

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 15, 2023

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, March 15, 2023 including the availability of virtual participation by the public.

Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by all.

Commissioner Mulder gave the invocation.

Roll call. Commissioners present: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Trevor Youngquist, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Jacob Toomey, Scott Hansen, Frank Holmes, Barbara Rogers and Jim Mott. Commissioners absent: Brian Droscha, Brian Lautzenheiser.

Commissioner Barnes requested the addition of Public Safety Committee Item #1- Resolution Urging the Reclassification of Dispatchers as First Responders and Item #2 - Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance and Adoption of the 2023 Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Commissioner Mulder requested the addition under Ways and Means Item #6A-Resolution Approving Future Participation and Settlement Agreements National Opioid. Chairman Mott requested the additional approval of the February 6, 2023 special meeting minutes. Controller Sobie requested an addition under New Business – Resolution Honoring the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Sheriff's Office Letter of Support related to tri-county violence funding request.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of the February 6, 2023 and February 15, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Toomey. Carried unanimously.

Communications: Board of Commissioners resolutions received from the Counties of Calhoun, Cheboygan, Clinton, Lake, Lapeer, Leelanau, Osceola, Schoolcraft and Tuscola (on file). Letter of support for ROBIN Grant Program received from State Representative Angela Witwer (on file).

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of #23-3-14 Resolution of Appreciation for Kim DeCamp District Court.

WHEREAS, Kim DeCamp will be retiring from Eaton County on March 31, 2023 after 10 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Kim worked in District Court from March 25, 2013; until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Kim has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and  
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Kim's years of public service.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Kim for years of exceptional service to Eaton County and expresses its best wishes to her in the next chapter of her life; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 15th day of the month of March in the year 2023.  
Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of #23-3-15 Resolution of Appreciation for Phillip Shook Building and Grounds.

WHEREAS, Phillip Shook will be retiring from Eaton County on March 31, 2023 after 26 years of service; and  
WHEREAS, Phil worked in the Building and Grounds Department from November 4, 1996; until his retirement; and  
WHEREAS, Phil has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and  
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Phil's years of public service.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Phil for years of exceptional service to Eaton County and expresses its best wishes to him in the next chapter of his life; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 15th day of the month of March in the year 2023.  
Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of #23-3-16 Resolution in Memorial for Jessica Larkin Drain Commissioners Office.

WHEREAS, Eaton County, its employees and the community have lost a valued member of the Eaton County team with the death of Jessica Larkin; and  
WHEREAS, Jessica began employment with the Sheriff's Office in November 1998 and served in the following roles: Commissary Clerk, Records Clerk, and Administrative Aide to the Sheriff before transferring to the Drain Commissioner's Office in January 2013 as an Administrative Assistant and then promoted to Soil and Erosion Enforcement Officer in November 2013; and  
WHEREAS, Jessica has provided 24 years of dedicated and honorable public service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and  
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Jessica's years of public service; and  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners offer our deepest condolences in recognizing Jessica's immeasurable dedication and service to this community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this memorial resolution be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 15th day of the month of March in the year 2023.

Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Chairman Mott opened the Public Hearing for Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund and Recreation Passport Program Grant Application for Crandell Park at 7:09 p.m.

Eaton County Parks Director Travis Keeton provided information regarding the purpose of the Michigan DNR grant.

Public Comment: John Greenslit resident of Eaton County spoke in support of the Michigan DNR grant.

Chairman Mott closed the public hearing for Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund and Recreation Passport Program Grant Application for Crandell Park at 7:14 p.m.

Limited Public Comment: Will Pitylak spoke regarding Board deliberations during the February 16, 2023 Board of Commissioner's meeting.

Prosecutor Doug Lloyd stated he supported the purchase of Classroom Trauma Kits as requested by the Sheriff's Department. He noted that he, and the Ingham and Clinton County Prosecutors had written letters of support for the project. He also spoke in support of National Crime Victim's Rights Week April 23-29, 2023.

District Court Judge Kelly Morton introduced herself to the Board of Commissioners and thanked the Board for honoring Kim DeCamp with a retirement resolution.

Captain Chris Kuhlman introduced Calhoun Area Career Center (CA) Criminal Justice Instructor Rob Miller. CACC and Mr. Miller are partnering with the Sheriff's Office to increase deputy recruitment.

Physical Plant Director Chad Powers introduced his Administrative Assistant Aimee Griffith.

Controller Sobie introduced Human Resources Director Ben Dawson.

Commissioner Haskell moved the approval of #23-3-17 Resolution Urging the Reclassification of Dispatchers as First Responders.

