



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

August 21, 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, David Rushing, Dave Vandebossche, Robert Fielitz, Steven Simasko

4. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to delete 12.G Health Department Nursing Agreement with Marysville Schools and 12.H Library Board-Appointment on the agenda. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche. Nay: None.

Commissioner Fielitz made a motion to add to agenda 12.BB to discuss a Special Meeting before September 1, 2025 to discuss public policy regarding the St. Clair County Health Department outreach clinics. No support.

A. DELETE: Item 12.G: Health Department Nursing Agreement with Marysville Schools

B. DELETE: Item 12.H: Library Board - Appointment

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to approve

the agenda with deletion of 12.G Health Department Nursing Agreement with Marysville Schools and 12.H Library Board - Appointment. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche. Nay: None

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve and file the minutes of the 07/17/2025 Commission Meeting and the 08/07/2025 Standing Committee Meetings. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche. Nay: None

- A. 07-17-2025 Commission Meeting
- B. 08-07-2025 Standing Committee Meetings

7. Proclamations

None

8. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Summary Budget to Actual Report - July 2025
- B. American Rescue Plan Spending Report - July 2025
- C. Shredding Services - Infosafe Shredding Michigan LLC
- D. Renewal of Lexipol Policy and Manual Contract - Sheriff's Office
- E. Software Deployment Solution
- F. Emergency Repair: Intervention Center Chiller

9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Ange - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Library Bookmobile - Oral
Red Cross Awards Ceremony honoring Fort Gratiot
Firefighters Mark Smith and Chandler Martin - Oral

Commissioner Beedon- Friends of St. Clair County River Walk Tour & Great
Lakes Preservation Initiative - Oral

Commissioner Fielitz - Health Department Advisory Board Meetings - Oral

Commissioner Rushing-Faith Based Funding - Oral
Health Department Board Discussion to be added to
September Committee Meeting agenda - Oral

10. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Joe Pavlov, Kimball Twp, MI 48074

RE: Legislation Update

Marcia Collins. 3172 Whittier Dr., Port Huron, MI 48060

RE: Animal Control

Kelly Tucker, 235 Range Rd., Kimball, MI 48074

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Raymond Tucker, 235 Range Rd., Kimball, MI 48074

RE: Animal Control

Gary Lokers, 5650 Willow Canyon Dr., Smith Creek, MI 48074

RE: Animal Control & Fluoride

Dr. Erik Stier, Okemos, MI

RE: Fluoride

Dave Sharrard. 1736 Whipple St., Port Huron, MI 48060

RE: Animal Control

Dr. Krupa Patel, 6150 Wildrose Lane, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

RE: Fluoride

Dr. Ralph Gillhooley, 3323 Conger St., Port Huron, MI 48060

RE: Fluoride

Dr. Randa Jundi-Samman, 4950 Lakeshore Rd., Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

RE: Fluoride

Charles Kelly, 5096 Lakeshore Rd., Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

RE: Fluoride

Sandra Richardson

RE: Dental Care

Kim Scheible, 3261 S. Shoreview Dr., Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

RE: Health Department memorandum & Fluoride

Julie Marcath, 1751 St. Clair Hwy., St. Clair, MI 48079

RE: Fluoride

Brenda Coyle, 23018 Beverly St., St. Clair Shores, MI 48082

RE: Fluoride

Mike Lee, 1916 6th St., Port Huron, MI 48060

RE: Health Department Programs

Vicki Blackburn, 3437 Stone St., Port Huron, MI 48060

RE: Health Department Programs

Rachelle Bonelli, 655 N. Riverside, St. Clair, MI 48079

RE: Health Department Programs & Fluoride

Amber Koningisor, 203 16th St., Port Huron, MI 48060

RE: Health Department Programs

Kimberly Raleigh, 24585 Bashian Dr., Novi, MI 48375

RE: Fluoride

Eileen Tesch, Algonac, MI 48001

RE: Health Department Advisory Board, Land Bank, Lawsuits & Sheriff

Carol Miller

RE: Health Department Advisory Meetings & Dr. Nevin

Diane Hulett, Riley, MI 48041

RE: Dr. Nevin

Dawn Fulk, Port Huron, MI 48060

RE: Dr. Nevin

Kevin Watkins, Wales Twp., MI 48027

RE: Health Department Programs & Lawsuits

Tracy Birgy, 1900 O'Riley Ct., Marysville, MI 48040

RE: Health Department Programs & Dr. Nevin

Libby Prill, China, MI 48054

RE: Dr. Nevin memo

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

A. Approval of County Disbursements - July 2025

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the July 2025 County Disbursements in the amount of \$14,316,322.80. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

B. School Based Health Centers - D. Brinson

School Based Health Centers-Discussion Presentation from Debra Brinson, Executive Director at School Community Health Alliance of Mi.

C. Parks - Wildlife Habitat Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Wildlife Habitat Grant Program application in the amount of \$85,000 for the Columbus County Park. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

D. FY 2026 Traffic Enforcement Program Grant application

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the FY 2026 Traffic Enforcement Program Grant application in the amount of \$56,595. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

E. 2026 Secondary Road Patrol Grant Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the FY 2026 Secondary Road Patrol Agreement in the amount of \$242,039. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

F. Inter-County Cost Sharing Agreement - Fox Class Action Litigation

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Inter-County Cost Sharing Agreement for the Fox Class Action Lawsuit. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

G. Health Department Nursing Agreement with Marysville Schools

Deleted from agenda.

