



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

January 22, 2026 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, David Rushing, Dave Vandenbossche, Steven Simasko

4. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Ange, to remove 8E, Enhanced Voting Subscription Renewal 2026-2029, from the Consent Agenda and move to February 5, 2026 Committee Meeting for additional time to review. Discussion followed. Carried-Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Zeller, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche. Nay: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the agenda with deletion of 8E, Enhanced Voting Subscription Renewal 2026-2029, from the Consent Agenda. Carried-Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Zeller, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche. Nay: None

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, supported by Commissioner Vandebossche, to approve and file the minutes of the 12/11/2025 Commissioner Meeting and the 01/08/2026 Standing Committee Meetings. Carried-Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Zeller, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche. Nay: None

- A. 12-11-2025 Commission Meeting
- B. 01-08-2026 Standing Committee Meetings

7. Proclamations

None

8. Consent Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve items 8A through 8H with the deletion of 8E as amended. Carried-Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Zeller, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandebossche. Nay: None

- A. Summary Budget to Actual Report — November 2025
- B. Summary Budget to Actual Report — December 2025
- C. American Rescue Plan Spending Report — November 2025
- D. American Rescue Plan Spending Report — December 2025
- E. Enhanced Voting Subscription Renewal 2026–2029
- F. North Channel County Parks Change Order
- G. Corporate Counsel rate increase for 2026
- H. Contract Renewal Request — Legal Server Case Management System

9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Rushing-Health Advisory Board-Oral

Commissioner Beedon-Council on Aging Fresh program-Oral

Commissioner Ange-Teen Health Center experience-Oral /Audio

10. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Joe Pavlov, Kimball, MI 48074

RE: Legislation update

Michelle Brown, Port Huron Twp, MI 48060

RE: Animal Control

Carol Miller

RE: Animal Shooting

Barry Mugridge, Burtchville, MI 48059

RE: Enhanced Voting

Paul Kitzmann, Marine City, MI 48039

RE: MSU Extension

Vicki Blackburn, Port Huron, MI 48060

RE: Health Advisory Board and Board of Commissioners

Kerry Darden, Marysville, MI 48040

RE: Health Department adopting CDC guidelines

Fred Fuller, Yale, MI 48097

RE: Health Department and Dr. Nevin

Libby Prill, China, MI 48054

RE: CAHC and Christmas Room

A. Citizen Comments submitted via e-mail

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

A. Approval of County Disbursements - November 2026

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the November 2025 County Disbursements in the amount of \$15,878,044.77.

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

B. Approval of County Disbursements — December 2025

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the December 2025 County disbursements in the amount of \$15,073,100.07.

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

C. Contract Approval - Heinze Tree Services - Airport Obstruction Removal Phase 1

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the agreement with Heinz Tree Service for the Airport obstruction removal Phase I project in the amount of \$311,555. Carried-Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye:

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

D. MSU Extension Memorandum Of Understanding Amendment

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the amendment with MSU Extension that outlines the changes in billing for staffing changes. Discussion followed regarding retaining local control and hiring process. MSU District 10 Director, Karly Creguer was available for questions from the Board. Carried-Roll Call Vote 4-3. Aye: Commissioner Simasko,

Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Zeller Nay:
Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Rushing

E. St. Clair County Library System - Midwest Tape's Hoopla Digital Media

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the renewal of the agreement with Midwest Tape for access to their hoopla Digital Media Platform for the provision of access to digital content for library patrons for a 2-year term in the amount of \$560,000. Carried-Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

F. Homeland Security Advisory Council Membership Appointment

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to remove Brent Gillett, representing United Way and 211, from the Homeland Security Advisory Council and replace him with Sharon Wilton. Carried-Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

G. Contract Extension - Inmate Pharmaceuticals - Clinical Solutions

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the one-year extension with Clinical Solutions to provide inmate pharmaceuticals to the Intervention Center. Carried-Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

H. Contract Approval — Natural Community Services - Columbus County Park Forestry Mulching

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the contract with Natural Community Services for forestry mulching services at Columbus County Park in the amount of \$38,490, with the 15% contingency totaling \$44,263.50. Carried-Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

