



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

July 23, 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, Dave Rushing, Dave Vandenbossche and Steve Simasko

4. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

None

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to approve the agenda as presented. 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 Vandenbossche, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve and file the minutes of the 06/18/26 Commission Meeting and the 07/02/26 Standing Committee Meetings. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange,

Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

A. 06-18-2026 Commission Meeting

B. 07-02-2026 Standing Committee Meetings

7. Proclamations

None

8. Consent Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve items 8A through 8D 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 — June 2026

B. American Rescue Plan Spending Report — June 2026

C. 2025 Local Government Retirement System Annual Reports

D. Washtenaw County Resolution 26-121 Allocating Funds to Planned Parenthood of Michigan

9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Beedon - Teen Health Center Ribbon Cutting — Oral

Commissioner Torello - Wings & Wheels at the St. Clair County International Airport - Oral

10. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

David Hoffman - Ft. Gratiot, MI
RE: Prayer for Commissioners

Aaron McCormick - Warren, MI
RE: Protect Public Health

Jessica Baker - Marysville, MI
RE: Protect Public Health

Brooke Zwack-Tramski - Ft. Gratiot, MI
RE: Protect Public Health

Katy Palmateer - Clyde, MI
RE: Protect Public Health

Katie Pringle - Port Huron, MI
RE: Protect Public Health

Kristen Hays - St. Clair, MI
RE: Protect Public Health

Jordan B - Marysville, MI
RE: Protect Public Health

Barbara Payton - Port Huron, MI
RE: Dr Nevin

Mary "Chris" Fleischer - Algonac, MI
RE: Title X

Dr. Rene Smit - Ft Gratiot, MI
RE: Reappointment of Dr Nevin

Jim Casha - Ontario, Canada
RE: Dr Nevin - A Plan to End Prenatal Alcohol Exposure

Lauren Kriewall - Port Huron, MI
RE: Health Department (Dr. Bowman letter)

Will Kriewall - Port Huron, MI
RE: Health Department

Libby Prill - China, MI
RE: Health Department

Carol Miller
RE: Metropolitan v Rural, CSCB

Dawn Fulk - Port Huron Twp, MI
RE: Resolution

Kevin Watkins - Wales, MI
RE: Health Department, SC4

Eileen Tesch - Algonac, MI
RE: Elections

Kathy Bladow - Kimball, MI
RE: Public Health

A Concerned Citizen & SCC Health Department Employee
(See Attached Letter)

A. Written Citizen Comment

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

A. Approval of County Disbursements — June 2026

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to approve the June 2026 County Disbursements in the amount of \$15,245,266.65. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

B. BWROC - Opioid Settlement Funds Proposal and Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to determine approval of the proposed agreement with BWROC (Blue Water

Recovery and Outreach Center) to utilize opioid settlement funds for Component A - Transportation \$170,900, Component B - Capacity and Program Operations \$102,510, or both - Component A and Component B totaling \$273,410.

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

C. CLEMIS Authority Participation Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the CLEMIS Authority participation agreement for the period of 10/1/26-9/30/27. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

D. Sponsor Contract Agreement - FAA/MDOT Aero -Capital Improvement Projects

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act Agreement to receive grant funding for two airport capital improvement projects in the amount of \$645,263. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

E. Consultant Agreement - Mead & Hunt - Airport Crack Repair/Sealing and Paint Marking

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the Consultant Agreement with Mead and Hunt for Airport Crack Repair, Sealing and Paint Marking in the amount of \$38,620. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

F. Contract Agreement - Lois Kay Contractor Co. - Airport Crack Repair/Sealing and Paint Marking

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to approve the agreement with Lois Kay Contracting Co for Airfield Crack Repair, Sealing and Marking in the amount of \$466,764. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

G. Lease Agreement - 131 Ash Drive - AIP Lot #16 - American Custom Holdings, LLC.

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the lease agreement for 131 Ash Drive — AIP Lot #16 with American Custom Holdings, LLC for a thirty-year term in the amount of \$166,029. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

H. Midwest Strategies Contract Addendum - Lobbying Services

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the three-year extension with Midwest Strategy Group of Michigan, increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$468,500, and extending the expiration date to August 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

I. Campaign Finance US, LLC. Subscription Agreement - County Clerk

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the agreement with Campaign Finance US, LLC for a 5-year term with an annual subscription of \$3,500 for the first year, with an annual price increase in subsequent years not to exceed 5%. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

J. Excess Workers Compensation Coverage - Midwest Employers Casualty

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to approve the agreement with Midwest Employer's Casualty for excess workers' compensation coverage for a two-year term in the amount of \$219,242. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

K. Prosecuting Attorney Crime Victim Rights Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the FY27 Crime Victims Rights Grant application in the amount of \$169,073. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

L. Proposed Resolution 26-18 - Opposing Classification of St. Clair County as a Metropolitan Area

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to adopt Resolution 26-18 opposing the classification of St. Clair County as a "metropolitan area" for further consideration of Rural Health Transformation Program funding. Discussion followed.

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to amend the third paragraph of the last page of Resolution 26-18 that reads: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners request that Corporation Counsel explore any and all legal means to support the re-evaluation of St. Clair County's "metropolitan" designation. AMENDED to read: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners hereby direct Corporation Counsel to provide the necessary legal support to the St. Clair County Administrator to immediately initiate any and all legal and legislative means to challenge and rectify the injustice created by the recent actions of The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) designation of St.

Clair County as a "metropolitan" region under the Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program.

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

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to adopt Resolutions 26-18 opposing the classification of St. Clair County as a "metropolitan area" for further consideration of Rural Health Transformation Program funding as amended. 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 July 2026 Administrator's Report is included in the Board of Commissioners Packet. Administrator Hull touched on the following items:

- The Animal Control Director interviews were conducted last week. A candidate was selected but has since withdrawn. We have reposted the position.
- A flight school agreement will come to the Board in August. Airport Drive is expected to be redone in 2027 through funding support from legislatively directed spending.
- The gas expansion project is currently being done at the Landfill. This will help create efficiency with collecting gas throughout the Landfill.
- A proposal will come to the Board in August to purchase the CivicPlus FOIA module. This module will help us communicate and complete FOIA requests more efficiently.
- Health Department contracts, both employees have received drafted copies of the contracts, and are still working through negotiations. Aiming to have this on the August 6 Committee Meeting.
- There were 30 applicants for the Deputy Administrator job posting. Interviews to be scheduled in the next couple weeks.
- Discussion with the Board for feedback in regard to the Metropolitan

Planning Department assisting the local municipalities.

- Discussion with the Board for input on how we receive information from other counties.

Moved by Commissioner Ange, 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. July

14. Miscellaneous Business

Commissioner Beedon brought up for discussion that the consensus from the public is to initiate a neutral investigation in regard to the Health Department. Commissioner Beedon would like to address the problem, instead of letting it linger, so the Board can move in one direction or another. Discussion followed.

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to do a full investigation to cover all of our bases at the health department, operations and personnel. Discussion followed.

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to table the discussion until the September committee meeting. This is non-debatable. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None
Consideration of the main motion was immediately halted and postponed.

15. Receive and File Packets and all Information Present

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded 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 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

16. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to adjourn at 7:49 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