WHEREAS, on the night of February 13th 2023 a lone gunman entered Berkey Hall and the Michigan State University Union shooting 8 victims, killing 3; and WHEREAS, in the chaos that followed, emergency dispatchers from all over the Mid-Michigan region expertly and efficiently directed the emergency response; and WHEREAS, the calm and collected dispatchers proved to be an invaluable asset to the first responders on the scene and expedited an end to the tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the Homeland Security Act of 2002 defines a first responder as, “individuals who, in the early stages of an incident, are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the environment”; and  
WHEREAS, Dispatchers are the first contact in most emergency situations providing life-saving directions to victims and other emergency service workers; and  
WHEREAS, the lack of proper classification of emergency dispatchers robs these everyday heroes of recognition, training, and benefits; and  
WHEREAS, the inadequate classification coupled with consistent and intense life or death situations has led to historic staffing shortages in America's emergency dispatch centers; and  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners officially recognizes the heroic actions of emergency dispatchers displayed on February 13th as well as every other day.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Eaton County Board of Commissioners urges our elected state and federal representatives to draft and adopt new legislation officially classifying emergency dispatchers as First Responders.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon adoption this resolution is to will be printed, signed by the board, and delivered to state and federal representatives.  
Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #23-3-18 Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance and Adoption of the 2023 Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

WHEREAS, the counties and communities in the Tri-County Region of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties have gathered information and prepared an update to the 2015 Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and  
WHEREAS, the 2023 Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 201; and  
WHEREAS, Title 44 CFR, Chapter 1, Part 201.6(c)(5) requires each local government participating in the preparation of a Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan or Plan Update to accept and adopt such plan; and  
WHEREAS, the County of Eaton, has reviewed the 2023 Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, has found the document to be acceptable, and as a local unit of government, has afforded its citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input regarding the Plan Update and the actions included in the Plan; and  
WHEREAS, the County of Eaton, will consider the 2023 Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update during the implementation and updating of local planning mechanisms, and will incorporate the hazard assessment data, hazard vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions in these mechanisms, where applicable;  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Eaton, as a participating jurisdiction, adopts the 2023 Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, dated February 2023.  
Seconded by Commissioner Mulder. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #23-3-19 Resolution to Approve State Natural Resources Trust Fund and Recreation Passport Program Grant Application.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Natural Resources has grant funds available. for parks and recreation agencies through the Natural Resources Trust Fund and/or Recreation Passport program; and

WHEREAS, our parks, trails and recreation facilities are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in Eaton County, ensuring the health of our citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the county and region; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Department is interested in applying for a grant through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and/or Recreation Passport program for development at Crandell Park; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant request amount would be

\$220,200 for improvements to and development of Crandell Park; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department has been approved in excess of the required 25% local match through current budget appropriation's (\$90,000); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners held a duly-noticed Public Hearing on Parks and Recreation Department's proposed grant application on March 15th, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the Parks and Recreation Department's request to apply for Michigan Spark Grant funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, or his designee, is authorized to sign any necessary grant documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller is authorized to make budgets amendments to the adopted budget, in the event the grant is authorized.

Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of the appointment for Public Works and Planning Committee.

Purchase of Development Rights Selection Committee

Richard Heisler – two-year term expiring 12/31/25

Eaton County Board of Appeals – Alternate

Mark Stahl - three-year term expiring 12/31/26

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #23-3-20 Resolution to Approve Appraisal Services Contract.

WHEREAS, the Equalization Department has utilized an independent contractor to provide appraisal services to assist in completing the required annual appraisal of property within the County during the equalization process; and

WHEREAS, the Department wishes to continue to utilize these services and is requesting authorization to enter into a agreement with Dougherty Assessing; and WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has reviewed and is recommending the approval of the appraisal services contract (attached) for a one year period commencing March 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract is for the maximum not-to-exceed amount of \$24,800.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners approves the contract for appraisal services with Dougherty Assessing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Equalization Director is authorized to execute the contract renewal agreement on behalf of the County.

Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report was presented by Treasurer Robinson. (On file)

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #23-3-21 Resolution Pledging Full Faith and Credit to Cummings Drain Drainage District Bonds.

WHEREAS pursuant to a petition filed with the Drain Commissioner of the County of Eaton, State of Michigan (the "Drain Commissioner"), proceedings have been taken under the provisions of Act 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended (the "Act"), for the making of certain intra-county drain improvements referred to as the Cummings Drain Maintenance and Improvement Project (the "Project"), which is being undertaken by the Cummings Drain Drainage District (the "Drainage District") in a Special Assessment District (the "Special Assessment District") established by the Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, the Project is necessary for the protection of the public health, and in order to provide funds to pay the costs of the Project, the Drain Commissioner intends to issue the Drainage District's bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$1,580,000 pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable from assessments to be made upon public corporations and/or benefited properties in the Special Assessment District; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the Board, pledge the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds pursuant to Section 276 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County to the Bonds will reduce the cost of financing the Project and will be a benefit to the people of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED as follows:

1. The County pledges its full faith and credit for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds in a par amount not to exceed \$1,580,000. The County shall immediately advance sufficient moneys from County funds, as a first budget obligation, to pay the principal of and interest on any of the Bonds should the Drainage District fail to pay such amounts when due. The County shall, if necessary, levy a tax on all taxable property in the County, to the extent other

available funds are insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due.

2. Should the County advance County funds pursuant to the pledge made in this Resolution, the amounts shall be repaid to the County from assessments or reassessments made upon benefited properties in the Special Assessment District as provided in the Act.

3. The Chairperson of the Board, the County Controller/Administrator, the County Clerk, the County Treasurer and any other official of the County, or any one or more of them ("Authorized Officers"), are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or desirable for the issuance of the Bonds and to execute any documents or certificates necessary to complete the issuance of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, any applications including the Michigan Department of Treasury, Application for State Treasurer's Approval to Issue Long-Term Securities, any waivers, certificates, receipts, orders, agreements, instruments, and any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws, rules, or regulations and to participate in the preparation of a preliminary official statement and a final official statement for the Bonds and to sign such documents on behalf of the County and give any approvals necessary therefor.

