

## **PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021  
9:00 A.M.**

### **MINUTES**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Terrance Augustine, Joseph Brehler, Blake Mulder, Barbara Rogers and Jane Whitacre

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner Jeremy Whittum; Bill Hendrian, Claudine Williams, Troy Stowell, Morgan Feldpausch, Gene Bryan, Sue Spagnuolo and John Fuentes

The September 8, 2021 regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Lautzenheiser.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Augustine moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2021 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sue Spagnuolo, Eaton Conservation District, provided updates on several projects and events of the District. The District submitted for a DNR grant for development at the Potterville State Game Area. It was also reported that an invasive species study at Crandall Lake had been completed and the report will be issued in the near future. It was also reported that the District's Field Day – Gaining Ground, Soil as a Renewable Resource is scheduled for September 15, 2021 at Kardel Hall, on the Eaton County Fairgrounds, in Charlotte.

Bill Hendrian, MSU Extension District Director, was present to provide the agency's semi-annual update. It was reported that the majority of programming has transitioned back to in-person. It was also reported that some programming experienced greater participation online and remains in that format. Mr. Hendrian provided updates for all instructor programming activities.

Troy Stowell, Parks and Recreation Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly report. An update on the Summer Adventure Camp program was provided. An update was also provided on recent and upcoming fundraising events sponsored by the Friends of Eaton County Parks. Discussion held.

Gene Bryan, Construction Code Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly update. The monthly permit, inspection and housing start reports were presented and reviewed. Discussion held.

Morgan Feldpausch, Resource Recovery Coordinator, was present to provide the monthly report for the Designated Implementing Agency. It was reported that one licensed waste hauler was sent an ordinance violation notice for which a hearing will be scheduled at the Committee's next regular

meeting. An update on the participation at the August 21, 2021 Recycle-Palooza collection event was provided.

It was also reported that research into pursuing an update/amendment to the County Solid Waste Management Plan with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy is ongoing.

An update was also provided on the activities of the Sustainability Steering Committee.

Claudine Williams, Community Development Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly report. It was reported that the Zoning Ordinance Committee continues to meet to discuss a text amendment which would include addressing the recreational vehicle as an additional living space concern raised at last month's meeting. This committee is also developing language to address wind energy facilities and marihuana facilities.

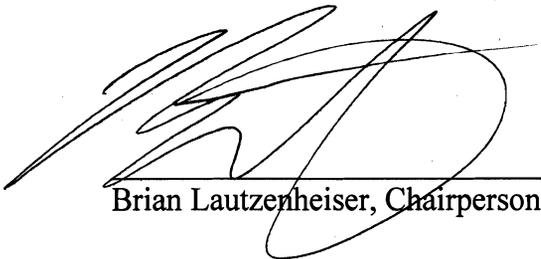
An update on the current expiring citizen appointments was provided. A slate of candidates is expected to be presented at the Committee's next regular meeting.

A communication to Lansing Economic Area Partnership from the public transit agencies in the tri-county region was provided for the Committee's information.

It was reported the County was approached regarding utilizing goats to maintain the vegetation at the landfill site. Staff is currently researching this possible solution that has been used by other public agencies.

Chairperson Lautzenheiser adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813.



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Brian Lautzenheiser, Chairperson