H. Library Board - Appointment

Deleted from agenda.

I. Commission on Aging - Contract Addendum - Hunter Hospitality House, Inc.

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the contract addendum with Hunter Hospitality House, Inc. increasing the budgeted funds for 2025 by \$4,000, with a total not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

J. FY 26 Local Emergency Management Grant Work Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Local Emergency Management Program Work Agreement for FY 2026. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

K. Inmate Phone, Video Visitation System and Inmate Tablets - Addendum A - Intervention Center

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve "Addendum A" with Combined Public Communications for the inmate phone, video visitation system and tablets at the Intervention Center. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

L. 2024 Interlocal Agreement between Macomb County and St. Clair County for the Homeland Security Grant Program

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the 2024 Interlocal Agreement with Macomb County for the Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$266,452. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

M. Prosecuting Attorney Crime Victim Rights Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Prosecuting Attorney Crime Victim Rights grant application for the term of 10/01/25 through 09/30/26 in the amount of \$169,073. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

N. MGT Impact Solutions Contract - Grant Billing Services - Friend of Court

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the MGT Impact Solutions, LLC contract for grant billing services for Friend of Court for a term of 10/1/2025 – 3/31/2030 in the total amount of \$57,000 plus \$2.00 per time sheet. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

O. St. Clair County Courthouse - Facility Conditions and Spatial Needs Assessment

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the proposal from Tetra Tech to complete the Courthouse facility condition, spatial needs assessment, and hazardous materials study for a total of \$175,894.00. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

P. Circuit Court Law Clerk Reclassification Request

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the Circuit Court Law Clerk Reclassification request to be placed at Group II-K on the wage scale. Honorable Judge Damman presented findings on research and wage study for law clerks in surrounding counties. Discussion followed. The Board reiterated to use St. Clair County comparables as the normal trend. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

Q. Salary Adjustment – Sheriff and Undersheriff

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the salary adjustment for the Sheriff and Undersheriff increasing the Undersheriff to \$127,183.00 on the wage scale and to increase the Sheriff wages to 143,000.00. Sheriff King presented findings regarding research and a wage

study. Discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 5-2. Aye: Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Fielitz. Nay: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing

R. Contract Addendum - Federal Armored Truck - Treasurer

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve "Addendum G" with Federal Armored Truck to extend the expiration date to August 15, 2026. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

S. Thin Client Software Purchase

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the software purchase with SHI for thin clients used to access employee desktops in the amount of \$54,714. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

T. Port Huron Courthouse Trane Chiller Repair - Thermalnetics

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the agreement with Thermalnetics in the amount of \$12,610.97 for the repair of the Trane Chiller, located at the Port Huron Courthouse. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

U. Intervention Center Boiler Repair - Thermalnetics

Moved by Commissioner Fielitz, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the agreement with Thermalnetics in the amount of \$11,280.35 for the repair of Boiler #3, located at the Intervention and Detention Center. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

V. Michigan Association of Counties Membership Renewal

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Michigan Association of Counties membership renewal in the amount of \$19,447.53. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

W. Request To Open Investment Account - Opioid Settlement Funds

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to approve the opening of a new investment account for the Opioid Settlement Funds. Discussion followed. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

X. Senior Millage Administrator - Position Reclassification

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the reclassification of the part-time Senior Millage Administrator position to a full-time Senior Millage Coordinator position. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

Y. Treasurer Manning Table Request - Senior Accountant/Property Specialist

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the Treasurer's Office manning table revision removing an Account Clerk III and adding a Senior Accountant/Property Specialist. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

Z. Juvenile Intervention Unit Superintendent - Manning Table Change Request

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to revise the Circuit Court Family Division manning table by removing one Juvenile Counselor position and adding a Juvenile Intervention Unit Superintendent position. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange. Nay: None

AA. Building Controls Software Upgrade

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Honeywell Software Upgrade in the amount of \$41,951.51. 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 August 2025 Administrator's Report is included in the Board of Commissioners Packet.

Administrator Hepting touched on a few key points from the August 2025 Administrator's Report.

- Received eight opening bids for the Economic Development Consultant with prices ranging from \$59,000.00- \$446,000.00. To review bids and make a recommendation in October.
- Retirement presentation of Annual Actuarial Valuation with findings that funding has gone down slightly, but is still strong. County pension contributions will increase \$1,000,000.00 for the 2026 Budget.
- Landfill Operations transition -The County is in the process of acquiring some equipment & scheduling interviews for positions. Transition is on schedule for October 1, 2025.
- Town Hall Meeting with Congresswoman McClain.

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to accept

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

A. August 2025

14. Miscellaneous Business

Commissioner Fielitz thanked the Board of Commissioners for agreeing to a discussion on Health Department Public Policy for clinical outreach and school clinics, added to the September 4, 2025, Standing Committee Meetings.

Commissioner Rushing discussed on how the Board of Commissioners could offer support to the Tucker's for their Animal Control situation. Discussion followed. He would also like to add to the September 4, 2025, Standing Committee Meetings if Commissioners would possibly appoint an Animal Control Advisory Board. There is an EDA Meeting presentation in Emmett at the Lions Hall at 11:00 a.m, not affiliated with the former St. Clair County EDA.

15. Receive and File Packets and all Information Present

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, 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 Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche. Nay: None

16. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche. Nay: None