4. Any one of the Authorized Officers is hereby authorized to execute a certificate of the County to comply with the continuing disclosure undertaking of the County with respect to the Bonds pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 issued under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and amendments to such certificate from time to time in accordance with the terms of such certificate (the certificate and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate").

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded to the extent of the conflict.  
Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #23-3-22 Resolution Pledging Full Fair and Credit to Bank Intercounty Drain Drainage District Bonds.

WHEREAS, pursuant to a petition filed with the Drain Commissioner of the County of Eaton, State of Michigan, proceedings have been taken under the provisions of Act 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended (the "Act"), for the making of certain improvements to the Bank Intercounty Drain (the "Project"), which is being undertaken by the Bank Intercounty Drain Drainage District (the "Drainage District"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is necessary for the protection of the public health, and in order to provide funds to pay preliminary costs of the Project, the Drainage Board for the Drain Drainage District intends to issue the Drainage District's note or notes (the "Note") in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 pursuant to Section 434 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the principal of and interest on the Note will be payable from bonds to be issued by the Drainage District to provide the permanent financing for the Project (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the issuance of the Note, five percent (5%) of the cost of the Project was apportioned by the Drainage Board for the Drainage District to the

County of Ingham and ninety-five percent (95%) of the cost of the Project was apportioned by the Drainage Board to the County of Eaton (the "County"); and WHEREAS, the Drainage Board deems it advisable and necessary to request that this Board adopt a resolution pledging the limited tax full faith and credit of the County on the Note to the extent that the cost of the Project has been apportioned to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") may, by resolution adopted by a majority vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board, pledge the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Note pursuant to Section 434 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County to the Note will reduce the cost of financing the Project and will be a benefit to the people of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED as follows:

1. The County pledges its full faith and credit for the prompt payment of 95% of the principal of and interest on the Note and any Note issued to refinance the Note, and the County agrees that in the event that the Bonds are not issued prior to the date on which the principal of and interest on the Note (or a Note issued to refinance the Note) are due and that moneys are not otherwise available to the Drainage District on such date to pay such principal and interest, the County will immediately make such advancement from general funds of the County to the extent necessary to pay the County's share of the principal of and interest on the Note (or a note issued to refinance the Note) when due. The ability of the County to levy taxes to pay its share of the principal of and interest on the Note (or a note issued to refinance the Note) shall be subject to constitutional and statutory limitations on the taxing power of the County. The Note may be issued as part of one or more note issues.

2. In the event that, pursuant to said pledge of full faith and credit, the County advances County funds to pay any part of the principal of and interest due on the Note, the County shall take all actions and proceedings and pursue all remedies permitted or authorized by law for the reimbursement of such sums so paid.

3. The Chairperson of the Board, the County Controller/Administrator, the County Clerk, the County Treasurer and any other official of the County, or any one or more of them ("Authorized Officers"), are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or desirable for the issuance of the Note and to execute any documents or certificates necessary to complete the issuance of the Note, including, but not limited to, any applications including the Michigan Department of Treasury Application for State Treasurer's Approval to Issue Long-Term Securities, any waivers, certificates, receipts, orders, agreements, instruments, and any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws, rules, or regulations, and to sign such documents and give any approvals necessary therefor.

4. This resolution shall become effective only if the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ingham adopts a resolution substantially in the form of this resolution that pledges the limited tax full faith and credit of the County of Ingham to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Note when due to the extent of its apportioned share of the cost of the Project, and only after the Drainage Board determines that the Project is necessary for the public health, convenience, or welfare and a first order of determination has been signed by the Chairperson of the Drainage Board.



5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded to the extent of the conflict.  
Seconded by Commissioner Holmes. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #23-3-23 Resolution Related to Rehire of Eaton County MERS Retirees and Associated Letters of Understanding.

WHEREAS, Eaton County is experiencing hiring challenges throughout County offices; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) has extended its rehire retiree guidelines through December 31, 2027 allowing retirees from the same employer to return to work without the suspension of their retirement benefit if their hours of work exceeded 1,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has discussed the benefit of rehiring experienced retirees in the Sheriff's Office and in other offices throughout Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, a letter of understanding was presented and agreed to by the Police Officers Association of Michigan to rehire retirees; and

WHEREAS, the rehired retirees are not eligible for additional MERS service credit and do not contribute to the County pension system, nor is the County required to contribute to the pension system; and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee discussed unfunded accrued liability for the pension system and the need to continue funding this liability into the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the POAM letter of understanding regarding rehired retirees and authorizes the Controller/Administrator sign the agreement; authorizes the County to prepare additional letters of understanding for any represented employee group desiring to rehire an Eaton County MERS retiree; and to authorize non-represented employees to return under the same provisions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Eaton County agrees to make a voluntary contribution to the pension system, to the S1-Surplus Unassociated division within the MERS asset portfolio, in an amount equivalent to the employer contribution that would normally be required absent the conditions described above.

Seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #23-3-24 Resolution Approving Eaton County to Participate in New Proposed National Opioid Settlement Agreements with CVS, Walmart, Teva, and Allergan

WHEREAS, Eaton County, Michigan joined and participated in federal litigation against various pharmaceutical companies and distributors of pain medication that contributed to the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the national settlements concerning distributors, there are now four (4) additional proposed national settlements pertaining to the pharmacies CVS, and Walmart, and manufactures Teva and Allergan; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate, Eaton County must execute a Participation Form for each settlement and return all required documentation by April 18, 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the County to participate in all settlements it is eligible for, from CVS, Walmart, Teva and Allergan, and to return all executed documentation as required by April 18, 2023; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners gives future approval of the County's acceptance, as recommended by legal counsel, of the CVS, Walmart, Teva and Allergan partial settlement agreement, in connection with the National Opioid Litigation; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Controller/Administrator is authorized to sign all documents as necessary.  
Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #23-3-25 Resolution Authorizing Eaton County to Enter into the Settlement Agreement with Opioid Manufactures, Distributors and Retail Chain Pharmacies.

WHEREAS, Eaton County, Michigan joined and participated in federal litigation against various pharmaceutical companies and distributors of pain medication that contributed to the opioid epidemic; and  
WHEREAS, National Opioid Settlements recommended by our national litigation counsel continue to occur; and  
WHEREAS, in order to participate, Eaton County must execute required documents related to participation agreements and settlement agreements.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and approves the Eaton County Controller/Administrator to enter into, approve, and sign all future participation agreements and settlement agreements as recommended by our national litigation counsel.  
Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of #23-3-26 Resolution to Adopt Eaton County Governmental Complex Sustainability Plan.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners has created an initiative to improve the environmental sustainability of county government operations; and  
WHEREAS, an Employee Sustainability Steering Committee was created to assist in these efforts; and  
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners desires to create a sustainable courthouse complex to include quality of life placemaking areas for its employee partners and the public as part of this programming; and  
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners tasked the Employee Sustainability Steering Committee to assist in the development of sustainable practices and placemaking improvements; and  
WHEREAS, ROWE Professional Services Company was contracted to develop an Environmental Placemaking Plan for the courthouse complex; and  
WHEREAS, the Employee Sustainability Steering Committee has made a recommendation to begin implementation of Phase 1 of the Environmental Placemaking Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the Employee Sustainability Steering Committee's recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Controller/Administrator to make budget transfer amendments up to \$337,650.00 from the General Fund to the Public Improvement Fund to be used specifically for the development of Phase 1 projects.

Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Nays: Hansen, Holmes and Rogers. Carried.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #23-3-27 Resolution to Approve FY 2023-23 Budget Amendments.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2022/2023 Appropriations Act of September 21, 2022 states that any amendment to increase a salary and/or a Capital Outlay line-item in excess of \$2,500.00 or any amendment to increase the total budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be amended by the Board of Commissioners, except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, such amendments are needed in order to comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act of 1978, P.A. 621.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments be approved and added to the 2022/2023 Eaton County Budget:

GENERAL FUND

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 101.301

Decrease	Salaries & Fringes	\$175,000
Increase	Training	\$ 40,000
Increase	Equipment	\$105,000
Increase	Supplies	\$ 30,000

To increase training, equipment and supplies in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 from salaries and fringes for the purchases necessary to establish an E-Unit in the Sheriff's Office as recommended by the Ways and Means Committee.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT 225

Increase	Capital Outlay	\$734,848
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$734,848

To increase total budget for invoice paid from incorrect fiscal year as identified and corrected in FY2021/22 audit.

CENTRAL DISPATCH 261

Increase	Contractual Services	\$ 18,030
Increase	Capital Outlay	\$ 11,000
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 29,030

To increase total budget to purchase and implement Panic Button software and hardware in the County Complex as well as to purchase and train a facility canine as described in the requests recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of total County payments for March 2023 in the amount of \$ 12,770,523.49. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: County resident Sherry Ritchey spoke in opposition the Sustainability Project. Margo Aseltine spoke regarding unfunded pension fund liabilities.

Administrator's Report: Controller Sobie provided an update of projects and plans the Controller's office is working on regarding interdepartmental communications, new financial reports format, long-term budget planning, County revenue projections and Youth Facility expansion.

Commissioner Comment: Chairman Mott read aloud the retirement resolutions for Kim DeCamp and Phillip Shook.

There was no Unfinished Business or Old Business.

New Business:

Commissioner Augustine moved the approval of #23-3-28 Resolution Honoring the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, Michigan's 83 county governments play a central role in the proper delivery of, and oversight for, critical public services for the state's approximately 10 million residents; and

WHEREAS, Michigan county governments are led by Boards of Commissioners, who are elected from their communities; and

WHEREAS, the State Association of Supervisors of Michigan was formed by representatives of 16 counties on Feb. 1, 1898, in the Senate chamber of the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing; and

WHEREAS, the association's name was changed to the Michigan Association of Counties on July 17, 1969; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties is the oldest association representing local governments in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, 48 of Michigan's 83 counties have had at least one of their commissioners (or supervisors prior to 1968) serve as president of the association's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the association created the Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Fund in 1979 to help county members provide workplace safety and injury insurance services to its employees; and

WHEREAS, the association created the Michigan Association of Counties Service Corporation in 1986 to partner with service providers to help counties save money on everything from health insurance to telecommunications services; and

WHEREAS, the association hosts two major conferences every year to bring together county leaders for briefings on trending public policy issues and to hear from state newsmakers and others; and

WHEREAS, the association's advocacy work in Lansing and beyond has advanced the interests of county governments and the residents they serve; and

WHEREAS, no fewer than five association presidents have served or are serving in the Michigan Legislature in the 21st century, a testament to the culture of public service inculcated by the association

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Eaton County wishes to commend and honor the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th Anniversary year.

Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried unanimously.

Sheriff Department Lieutenant Scott Brooks spoke regarding trauma situation training for first responders and the need for additional Federal funding to ensure classroom Trauma Kits and training are available to all K-12 classrooms in our school districts across Eaton County.

Commissioner Augustine moved to direct Controller Sobie to provide a letter of support for additional Federal funding to ensure classroom Trauma Kits are available and fully supplied for our school districts across Eaton. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Chairman Mott adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

  
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Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
KIM DECAMP  
DISTRICT COURT**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

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**WHEREAS**, Kim worked in District Court from March 25, 2013; until her retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Kim has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Kim's years of public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Kim for years of exceptional service to Eaton County and expresses its best wishes to her in the next chapter of her life; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 15th day of the month of March in the year 2023. Carried unanimously.

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James Mott  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

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Diana Bosworth  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

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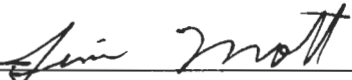
**WHEREAS**, Kim worked in District Court from March 25, 2013; until her retirement; and


**WHEREAS**, Kim has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Kim's years of public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Kim for years of exceptional service to Eaton County and expresses its best wishes to her in the next chapter of her life; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 15th day of the month of March in the year 2023.

  
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James Moty  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

  
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Diana Bosworth  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
PHILLIP SHOOK  
BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

**WHEREAS**, Phillip Shook will be retiring from Eaton County on March 31, 2023 after 26 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Phil worked in the Building and Grounds Department from November 4, 1996; until his retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Phil has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Phil's years of public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Phil for years of exceptional service to Eaton County and expresses its best wishes to him in the next chapter of his life; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 15th day of the month of March in the year 2023. Carried unanimously.

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James Mott  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

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Diana Bosworth  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners



**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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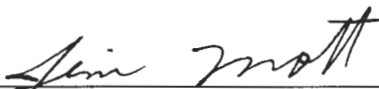
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James Mott  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners



Diana Bosworth  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION HONORING  
JESSICA LARKIN  
DRAIN COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County, its employees and the community have lost a valued member of the Eaton County team with the death of Jessica Larkin; and

**WHEREAS**, Jessica began employment with the Sheriff's Office in November 1998 and served in the following roles: Commissary Clerk, Records Clerk, and Administrative Aide to the Sheriff before transferring to the Drain Commissioner's Office in January 2013 as an Administrative Assistant and then promoted to Soil and Erosion Enforcement Officer in November 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Jessica has provided 24 years of dedicated and honorable public service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Jessica's years of public service; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners offer our deepest condolences in recognizing Jessica's immeasurable dedication and service to this community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this memorial resolution be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 15th day of the month of March in the year 2023. Carried unanimously.

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Jim Mott  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

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Diana Bosworth  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION HONORING  
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DRAIN COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

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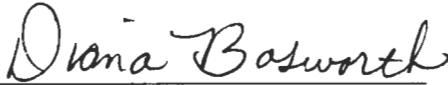
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Jim Mott  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

  
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Diana Bosworth  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

**RESOLUTION URGING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF DISPATCHERS AS FIRST RESPONDERS**

**Introduced by Public Safety Committee**

Commissioner Haskell moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

**WHEREAS**, on the night of February 13th 2023 a lone gunman entered Berkey Hall and the Michigan State University Union shooting 8 victims, killing 3; and

**WHEREAS**, in the chaos that followed, emergency dispatchers from all over the Mid-Michigan region expertly and efficiently directed the emergency response; and

**WHEREAS**, the calm and collected dispatchers proved to be an invaluable asset to the first responders on the scene and expedited an end to the tragedy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Homeland Security Act of 2002 defines a first responder as, “individuals who, in the early stages of an incident, are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the environment”; and

**WHEREAS**, Dispatchers are the first contact in most emergency situations providing life-saving directions to victims and other emergency service workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of proper classification of emergency dispatchers robs these everyday heroes of recognition, training, and benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the inadequate classification coupled with consistent and intense life or death situations has led to historic staffing shortages in America's emergency dispatch centers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners officially recognizes the heroic actions of emergency dispatchers displayed on February 13th as well as every other day.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Eaton County Board of Commissioners urges our elected state and federal representatives to draft and adopt new legislation officially classifying emergency dispatchers as First Responders.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, upon adoption this resolution is to will be printed, signed by the board, and delivered to state and federal representatives. Carried unanimously.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE AND ADOPTION OF THE  
2023 TRI-COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

**Introduced by Public Safety Committee**

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Mulder.

