



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

June 26, 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: Lisa Beedon, Robert Fielitz, David Rushing, Steve Simasko, Joi Torello, Dave Vandenbossche

Absent: Kerry Ange

4. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

None

5. Approval of Agenda

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

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to approve and file the minutes of 05/15/25 Commission Meeting, the 06/02/25 Standing Committee Meetings and the 06/13/25 Special Meeting. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz

Nay: None

- A. 05-15-2025 Commission Meeting
- B. 06-02-2025 Standing Committee Meetings
- C. 06-13-2025 Special Meeting

7. Proclamations

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the proclamation honoring Justin Sears, Equalization Director, for exemplary service and outstanding contributions to St. Clair County. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz
Nay: None

- A. Honoring Justin Sears, Equalization Director

8. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Summary Budget to Actual Report - May 2025
- B. American Rescue Plan Spending Report - May 2025
- C. Performance Monitoring Solution Renewal
- D. Imaging Solution Renewal
- E. Library - Cengage Learning for Gale Resources Renewal
- F. Office Suite Software Renewal
- G. Backup Solution Renewal
- H. City of Port Huron Public Hearing Notice
- I. Health Department Renovations - Change Order Log Dated June 12th, 2025

9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Rushing-Community Mental Health-Oral

Commissioner Beedon-Health Department Open House-Oral

10. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Anthony Ferriell, 5800 Neuman Rd., St. Clair, MI 48079
RE: Prayer for Meeting

Sarah Dobrowolski, 4125 Metcalf Rd., Fort Gratiot, MI 48059
RE: Resolution 25-16

Ken Heuvelman, 3479 Minnie Dr., Lakeport, MI 48059
RE: Opioid Settlement

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

A. Approval of County Disbursements - May 2025

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the May 2025 County Disbursements in the amount of \$30,982,107.46. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

B. AgeWays Nonprofit Senior Services (formerly AAA 1-B) - Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to appoint Felicia Wells as the Older Adult Representative to the AgeWays Nonprofit Senior Services for the remainder of a two-year term expiring 12/31/2025. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

C. Agreement for Library Assessment - Library Strategies Consulting Group

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the agreement with Library Strategies Consulting Group for a Library assessment in the amount of \$34,200. Discussion followed. Failed - Roll Call Vote 3-3. Aye: Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing

D. St. Clair County Library System - Office Lease - 302 Michigan Avenue

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the Lease Agreement for the Library for 302 Michigan Street for a term of 06/01/25 through 05/31/30 in the amount of \$510,000. Carried - Roll Call Vote 4-2. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing

E. Library System - Copier/Printer Agreement - Applied Innovation

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the maintenance agreement for a multi-function copy machine for the Library with Applied Innovation for a 5-year term in the amount not to exceed \$12,500. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

F. Resolution 25-16 Opposing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) Plan to Implement a Competitive Procurement Process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to adopt Resolution 25-16 Opposing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Plan to implement a competitive procurement process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans. Discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz

Nay: None

G. Thomas Reuters - Westlaw Agreement Renewal

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the one-year contract extension with West Law for the Public Defender's Office in the total amount of \$11,016.36. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz
Nay: None

H. Memphis Community Schools Resource Officer Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the agreement for law enforcement services between the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office and Memphis Community Schools for the term of 8/1/25-7/31/27 in the amount of \$176,617.34. Discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz
Nay: None

I. Local Emergency Planning Committee Appointments

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to appoint Lynn Grover, Community Partner and remove Bill Adams, Emergency Medical Service to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz
Nay: None

J. Sheriff's Office Virtual Reality Training System

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the agreement with Operator XR VR for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$49,000. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz
Nay: None

K. Port Huron Area School District School Resource Officer Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the law enforcement agreement between the Sheriff's Office and Port Huron Area School District for the term of 07/01/25 to 06/30/27 in the amount of \$431,119.06. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz
Nay: None

L. Wage Adjustment: Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol, Dive Team and Special Deputies

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the increase in hourly rates for the Marine Deputies, Sergeants, Dive Team Deputies and Special Deputies on the temporary wage scale. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz
Nay: None

M. FY 2026 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the FY 2026 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grant application in the amount of \$249,912. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

