



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

August 20, 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, Steve Simasko

Absent: Dave Vandebossche

4. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

None

5. Approval of Agenda

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

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve and file the minutes of the 07/23/26 Commission Meeting and the 08/06/26 Standing Committee Meetings. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

- A. 07-23-2023 Commission Meeting
- B. 08-06-2026 Standing Committee Meetings

7. Proclamations

None

8. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Summary Budget to Actual Report — July 2026
- B. American Rescue Plan Spending Report — July 2026
- C. Antivirus Software Renewal and Upgrade

9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Zeller - Economic Development - Oral
Flight School - Oral

Commissioner Rushing - Advisory Board of Health - Oral

10. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Gary Lokers
RE: Landfill

Tracy Birgy
RE: Deputy Medical Director

Jessica Baker
RE: Deputy Contract

Kristen Hays
RE: Deputy Contract

Mary Lou Creamer
RE: Deputy Director

Dawn Fulk
RE: Deputy Medical Director

Kevin Watkins
RE: Deputy Medical Director

Dorothy Yope
RE: Deputy

Libby Prill
RE: Health Department

Katie Bieri
RE: Ennis Center for Children &

DHHS Foster Care

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

A. Approval of County Disbursements — July 2026

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the July 2026 County Disbursements in the amount of \$15,081,012.55. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

B. FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to approve the FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Agreement in the amount of \$13,943. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

C. FY 2027 Traffic Enforcement Program Grant application

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to approve the FY 2027 Traffic Enforcement Program Grant application in the amount of \$56,595. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

D. 2027 Secondary Road Patrol Grant Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the FY 2026 Secondary Road Patrol Agreement in the amount of \$290,339. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

E. Manning Table Change — Deputy Medical Director

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the manning table change to remove a vacant nurse practitioner position and replace it with a Deputy Medical Director as described in the job description. Discussion followed. Carried - Roll Call Vote 5-1. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: Commissioner Beedon

F. Library Board — Reappointment

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to reappoint Elizabeth Buckly to the Library Board as District 2 Representative, for a five-year term expiring 08/26/2031. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

G. Spicer Group Contract Renewal - Health Department

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to approve a two-year contract renewal with Spicer Group in the total amount of \$94,280. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

H. Health Department 2026 Plan of Organization

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the Health Department 2026 Plan of Organization. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

I. Homeland Security/Emergency Management Advisory Council Membership Changes

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to remove Lt. Tim Ketvirtis and add Lt. Eric Young representing Michigan State Police and remove Karen Belanger and add Tim Niggemeyer representing Medical Control EMS Alternate on the Homeland Security/Emergency Management Advisory Council. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

J. Contract Approval - BDS Environmental

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the agreement with BDS Environmental in the amount of \$109,000, along with a 10% contingency of \$10,900, in the total amount of \$119,900. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

K. FY25 Homeland Security Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Ange, to approve the FY25 Homeland Security Grant Program, Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement in the amount of \$195,000. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

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

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Zeller, 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 - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

M. SEMCOG Green Infrastructure Grant Application — North Channel County Park - Resolution 26-21

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to adopt

Resolution 26-21 authorizing and supporting the submission of the SEMCOG Green Infrastructure Grant application for the North Channel County Park in the amount of \$300,000. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

N. Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Grant Application — Ruby Campground — Resolution 26-20

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to adopt Resolution 26-20 authorizing and supporting the submission of a Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Grant Application for Ruby Campground in the amount of \$747,000. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

O. Airport Commercial Operation Agreement - Ascend Aviation

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, seconded by Commissioner Torello, 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 Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

P. Contract Approval - RESA Fiber Lease

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Torello, to approve the contract with Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) for the lease of excess fiber capacity for a term of 07/01/26 through 06/30/29 in the amount of \$1,500 per site per year for a total contract cost of \$13,500. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

Q. Contract Addendum - Federal Armored Truck - Treasurer

Moved by Commissioner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to approve 'Addendum H' with Federal Armored Truck to extend pricing through 08/15/27 and increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$340,136.90. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

R. CivicPlus - NextRequest (FOIA Module)

Moved by Commissioner Ange, seconded by Commissioner Beedon, to approve CivicPlus - NextRequest agreement for a one-year term in the total amount of \$22,976. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

13. Administrator's Report

A. August 2026

The August 2026 Administrator's Report is included in the Board of Commissioners Packet.

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

- Working on housekeeping at Animal Control. Some of those items include, but not limited to, updating forms, looking at fee schedules, working on educational materials, looking at the number of increases in strays, and MDARD licensing standards.
- Ascend Aviation contract with the Airport. Administrator Hull anticipates something will be coming to the board in regard to rules and regulations on the air industrial park. There is more of a demand for hangers than what the county has.
- Got an email back from EGLE on our Special Environmental Project(SEP). Still in negotiations about what expectations need to be met.
- The first round of the Deputy Administrator position interviews have taken place. There were 30 applicants and 9 interviewed. Hope to have the position filled sooner rather than later.
- Public Funds & Advertisement was brought up for discussion among the Commissioners.
- Economic Development discussions have been good so far.
- Still working through things regarding the Health Department concerns.
- Continuously working on facilities planning.

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, seconded by Commissioner Zeller, to receive and file the Administrator's Report. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

14. Miscellaneous Business

None

15. Receive and File Packets and all Information Present

Moved by Commissioner Zeller, 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 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

16. Adjournment

Moved by Commisisoner Torello, seconded by Commissioner Rushing, to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Aye: Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commission Rushing, Commissioner Ange, Commissioner Zeller Nay: None

Angie Waters
County Clerk\Register