**WHEREAS**, the counties and communities in the Tri-County Region of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties have gathered information and prepared an update to the 2015 Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 201; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 44 CFR, Chapter 1, Part 201.6(c)(5) requires each local government participating in the preparation of a Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan or Plan Update to accept and adopt such plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Eaton, has reviewed the 2023 Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, has found the document to be acceptable, and as a local unit of government, has afforded its citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input regarding the Plan Update and the actions included in the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Eaton, will consider the 2023 Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update during the implementation and updating of local planning mechanisms, and will incorporate the hazard assessment data, hazard vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions in these mechanisms, where applicable;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Eaton, as a participating jurisdiction, adopts the 2023 Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, dated February 2023. Carried unanimously.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST  
FUND AND RECREATION PASSPORT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

**Introduced by Public Works and Planning Committee**

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright.

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Natural Resources has grant funds available. for parks and recreation agencies through the Natural Resources Trust Fund and/or Recreation Passport program; and

**WHEREAS**, our parks, trails and recreation facilities are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in Eaton County, ensuring the health of our citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the county and region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Department is interested in applying for a grant through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and/or Recreation Passport program for development at Crandell Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant request amount would be \$220,200 for improvements to and development of Crandell Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Department has been approved in excess of the required 25% local match through current budget appropriation's (\$90,000); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners held a duly-noticed Public Hearing on Parks and Recreation Department's proposed grant application on March 15th, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the Parks and Recreation Department's request to apply for Michigan Spark Grant funds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, or his designee, is authorized to sign any necessary grant documents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Controller is authorized to make budgets amendments to the adopted budget, in the event the grant is authorized. Carried unanimously.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 16, 2023**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPRAISAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

**WHEREAS**, the Equalization Department has utilized an independent contractor to provide appraisal services to assist in completing the required annual appraisal of property within the County during the equalization process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department wishes to continue to utilize these services and is requesting authorization to enter into a agreement with Dougherty Assessing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ways and Means Committee has reviewed and is recommending the approval of the appraisal services contract (attached) for a one year period commencing March 15, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed contract is for the maximum not-to-exceed amount of \$24,800.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners approves the contract for appraisal services with Dougherty Assessing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Equalization Director is authorized to execute the contract renewal agreement on behalf of the County. Carried unanimously.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**RESOLUTION PLEDGING FULL FAITH AND CREDIT**  
**TO CUMMINGS DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT BONDS**  
**RESOLUTION # 23-3-21**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Eaton County, Michigan, held in the County on March 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Trevor Youngquist, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Jacob Toomey, Scott Hansen, Frank Holmes, Barbara Rogers and Jim Mott.

ABSENT: Commissioners Brian Droscha and Brian Lautzenheiser.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Mulder and supported by Commissioner Rogers:

WHEREAS pursuant to a petition filed with the Drain Commissioner of the County of Eaton, State of Michigan (the "Drain Commissioner"), proceedings have been taken under the provisions of Act 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended (the "Act"), for the making of certain intra-county drain improvements referred to as the Cummings Drain Maintenance and Improvement Project (the "Project"), which is being undertaken by the Cummings Drain Drainage District (the "Drainage District") in a Special Assessment District (the "Special Assessment District") established by the Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, the Project is necessary for the protection of the public health, and in order to provide funds to pay the costs of the Project, the Drain Commissioner intends to issue the Drainage District's bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$1,580,000 pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable from assessments to be made upon public corporations and/or benefited properties in the Special Assessment District; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the Board, pledge the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds pursuant to Section 276 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County to the Bonds will reduce the cost of financing the Project and will be a benefit to the people of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED as follows:

1. The County pledges its full faith and credit for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds in a par amount not to exceed \$1,580,000. The County



shall immediately advance sufficient moneys from County funds, as a first budget obligation, to pay the principal of and interest on any of the Bonds should the Drainage District fail to pay such amounts when due. The County shall, if necessary, levy a tax on all taxable property in the County, to the extent other available funds are insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due.

2. Should the County advance County funds pursuant to the pledge made in this Resolution, the amounts shall be repaid to the County from assessments or reassessments made upon benefited properties in the Special Assessment District as provided in the Act.

3. The Chairperson of the Board, the County Controller/Administrator, the County Clerk, the County Treasurer and any other official of the County, or any one or more of them (“Authorized Officers”), are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or desirable for the issuance of the Bonds and to execute any documents or certificates necessary to complete the issuance of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, any applications including the Michigan Department of Treasury, Application for State Treasurer’s Approval to Issue Long-Term Securities, any waivers, certificates, receipts, orders, agreements, instruments, and any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws, rules, or regulations and to participate in the preparation of a preliminary official statement and a final official statement for the Bonds and to sign such documents on behalf of the County and give any approvals necessary therefor.

4. Any one of the Authorized Officers is hereby authorized to execute a certificate of the County to comply with the continuing disclosure undertaking of the County with respect to the Bonds pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 issued under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and amendments to such certificate from time to time in accordance with the terms of such certificate (the certificate and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as the “Continuing Disclosure Certificate”).

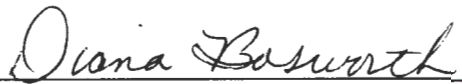
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded to the extent of the conflict.

YEAS: Commissioners Barnes, Mulder, Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Toomey, Hansen, Holmes, Rogers and Mott.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

  
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Diana Bosworth, Clerk  
County of Eaton

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Diana Bosworth, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Eaton County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on March 15, 2023, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.



