



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

October 16, 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, Paul Zeller, Dave Rushing, Dave Vandenbossche, Steve Simasko

4. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to remove the closed session from the agenda. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

A. Remove Closed Session

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to accept the agenda as amended. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to approve and file the minutes of the 09/18/25 Special Meeting, the 09/18/25 Commission Meeting and the 10/02/25 Standing Committee Meetings. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller

- A. 09-18-2025 Special Meeting
- B. 09-18-2025 Commission Meeting
- C. 10-02-2025 Standing Committee Meetings

7. Proclamations

None

8. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Summary Budget to Actual Report - September 2025
- B. American Rescue Plan Spending Report — September 2025
- C. Parks - North Channel County Park Development Change Order
- D. J's Pro Services - Foreclosed Property Mowings - 2026 Season
- E. FY 2026 Highway Safety Project Grant Approval
- F. Accounting and HR Solutions Software Renewal
- G. Desktop Delivery Software Renewal
- H. Midwest Strategies Contract Addendum
- I. Letter of Reprimand - K. Watkins

9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Rushing - Advisory Board of Health - Oral

10. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Patty Mikolajczyk
RE: Brockway Township

Cindy Potter
RE: Brockway Township Supervisor

Kayla Parrish
RE: Public Trust & Accountability

Virginia Coury
RE: Flouride

John Coury

RE: Flouride

Jim Frank

RE: Medical Advisors Report on Flouride

Courtney Protz-Sanders

RE: Animal Control

Diane Hulett

RE: Advisory Meetings

Carol Miller

RE: Advisory Board

Dawn Fulk

RE: Advisory Board of Health Email

Libby Prill

RE: Health Department

Kevin Watkins

RE: Letter of Reprimand

Bobie Jones Jr.

RE: Reprimand Letter

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

A. Approval of County Disbursements — September 2025

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to approve the September 2025 County Disbursements in the amount of \$45,243,208.87.

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

B. Resolution 25-25 Apportioning Taxes for 2025

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to adopt Resolution 25-25 Apportioning Taxes for 2025. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

C. FY 2026 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Award

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to approve the FY 2026 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grant agreement in the amount of \$249,912. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

D. The Library Network - Delivery Services Contract

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to approve the contract with The Library Network for the provision of daily interlibrary material delivery in the amount of \$67,104 for a term of 10/01/25 through 09/30/26. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

E. MSU Extension FY2026 Memorandum Of Agreement Renewal

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to renew the annual Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with MSU Extension for FY2026 in the amount of \$106,884. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

F. Department of Human Services - Reappointment

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to reappoint Mr. Byron Hazley to the Department of Human Services Board as the Board of Commissioner Appointment for a three-year term expiring 10/31/2028. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

G. 2025 Michigan Public Safety Communications System Member Subscriber Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to approve the 2025 Michigan Public Safety Communications System Member Subscriber Agreement. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

H. Resolution 25-26 Authorizing the District Court Building Fund

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to adopt Resolution 25-26 authorizing the Capital Improvement Fund for the 72nd District Court. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

I. 2025/2026 Child Care Fund Budget Approval

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the 2025-2026 Child Care Fund Budget in the amount of \$7,993,336.98. Discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

J. Approval of Contract - Petersen Consultants - Data/Quality Research for Juvenile Court

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to approve the contract with Petersen Research Consultants for Juvenile Court in the amount of \$21,500. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

K. Approve Purchase of RFID Scanners for the Juvenile Intervention Unit

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the purchase of RFID scanners and equipment from Bizstream Inc. in the amount of \$20,169 for the Juvenile Intervention Unit. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

L. 2025 Marine Safety Program Grant Amendment

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the amendment to FY2025 Marine Safety Program Grant agreement in the amount of \$97,050 in federal funding. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

M. Landfill - 2025-2026 Materials Contract - Dani's Transport

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the agreement with Dani's Transport for Landfill materials in the not-to-exceed amount of \$52,880 for the period of 12/1/25 through 11/30/26. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