I. Contract Approval - Wildlife & Wetland Solutions - Columbus County Park Herbicide & Seeding

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the contract with Wildlife and Wetland Solutions for herbicide and seeding services at Columbus County Park in the amount of \$41,700 with a 15% contingency, totaling \$47,955. Carried-Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

J. Contract Approval - R&D Foglesong Construction - North Channel County Park Operations Center Renovations

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to

approve the contract with R&D Foglesong Construction for renovations to the North Channel County Park Operations Center in the amount of \$39,387.50, which includes the 15% contingency. Carried-Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

K. Contract Approval - Great Lakes Power & Lighting - North County Channel Park Electrical Work

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the agreement with Great Lakes Power & Lighting to supply and pull service wire at North Channel County Park in the amount of \$12,595. Carried-Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

L. Contract Approval - Airport Pavement Crack Repair and Paint Markings - Mead & Hunt

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the professional services contract with Mead & Hunt in the amount of \$17,190 to complete the design phase of the crack sealing and pavement marking project. Carried-Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

M. Airport Lease - T-8 Private Hangar Lease - Robert and George Lixey

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the lease for Hangar T-8 for Mr. Robert Lixey and Mr. George Lixey for the term of January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2056 in the total amount of \$40,387.20. Carried-Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

N. Contract Approval - Univar Solutions - Smiths Creek Landfill

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the supply agreement with Univar for a twelve-month period for a term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for a total estimated amount of \$36,237.30, with a 10% allowance for increased sulfuric acid usage. Carried-Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

O. Contract Approval - Shirkey Electric Flare 3 - Smiths Creek Landfill

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the proposal from Shirkey Electric for Flare 3 Network Infrastructure and Status Connectivity for the term of January 1, 2026–December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$22,200. Carried-Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

P. Contract Amendment - Michigan Wastewater - Smiths Creek Landfill

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the increase to the current non-routine portion of the Michigan Waste Water contract in the amount of \$40,000. Carried-Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

Q. Resolution 26-01 Designated Contact Person of the Designated Planning Agency for the Materials Management Plan

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, supported by Commissioner Ange, to adopt Resolution 26-01 changing the designated contact person of the Designated Planning Agency for the Materials Management Plan. Carried-Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

R. Statement of Qualifications List — Architect and Engineers

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the list of pre-qualified architects and engineers for the term January 2026 – December 31, 2028. Carried-Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

S. Resolution 26-02 Designating Authorized Signatories for the County of St. Clair

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to adopt Resolution 26-02 designating authorized signatories for the County of St. Clair. Carried-Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

T. Sheriff's Office Manning Table Revision - Custodian II

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Ange, to approve the addition of a Custodian II to the Sheriff's Office Intervention Center manning table. 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 January 2026 Administrator's Report is included in the Board of Commissioners Packet.

Administrator Hull touched on a few key points from the January 2026 Administrator's Report.

- Materials Management Planning-evaluating waste stream protocols
- Courthouse Assessment Interviews Complete-Assessment to come soon
- Plowing and Salting Services are being evaluated

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Ange, to accept and file the Administrator's Report. Carried-Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Zeller, Commissioner Ange

A. January 2026

14. Miscellaneous Business

Commissioner Rushing discussed Commissioner Ange's Teen Health Clinic experience and issues shall be addressed in a public format.

15. Receive and File Packets and all Information Present

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Ange, 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

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Torello, to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining Negotiation Strategy and to adjourn immediately thereafter. Carried-Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

A. Collective Bargaining Negotiation Strategy Discussion

17. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Torello, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Carried-Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

Kimberly Bennett
St. Clair County Deputy County Clerk

From: Virginia.Coury@gmail.com <Virginia.Coury@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 3:16 PM