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Diana Bosworth, Clerk  
County of Eaton

Date: March 20 2023

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION PLEDGING FULL FAITH AND CREDIT  
TO BANK INTERCOUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT NOTE OR NOTES**

**RESOLUTION # 23-3-22**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Eaton County, Michigan, held in the County on March 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Trevor Youngquist, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Jacob Toomey, Scott Hansen, Frank Holmes, Barbara Rogers and Jim Mott.

ABSENT: Commissioners Brian Droscha and Brian Lautzenheiser.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Mulder and supported by Commissioner Holmes:

WHEREAS, pursuant to a petition filed with the Drain Commissioner of the County of Eaton, State of Michigan, proceedings have been taken under the provisions of Act 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended (the "Act"), for the making of certain improvements to the Bank Intercounty Drain (the "Project"), which is being undertaken by the Bank Intercounty Drain Drainage District (the "Drainage District"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is necessary for the protection of the public health, and in order to provide funds to pay preliminary costs of the Project, the Drainage Board for the Drain Drainage District intends to issue the Drainage District's note or notes (the "Note") in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 pursuant to Section 434 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the principal of and interest on the Note will be payable from bonds to be issued by the Drainage District to provide the permanent financing for the Project (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the issuance of the Note, five percent (5%) of the cost of the Project was apportioned by the Drainage Board for the Drainage District to the County of Ingham and ninety-five percent (95%) of the cost of the Project was apportioned by the Drainage Board to the County of Eaton (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, the Drainage Board deems it advisable and necessary to request that this Board adopt a resolution pledging the limited tax full faith and credit of the County on the Note to the extent that the cost of the Project has been apportioned to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") may, by resolution adopted by a majority vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board, pledge the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Note pursuant to Section 434 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County to the Note will reduce the cost of financing the Project and will be a benefit to the people of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED as follows:

1. The County pledges its full faith and credit for the prompt payment of 95% of the principal of and interest on the Note and any Note issued to refinance the Note, and the County agrees that in the event that the Bonds are not issued prior to the date on which the principal of and interest on the Note (or a Note issued to refinance the Note) are due and that moneys are not otherwise available to the Drainage District on such date to pay such principal and interest, the County will immediately make such advancement from general funds of the County to the extent necessary to pay the County's share of the principal of and interest on the Note (or a note issued to refinance the Note) when due. The ability of the County to levy taxes to pay its share of the principal of and interest on the Note (or a note issued to refinance the Note) shall be subject to constitutional and statutory limitations on the taxing power of the County. The Note may be issued as part of one or more note issues.

2. In the event that, pursuant to said pledge of full faith and credit, the County advances County funds to pay any part of the principal of and interest due on the Note, the County shall take all actions and proceedings and pursue all remedies permitted or authorized by law for the reimbursement of such sums so paid.

3. The Chairperson of the Board, the County Controller/Administrator, the County Clerk, the County Treasurer and any other official of the County, or any one or more of them ("Authorized Officers"), are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or desirable for the issuance of the Note and to execute any documents or certificates necessary to complete the issuance of the Note, including, but not limited to, any applications including the Michigan Department of Treasury Application for State Treasurer's Approval to Issue Long-Term Securities, any waivers, certificates, receipts, orders, agreements, instruments, and any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws, rules, or regulations, and to sign such documents and give any approvals necessary therefor.

4. This resolution shall become effective only if the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ingham adopts a resolution substantially in the form of this resolution that pledges the limited tax full faith and credit of the County of Ingham to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Note when due to the extent of its apportioned share of the cost of the Project, and only after the Drainage Board determines that the Project is necessary for the public health, convenience, or welfare and a first order of determination has been signed by the Chairperson of the Drainage Board.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded to the extent of the conflict.

YEAS: Commissioners Barnes, Mulder, Augustine, Haskell, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Mudry, Brehler, Toomey, Hansen, Holmes, Rogers and Mott.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



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Diana Bosworth, County Clerk  
County of Eaton

**CERTIFICATION**

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Diana Bosworth, County Clerk  
County of Eaton

Dated: March 20, 2023

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LETTERS OF UNDERSTANDING RELATED TO  
REHIRE OF MERS RETIREES**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Barnes.

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County is experiencing hiring challenges throughout County offices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) has extended its rehire retiree guidelines through December 31, 2027 allowing retirees from the same employer to return to work without the suspension of their retirement benefit if their hours of work exceeded 1,000 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ways and Means Committee has discussed the benefit of rehiring experienced retirees in the Sheriff's Office and in other offices throughout Eaton County; and

**WHEREAS**, a letter of understanding was presented and agreed to by the Police Officers Association of Michigan to rehire retirees; and

**WHEREAS**, the rehired retirees are not eligible for additional MERS service credit and do not contribute to the County pension system, nor is the County required to contribute to the pension system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ways and Means Committee discussed unfunded accrued liability for the pension system and the need to continue funding this liability into the future; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the POAM letter of understanding regarding rehired retirees and authorizes the Controller/Administrator sign the agreement; authorizes the County to prepare additional letters of understanding for any represented employee group desiring to rehire an Eaton County MERS retiree; and to authorize non-represented employees to return under the same provisions.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Eaton County agrees to make a voluntary contribution to the pension system, to the S1-Surplus Unassociated division within the MERS asset portfolio, in an amount equivalent to the employer contribution that would normally be required absent the conditions described above. Carried unanimously.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING EATON COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW  
PROPOSED NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS  
WITH CVS, WALMART, TEVA, AND ALLERGAN**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pear-Wright.

