



MINUTES
St. Clair County Board of Commissioners
Environmental/Public Works Committee

Board of Commissioners' Room
County Administrative Office Building, 2nd Floor
200 Grand River Avenue
Port Huron, MI 48060

August 6, 2026 at 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call/Opening

Commissioner Torello called the meeting to order at 07:13 PM.

Present: Kerry Ange, Joi Torello, Paul Zeller, Dave Rushing, Dave Vandebossche and Steve Simasko

Absent: Lisa Beedon

2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

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

3. Citizens to be Heard

None

4. Updates

None

5. Conceptual Initiatives

None

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Agreement to Revise the Master Plan for St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission - Metropolitan Planning Commission

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement between the Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission to approve the agreement to revise the Parks and Recreation Commission Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$21,431.65.

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

B. SEMCOG Green Infrastructure Grant Application - North Channel County Park

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the SEMCOG Green Infrastructure Grant application for the North Channel County Park in the amount of \$300,000. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

C. Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Grant Application — Ruby Campground

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Ange, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Grant application for the purchase of Ruby Campground in the amount of \$550,000. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

D. Airport Commercial Operation Agreement - Ascend Aviation

Moved by Commissioner Ange, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the Airport Commercial Operation Agreement with Ascend Aviation for the term of 07/21/26 through 07/20/28. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

8. Smiths Creek Landfill Activities Reports

A. May Volume Report

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to receive and file the May 2026 Smith's Creek Landfill Activities Report. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

9. Other Environmental/Public Works Matters

None

10. Information Only

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to receive and file items 10A and 10B as information only. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

A. Notice of Distribution and Comment Period for Draft Cottrellville Township Master Plan

B. Clay Township Notice of Public Hearing - Zoning Board of Appeals

11. Receive and File Packets

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Ange, to receive and file packets and all information received. - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

12. Closed Session

A. Review Written Opinion by Corporation Counsel

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to move into closed session for the purpose of reviewing a written legal opinion and to adjourn immediately thereafter.

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Ange, to table item 12A. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

13. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to adjourn at 07:18 PM. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None