To: Hull, Thomas <thull@stclaircounty.org>

Subject: Web Contact to Thomas M. Hull

Recipient: thull@stclaircounty.org

Sender: Virginia.Coury@gmail.com

Message: I am unable to attend, and respectfully ask you to please read my letter aloud and enter it into the public record at the Thursday January 22, 2026 meeting of health services .I support Liz King's continued employment and ask to have remove Dr. Remington from his current position for the following reasons: When public health officials or agencies disparage or question the safety and efficacy of vaccines as Dr Remington does and continues to make his position well known, it creates a dangerous, systemic problem. Immunization is a cornerstone of global public health infrastructure, acting as a preventative shield that reduces disease, limits strain on healthcare systems, and maintains community health. When trusted authorities undermine this, it directly fuels vaccine hesitancy, leading to lower vaccination rates and the resurgence of diseases previously brought under control, such as measles. The current outbreak of flu could be related to the director's messaging. Disparaging vaccines breaks public trust, which is difficult to rebuild. As seen with the promotion of misinformation on official platforms, this rhetoric causes confusion, makes people hesitant to get vaccinated, and can lead to unnecessary suffering and mortality from preventable infections. It also erodes the "herd immunity" necessary to protect the most vulnerable, including children and the immunocompromised. Furthermore, when official, evidence-based guidelines are replaced by skepticism, it legitimizes anti-vaccine sentiments and hampers the ability of doctors to protect their patients. This shifts the narrative from scientific consensus to sensationalism, creating a "vaccine misinformation tsunami" that travels faster than verified information. The ultimate cost is a decline in public health, where preventable illnesses, such as pertussis or COVID-19, are allowed to circulate due to declining confidence in essential, well-tested immunization tools. Respectfully, Virginia Coury Resident of Fort Gratiot, MI 48059 cc Hepting, Beedon, Hull

Recipient: ssimasko@stclaircounty.org

Sender: kerry@online-access.com

Message: January 22, 2026 I read this at tonight's meeting, but didn't get through the whole thing, so I converted it to a letter. Thank you for your consideration. Dear County Commissioners, Some opposed to Dr. Nevin's wish to adopt new CDC recommendations have asked those who support him, 'What are you even fighting for? You already have choice. If you don't want a vaccine, you don't have to get it.' This is the problem in a nutshell: far too many citizens, especially parents, do not realize they have a choice. They don't know the risks. They might learn from an informed friend or a doctor who cares about their rights, but many are led to believe vaccinations are mandatory. Our schools know that they are optional, but have traditionally set forth the expectation that they must be kept up to date, passing it off as a requirement to attend school. Because of this, a great many parents wrongly believe this is the case. I probably don't have to tell you that the most informed parents regarding vaccines are those who choose to exempt their children from some or all of them, or who choose a modified schedule. Interesting story: my old chiropractor went to his son's school to exempt him from vaccination, and the list of those who already submitted an exemption was left visible on the counter. He found several doctors on the list exempting their children. What does that tell you? Doctors know what they are supposed to promote, but they also know their rights, and they act privately to protect their own kids. The educational system has long worked hand in hand with the public health system. In my experience, both systems tend to produce elitist ideologues who believe they know what is best for everyone else. And, because they are so convinced of this, they have no problem manipulating parents to keep them ignorant to achieve their goals. I'm not sure how much of this want to manipulate control is influenced by the huge profits pharmaceutical companies have enjoyed with shots being promoted and perceived as if required, but only a fool would think it's not a sizable factor. Having their massive profits and control threatened is why pharmaceutical companies and the systems under their influence oppose RFKjr. (Yes, he's not a doctor, but he knows more about vaccine science and statistics than most doctors by a long shot). If pharmaceutical companies truly cared so much about the public, vaccine safety would be much more attended to, and they would not prefer an undereducated, blindly trusting public. With big pharma leveraging the captured system to now have 72 vaccines on the childhood schedule—targeting infants and young children—they have overplayed their

