/31/2028. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

D. Drone Odor Survey Contract - Landfill - Sniffer Robotics

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Ange, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve a four-year contract with Sniffer Robotics for the execution of sixteen drone-based methane emissions monitoring at the Landfill in the amount of \$118,870. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

E. Materials Management Planning Grant Agreement - FY 2025

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the Materials Management Planning Grant agreement for FY 2025 in the amount of \$39,210. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner

Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

F. Landfill Perimeter Air Monitoring Contract - Trinity Consultants, Inc. - FINAL ACTION

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Ange, to move as a Committee of the Whole (for final action) to approve the agreement with Trinity Consultants, Inc. to perform perimeter air monitoring at the Landfill for a 4-year term in the amount of \$515,646. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

G. Resolution 25-15 - Airport Sponsor Contract - Environmental Assessment Phase III

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to adopt Resolution 25-15 approving the Airport Sponsor Contract to conduct an environmental assessment phase 3. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

H. Landfill Operator Agreement

Matt Williams, Landfill Director, discussed the bids received for the Landfill Operations. He then discussed performing the work internally. He discussed the process of evaluating the costs that would be associated. Much discussion continued. Administration will move forward with performing a cost analysis to evaluate further.

8. Smiths Creek Landfill Activities Reports

A. February 2025 Volume Report

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to receive and file the February 2025 Smith's Creek Landfill activity reports. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

9. Other Environmental/Public Works Matters

None

10. Information Only

A. Monthly PARC Financial Documents

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to receive and file item 10A as information only. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

11. Receive and File Packets

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

12. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to adjourn at 08:30 PM. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay; None