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County, Michigan joined and participated in federal litigation against various pharmaceutical companies and distributors of pain medication that contributed to the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the national settlements concerning distributors, there are now four (4) additional proposed national settlements pertaining to the pharmacies CVS, and Walmart, and manufactures Teva and Allergan; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to participate, Eaton County must execute a Participation Form for each settlement and return all required documentation by April 18, 2023; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the County to participate in all settlements it is eligible for, from CVS, Walmart, Teva and Allergan, and to return all executed documentation as required by April 18, 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners gives future approval of the County's acceptance, as recommended by legal counsel, of the CVS, Walmart, Teva and Allergan partial settlement agreement, in connection with the National Opioid Litigation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Eaton County Controller/Administrator is authorized to sign all documents as necessary. Carried unanimously.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING EATON COUNTY PARTICIPATE IN ANY FUTURE  
NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright.

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County, Michigan joined and participated in federal litigation against various pharmaceutical companies and distributors of pain medication that contributed to the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, National Opioid Settlements recommended by our national litigation counsel continue to occur; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to participate, Eaton County must execute required documents related to participation agreements and settlement agreements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and approves the Eaton County Controller/Administrator to enter into, approve, and sign all future participation agreements and settlement agreements as recommended by our national litigation counsel. Carried unanimously.



**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PLAN FOR EATON COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX  
SUSTAINABILITY PLACEMAKING PLAN**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners has created an initiative to improve the environmental sustainability of county government operations; and

**WHEREAS**, an Employee Sustainability Steering Committee was created to assist in these efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners desires to create a sustainable courthouse complex to include quality of life placemaking areas for its employee partners and the public as part of this programming; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners tasked the Employee Sustainability Steering Committee to assist in the development of sustainable practices and placemaking improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, ROWE Professional Services Company was contracted to develop an Environmental Placemaking Plan for the courthouse complex; and

**WHEREAS**, the Employee Sustainability Steering Committee has made a recommendation to begin implementation of Phase 1 of the Environmental Placemaking Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the Employee Sustainability Steering Committee's recommendation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Controller/Administrator to make budget transfer amendments up to \$337,650.00 from the General Fund to the Public Improvement Fund to be used specifically for the development of Phase 1 projects. Nays: Commissioner Hansen, Holmes and Rogers. Motion carried.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 15, 2023**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2022/2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County 2022/2023 Appropriations Act of September 21, 2022 states that any amendment to increase a salary and/or a Capital Outlay line-item in excess of \$2,500.00 or any amendment to increase the total budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be amended by the Board of Commissioners, except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, such amendments are needed in order to comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act of 1978, P.A. 621.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following budget amendments be approved and added to the 2022/2023 Eaton County Budget:

**GENERAL FUND**

**SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 101.301**

Decrease	Salaries & Fringes	\$175,000
Increase	Training	\$ 40,000
Increase	Equipment	\$105,000
Increase	Supplies	\$ 30,000

To increase training, equipment and supplies in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 from salaries and fringes for the purchases necessary to establish an E-Unit in the Sheriff’s Office as recommended by the Ways and Means Committee.

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT 225**

Increase	Capital Outlay	\$734,848
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$734,848

To increase total budget for invoice paid from incorrect fiscal year as identified and corrected in FY2021/22 audit.

**CENTRAL DISPATCH 261**

Increase	Contractual Services	\$ 18,030
Increase	Capital Outlay	\$ 11,000
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 29,030

To increase total budget to purchase and implement Panic Button software and hardware in the County Complex as well as to purchase and train a facility canine as described in the requests recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Carried unanimously.

## EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 15, 2023

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Commissioner Augustine moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

**WHEREAS**, Michigan's 83 county governments play a central role in the proper delivery of, and oversight for, critical public services for the state's approximately 10 million residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan county governments are led by Boards of Commissioners, who are elected from their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Association of Supervisors of Michigan was formed by representatives of 16 counties on Feb. 1, 1898, in the Senate chamber of the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing; and

**WHEREAS**, the association's name was changed to the Michigan Association of Counties on July 17, 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of Counties is the oldest association representing local governments in Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, 48 of Michigan's 83 counties have had at least one of their commissioners (or supervisors prior to 1968) serve as president of the association's Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the association created the Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Fund in 1979 to help county members provide workplace safety and injury insurance services to its employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the association created the Michigan Association of Counties Service Corporation in 1986 to partner with service providers to help counties save money on everything from health insurance to telecommunications services; and

**WHEREAS**, the association hosts two major conferences every year to bring together county leaders for briefings on trending public policy issues and to hear from state newsmakers and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the association's advocacy work in Lansing and beyond has advanced the interests of county governments and the residents they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, no fewer than five association presidents have served or are serving in the Michigan Legislature in the 21st century, a testament to the culture of public service inculcated by the association

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Eaton County wishes to commend and honor the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th Anniversary year. Carried unanimously.