hand. The public is waking up, much to the chagrin of public health and doctors in private practice who've enjoyed sizable compensation for achieving compliance. Between adverse effects (it's increasingly common that almost everyone knows someone who has been vaccine-injured) and the recognition that people don't die from, and have never died from, many of the diseases targeted by newer vaccines, previously compliant parents are asking questions. More doctors are also daring to speak up, concerned with the dangers of overmanipulating the body's immune system and the accumulation in the body of the toxic ingredients found in vaccine adjuvants. As a bottom line, it is parents who will bear the heartache and extra care needed for their child if vaccine-injured. They deserve to be told their rights and to be fully educated about the risk or real need for a vaccine for their child. Have we always had the freedom to choose vaccines? Yes. I pray it will continue. What is new are unprecedented efforts to make the public aware of their rights and to promote informed consent regarding the risks and benefits of each vaccine. For supporting this, Dr. Nevin has been accused of being dangerous, but is he? From what I can see, only to those who prefer or who benefit from public ignorance. * I applaud Dr. Nevin's efforts at transparency by adopting current CDC guidelines. He's neither anti-science nor anti-vaccine. I find him to be a research nerd who is honorable, courageous, and fully respectful of the public and the law. He is correct that embracing CDC guidelines may make him and the county a legal target of the health establishment opposed to such change. Should it come to that, I say we take on their bullying to assert our sovereignty and rein in their overreach. It would empower other counties to follow suit. Kerry Darden Marysville, MI * If vaccine uptake drops significantly because of these efforts, will the county be overrun by life-threatening diseases? That's the bogeyman opponents to the CDC guidelines want you to believe, but the truth is no one really knows. If disease ramps up, those who are vaccinated should be protected by their choice, and those who did not might choose to obtain the indicated vaccine. There's a risk both in taking vaccines and not taking them. Choice accommodates everyone and is changeable. Herd immunity, often cited as a moral obligation to vaccinate to protect the community against the spread of disease, is an unproven theory that has been demonstrated to be an illogical fallacy.

Recipient: pzeller@stclaircounty.org

Sender: Skortas1@hotmail.com

Message: To the St Clair County commissioners. I would like this read by all commissioners and then read to the public at the next meeting. I could not attend the Jan 21, 2026 Advisory Board of Health Meeting for St Clair County. I sent email with my public comment. However, at the meeting, my name was acknowledged as sending an email and it was received; however, I was denied public comment because the email was not read publicly. I have a right for my public comment to be made. Also, there was an important decision to be made on vaccine schedule, litigation, MICHIGAN CARE IMMUNE REGISTRY (MCIR) and the entire advisory council spoke as if this information was well discussed before the meeting and decisions of the board seemed to be all determined BEFORE PUBLIC comment. I want to know where I can find the conflict of interest statement for Dr Nevin. He is so fast to discredit every physician in our county. Why does he think his opinion and interpretation is correct over so many medical societies. His 20 page dissection on vaccine choice cited his own memorandum as evidence. He can't find any evidence-based studies to support his stance and he is careful not to add studies that discredit his stance. The information Dr Nevin provided is always one sided. It should have the evidence pro and con so adults can make their own choice, Not Dr Nevin's choice. The Association for Professional in infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) makes the same recommendations as AAP and MDHHS. There is no conflict of interest with APIC pharmaceutical companies. Many organizations and political parties have BIG companies that donate and fund them. That does not mean the physicians are paid to promote vaccines. Dr Nevin needs to stop the nonsense, correlation and Chos he is CAUSING IN St Clair Clair County. The citizens of St Clair county do NOT unanimously agree with Dr Nevin's viewpoint as he stated at the Jan 21, 2026 ABOH MEETING. Chaos in public health has caused some trust issues and vaccine hesitancy. Dr Nevin is using vaccine hesitancy as his premise that the county residents support him. Liz King is doing an excellent job as public health officer even though Nevin came into the position blaming her and the past medical director for Covid. His job is to be a leader to unite not formulate alarming nonissues that affect a small population of the county and devise medical director plans that are counter to the good of public health. Public health funds should not be used to fight Dr Nevin's causes. I as a citizen of St Clair County, do NOT want to use taxes that go to public health for litigation against MDHHS. It's a lose-lose situation and St.

Clair County taxpayers will pay for the county and the state litigation. Tell Dr Nevin to stop using fear mongering to start issues that are not concerns of the majority. He mentioned ONE person's declination issue and that was a personal account of the facts. Many people spoke out on deaf ears against the changes Dr Nevin wants to make to the vaccine schedule. The ABOH unanimously voted on such an important issues. These vaccine and other changes Nevin has made are major changes with major impact that effect St Clair County Residents. I do not support a new contract this year for Dr Nevin. He is causing chaos, vaccine skepticism, fear mongering and making cases that he can use to be an expert consultant. Why is it that as a doctor with his degrees he has bounced around state to state. His resume seems impressive until it is discovered we are pawns that he uses for his special interest fights. Who has conflicts of interests? The physician in our county have the patients best interests at heart not Dr Nevin. Dr Nevin does not promote public health, he destroys it and focuses on his agendas instead of the good of the county St Clair County Resident, Sharon Kortas