N. Courthouse Stairlift - Architectural Services - Infuz Architects

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the proposal by Infuz Architects in the amount of \$25,804 for the St. Clair County Courthouse stairlift renovation. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

O. Parks and Recreation Commission - Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to nominate Thomas Gaffney and Kathleen McCready for appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission as Districts 2,3 Representative for the remainder of a three-year term expiring 12/31/2026 and cast ballots. Thomas Gaffney was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

P. Environmental Health Appeals Board - Appointments

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Rushing, 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 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

Q. Drone Odor Survey Contract - Landfill - Sniffer Robotics

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Torello, 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 - Roll Call Vote 5-1. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: Commissioner Vandenbossche

R. Materials Management Planning Grant Agreement - FY 2025

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to approve the Materials Management Planning Grant agreement for FY 2025 in the amount of \$39,210. Discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

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

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Torello, to adopt Resolution 25-15 approving the Airport Sponsor Contract to conduct an environmental assessment phase 3. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

T. Assessing Services Agreement - City of Algonac

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, recommendation to approve the agreement for Assessing Services with the City of Algonac for a term of 5/01/2025 to 4/30/2030 in the amount of \$219,949. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

U. Assessing Services Agreement - Marine City

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the agreement for Assessing Services with Marine City for a term of 5/01/2025 to 4/30/2030 in the amount of \$274,881. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

V. Equalization Department - Manning Table Change Request

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the creation of the Deputy Director of Equalization position and eliminate the Appraiser II position. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

W. Resolution 25-14 2025 Summer Tax Levy

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to adopt Resolution 25-14 imposing the 2025 summer property tax levy. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

X. Veteran's Affairs - Position Reclassification - Veterans Service Officer II

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the reclassification of the Outreach Coordinator position to a Veterans Service Officer II in the Veteran's Affairs manning table. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

Y. Discussion of posting an RFP for "an assessment of the current state of economic and community development in the St Clair County with recommendations" per the attached RFP draft proposal - R. Fielitz

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to have Administration do a proposed RFP draft proposal for "assessment of the current state of economic and community development in the St. Clair County with recommendations". Add this discussion item to the Committee Meeting on July 3,

2025 and put it on for final action at the July full board meeting. Carried - Voice Vote 5-1. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: Commissioner Vandenbossche

Z. Resolution 25-17 Collective Bargaining Agreement - AFSCME 1089 - Clerk and Register of Deeds Employees

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to adopt Resolution 25-17 ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Clerk and Register of Deeds Employees Union AFSCME 1089. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

AA. Resolution 25-18 Collective Bargaining Agreement - AFSCME 1089 Prosecuting Attorney Clerical Employees

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adopt Resolution 25-18 ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Prosecuting Attorney Clerical Employees Union AFSCME 1089. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

BB. Resolution 25-19 Collective Bargaining Agreement - AFSCME 1089 Treasurer Office Employees

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to adopt Resolution 25-19 ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Treasurer Office Employees Union AFSCME 1089. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

CC. Resolution 25-20 Collective Bargaining Agreement - Public Service Employees AFSCME 1089

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to adopt Resolution 25-20 ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Public Service Employees Union AFSCME 1089. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

DD. Dr. Remington Nevin - PFAS Update

Dr. Remington Nevin was present and gave an update on the 40th Street Area, Port Huron, in regards to elevated levels of PFAS in surface water contamination.

13. Administrator's Report

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

Administrator Hepting touched on a few key points from the June 2025

Administrator's Report.

- RFP Landfill Consultant deadline has been extended one week. Bids are due July 7, 2025.
- Courthouse Facility Analysis RFP bids are due July 1, 2025.
- A change order will be coming to the Board for final action on July 3, 2025 for the Courthouse elevators to be hooked to the generator. This change order is necessary because it was not in the original scope of work and is required to pass State certification.

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

A. June 2025

14. Miscellaneous Business

Commissioner Simasko discussed a letter received in regards to a cul-de-sac in Ira Township. Administrator Hepting informed the Board the letter was for information purposes only.

15. Receive and File Packets and all Information Present

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, 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 Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None

16. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz Nay: None