



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

September 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Moment of Silence, Prayer or Personal Reflection

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Simasko called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chairperson Simasko.

3. Roll Call

Present: Kerry Ange, Lisa Beedon, David Rushing, Steve Simasko, Joi Torello, Dave Vandebossche

4. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

None

5. Approval of Agenda

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

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Vandebossche, to approve and file the minutes of the 08/21/25 Commission Meeting, 09/04/25 Standing Committee Meetings and 09/12/25 Special Meeting. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

- A. 08-21-2025 Commission Meeting
- B. 09-04-2025 Standing Committee Meetings
- C. 09-12-2025 Special Meeting

7. Proclamations

Sheriff Mat King read the proclamation of the Life-Saving Award and presented it to Detective Pokriefka.

- A. Life-Saving Award - Sheriff's Office

8. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Summary Budget to Actual Report - August 2025
- B. American Rescue Plan Spending Report - August 2025
- C. Public Defender - Corrected Thomas Reuters - Westlaw Contract
- D. Health Records Software Renewal
- E. GIS Support Solution
- F. Notice of Intent - Cottrellville Township Master Plan Update

9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

None

10. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Tim Evans

RE: Fluoridation

Eileen Tesch

RE: Teen Deaths

Sarah Dobrowksi

RE: Advisory Board Accessibility

Dawn Fulk

RE: Memorandum

Gary Lokers

RE: Dave R. Commissioner Candidate, Men's Mental Health

Kelly Tucker

RE: Follow up County Commissioners, Animal Control

Dorothy Yope

RE: Suicide, Teen Health

Tracy Birgy

RE: Thank you for the board transparency

Julie Wilson

RE: A letter was sent to the Board with regard to the Memorandum and Board of Health Members

11. Unfinished Business

Commissioner Rushing spoke briefly about transparency and the memorandum previously mentioned.

12. New Business

A. Approval of County Disbursements - August 2025

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to approve the August 2025 County Disbursements in the amount of \$30,949,965.82. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

B. General Capital Asset Policy Revisions

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the revisions to the General Capital Asset Policy. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

C. Library Board - Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to appoint Andrea Wine Cansfield to the Library Board as District 1 Representative for the remainder of a 5-year term expiring 08/26/2029. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

D. FY 2026 MIDC Grant Approval

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to approve the grant agreement with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission for the Public Defender's Office for a term of 10/01/25 through 09/30/26 in the amount of \$4,287,051.64. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

E. Homeland Security Advisory Council Membership

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to make the following changes to the Homeland Security Advisory Council membership:

- Remove Lindsay Wallace, representing Metropolitan Planning
- Remove Kyle Bruck, representing Port Huron Fire

- Remove Katie Cox, representing Citizen
- Replace Randy Fernandez with Quentin Bishop, representing City Government.

Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

F. Palm Scanner Machine

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the purchase of the palm scanning machine in the amount of \$16,177, plus annual maintenance of \$2,989. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

G. FY 2026 Donated Funds Agreement - Probate Court/Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to approve the Donated Funds Agreement between the Michigan Department of Human Services and Probate Court for Minor Guardian services in the amount of \$81,500, for the term of 10/01/25 through 09/30/26. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

H. Blue Water Day Reporting Program Contract Addendum A - Recovery Court

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the Blue Water Day Reporting Program Contract Addendum A increasing the total contract amount by \$6,500 for the Recovery Court. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

I. St. Clair County Community Mental Health Contract Addendum A - Recovery Court

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the St. Clair County Community Mental Health Contract Addendum A increasing the total contract amount by \$10,000 for the Recovery Court. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

J. St. Clair County Animal Control - Body Worn Cameras

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the 5-year contract with Axon for 3 body-worn cameras for St. Clair County Animal Control for a total of \$16,997.20. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

K. Landfill Engineering Review - Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to approve the contract with Civil and Environmental Consultants to conduct the peer review on the landfill's current engineering firm in the amount not to exceed \$108,878.

Discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

L. Contract Approval: McKenzie Concrete - Columbus County Park Operations Center

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the contract with McKenzie Concrete for the installation of concrete approaches at Columbus County Park in the amount of \$10,420. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

M. Aeronautics Advisory Board - Reappointment

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to reappoint Steven Bacsikin as South Representative on the Aeronautics Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring 09/30/2028. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

N. Materials Management Planning Grant - Budget Revision

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to approve Budget Revision 1 to the 2025 Budget for the St. Clair County Materials Management Planning Grant increasing the total grant amount by \$8,732.

Discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

O. Drain Manning Table Revisions - Reclassification Deputy Drain Commissioner/Project Manager

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the revisions to the Drain Commission manning table reclassifying two Project Manager positions to Deputy Drain Commissioner/Project Manager placing the positions at the wage scale and reducing one full-time Inspector position to casual. Discussion followed. Bob Wiley was present to give the Board an update.

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to amend the motion to approve the revisions to the Drain Commission manning table reclassifying two Project Manager positions to Deputy Drain Commissioner/Project Manager placing the positions at \$70,000 in the wage scale and reducing one full-time Inspector position to casual. Carried - Roll Call Vote 4-2. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange Nay: Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Vandenbossche

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positions at \$70,000 in the wage scale and reducing one full-time Inspector position to casual. Carried - Roll Call Vote 4-2. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange Nay: Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Vandenbossche

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to modify the previous vote to reflect the closest amount to \$70,000, which would be for \$70,620 (IIGG) within the wage scale for that position. Discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 5-1. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange Nay: Commissioner Vandenbossche

P. Jury Management System Upgrade

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to approve the agreement with Tyler Technologies for the juror management system in the amount of \$168,998 for the 5-year term. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

Q. Lank Bank Authority - Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to appoint Mayor Kathy Hayman to the Land Bank Authority as the Elected Township or City Official. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

R. 2025 General Fund Budget Adjustments

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the 2025 General Fund budget adjustments. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

13. Administrator's Report

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

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

Landfill Operations Transition — Equipment is on site. Equipment Operator positions are hired and are in training. We should be good for our October 1st transition. Commissioner Rushing requested a rate adjustment to see what that would look like. The Board will be presented with that next month. The Landfill is operating with a significant deficit.

Waiting for the State budget to be approved. The revenue sharing is unknown. The estimated revenue-sharing cuts could be between \$500,000 - \$600,000.

The preliminary health care rates were received. They are over 30% for next year,

which is another significant number for next year's budget.

The RFP's are in for the Economic Development consultant. Interviews are to be scheduled and have a recommendation to the Board in October.

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, 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 Ange Nay: None

A. September 2025

14. Miscellaneous Business

None

15. Receive and File Packets and all Information Present

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Torello, 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 Ange Nay: None

16. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to adjourn at 7:29 pm. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

Angie Waters
County Clerk\Register