Recipient: ssimasko@stclaircounty.org

Sender: laura.troy58@gmail.com

Message: Dear commissioner, As a citizen of St Clair County, I am writing to request the removal of Dr Remington Nevin. Dr Nevin is a danger to our county's public health and is causing our health department to lose thousands of dollars of public health funds. I am a retired registered nurse. I worked pediatrics, infection control and public health. As a pediatric nurse, I took care of severely ill children with meningitis, RSV, Whooping cough, rotavirus and complications from chicken pox. We no longer have an in patient pediatric unit in Port Huron. Probably vaccines was an influencing factor in regards to pediatric admissions. What is going to happen in our community if we have a surge of vaccine preventable childhood diseases but don't have healthcare workers with the expertise to provide them care? Dr Nevin continues to make accessibility to vaccines more difficult with his policies. As a public health nurse, we were trained to educate parents on the vaccines we administered so parents and guardians made an educated decision before consenting to have the vaccine administered to their child. We followed doctor's standing orders. Standing orders are commonly used in all medical facilities and offices because no dr can be everywhere at once. In fact, most parents came to the health department clinic seeking specific vaccinations for their child. Now with the closure of outlying clinics access to vaccinations has been decreased. Dr Nevin wants to stop using the state MCIR system. This system is valuable for providing patient care. There are times a health care provider needs access to this information. It is unreasonable to think about going back to the old system of keeping immunization records in a card board file. Dr Nevin also wants to eliminate vaccine waivers and reporting them to the state. As an Infection Control Practitioner, I find this would hurt contract tracing if there should be an outbreak of a childhood communicable disease in schools. Public health is a community issue and there are some things that need to be done for the good of the whole. As a result of my many concerns, I'm requesting that Dr Nevin's contract does not be renewed. Thank you, Laura Troy [3910 Butternut Court Port Huron, MI 48060](#) Please read my letter so it will be on record.

Recipient: kange@stclaircounty.org

Sender: robertsdebra@hotmail.com

Message: Dear Ms. Ange, I would like this letter to be read at the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners' meeting on January 22, 2026. I am writing as a deeply concerned community member to formally request the removal of Dr. Nevin from his position at St. Clair County Public Health as the Medical Director. This request is not made lightly, nor is it rooted in personal animosity. Rather, it comes from growing concern about leadership effectiveness, erosion of public trust, and the overall direction of our county's public health department. Public health leadership must be grounded in transparency, accountability, collaboration, and the ability to unite the community—especially during times when trust in public institutions is fragile. Many residents feel unheard and disengaged, and this breakdown in confidence has real consequences for public health outcomes. When community trust is compromised, participation in essential health initiatives declines, partnerships suffer, and the mission of protecting the public is weakened. St. Clair County is a conservative community for families and businesses to grow. Dr. Nevin's leadership has increasingly appeared driven by political ideology rather than established scientific evidence and best public health practice. His public statements and policy positions often contradict widely accepted guidance from respected medical and public health authorities, raising serious concerns about whether decisions are being made based on data or political alignment. This pattern has contributed to confusion, division, and a loss of confidence among residents who expect science-based, nonpartisan leadership. Additionally, many in the community perceive that Dr. Nevin views St. Clair County not as a place to serve long-term, but as a stepping stone toward higher political or governmental aspirations, using our county as a platform rather than prioritizing the unique needs and values of the people who live here. St. Clair County deserves public health leadership that can rebuild trust, communicate clearly with diverse audiences, and move the department forward in a way that reflects the values and needs of the entire community. At this time, I believe a change in leadership is necessary to achieve those goals. I respectfully urge the Board to take this concern seriously, review Dr. Nevin's leadership, and act in the best interest of St. Clair County residents by pursuing a new Medical Director immediately. Thank you for your time, your service, and your commitment to the health and well-being of our community. Sincerely, ^[1]_[SEP] Debra Roberts, RN