N. Materials Management Planning Committee — Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to appoint Paul Zeller, Commissioner, to the Materials Management Planning Committee for the remainder of a five-year term expiring 12/31/2029. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

O. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority BOD - Reappointment

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to reappoint to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors, John Steffy, District 7 Representative, for a three-year term expiring 10/31/2028. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

P. Landfill - 2025–2026 Materials Contract - Asphalt Trucks

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the agreement with Asphalt Trucks Inc. for Landfill materials in the not-to-exceed amount of \$359,250 for the period of 12/1/25 through 11/30/26. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner

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

Q. Landfill - 2025–2026 Materials Contract — MTM Inc.

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to approve the agreement with MTM Inc. for Landfill materials in the not-to-exceed amount of \$110,000 for the period of 12/1/25 through 11/30/26. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

R. Landfill - 2025-2026 Materials Contract - S.A. Torello

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the agreement with S.A. Torello for landfill materials in the not-to-exceed amount of \$177,400 for the period of 12/1/25 through 11/30/26. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None Abstain: Commissioner Torello

S. Landfill Rate Adjustment

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the Landfill rate adjustment as presented. Discussion followed.

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to amend the motion for the Landfill rate adjustment to start January 1, 2026. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the Landfill rate adjustment with a start date of January 1, 2026. Carried - Voice Vote 5-2. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Zeller Nay: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Ange

T. Vital Records Software -APEX - County Clerk

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the contract with Fidlar Technologies for the purchase of a new vital records software program in the amount of \$120,000 over a 5-year term and the associated web hosting agreement. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

U. Canvass Board Appointments

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to appoint Fred Fuller or Ruth Habalewsky for the Democratic Party, Michael Grover or Paul Kitzmann for the Republican Party to the Board of Canvassers each for a 4-year term expiring 11/01/29. Ballots cast. The majority vote went to Fred Fuller, Democratic Party and Paul Kitzmann, Republican Party. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello,

Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

V. Contract Extension: Cutting Edge Lawn & Snow Services, LLC — Snow Plow & Salt Services — Addendum B

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the Addendum B to the Cutting Edge Lawn and Snow contract extending the term for the 2025 - 2026 Winter season. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

W. Resolution 25-24 Imposing 2025 December Property Tax Levy

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to adopt Resolution 25-24 imposing the 2025 December property tax levy. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

X. Assessing Services Agreement - Port Huron Township

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the agreement for Assessing Services with Port Huron Township for a term of 11/01/2025 to 4/30/2030 in the amount of \$644,267. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

Y. 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Grant Award

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program award in the amount of \$220,000 for a term of 08/29/25 through 08/31/27. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

Z. Equalization Department - Manning Table Change Request

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve adding one full-time Appraiser III/Assessor position to the Equalization's manning table upon the approval of the Port Huron Assessing Services Agreement. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

AA. Kimball Township Landfill Impact Fee Trust Board Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to table the appointment to the Kimball Township Landfill Impact Fee Trust Fund Board for 30 days, subject to public notice. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

13. Administrator's Report

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

Administrator Hepting asked the Board if they would like to use a realtor or do an RFP process for the sale of the old health department building. After a lengthy discussion, the Board gave the Administrator direction to follow through with the RFP process. Administrator Hepting believes she should have something back to the Board by January.

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded 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 Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

A. October 2025

14. Miscellaneous Business

Commissioner Rushing stated at the next committee meeting he wants Tom Hall to be considered for the Administrator's position for a 6-month interim, with the option to return to his previous position.

Commissioner Rushing believes it was a good decision to approve the rate adjustments at the Landfill.

Commissioner Simasko stated that the county is handling their part of the Brockway Township resignations.

15. Receive and File Packets and all Information Present

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, seconded 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 Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

16. Closed Session

Removed

A. Pending Litigation Trial Strategy - Lindke v King and Kayes

17. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

Angie Waters

County Clerk\Register