

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT AUDIO RECORDING ARCHIVE FOR
COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 17, 2019

Introduced by the Information Technology & Communication Committee

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

WHEREAS, The Center for Public Integrity has ranked Michigan last among all states in Public Transparency; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Eaton County have expressed a direct desire for a more open and transparent local government; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners believe an open and transparent county government is necessary to keep the residents of Eaton County informed and involved; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of increasing transparency and openness to the public, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners initiated a pilot project to evaluate the audio recording capability of the equipment in the Board of Commissioners' Room to create and make publicly available audio recordings of its proceedings in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the results of the testing were favorable and the Board of Commissioners is now interested in creating the audio archive to be made available on the County website and expanding the availability of audio recordings to include the meetings of its standing committees; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish this objective in the most efficient manner the regular meetings for all standing committees will need to be held in the Board of Commissioners' Room.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, effective with all meetings previously adopted and published after May 1, 2019, all meetings of the Board of Commissioners and its standing committees will be audio recorded; and

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is directed to make available on the County website audio recordings of all meetings within two (2) business days of the meeting; and

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is directed to make any necessary changes to previously approved and published meeting schedules, including the change in the location of the meetings of the Public Safety Committee meetings, and post and publish revised schedules in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Carried.