

CLINTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE COUNCIL MEETING

DEWITT TOWNSHIP HALL
1401 West Herbison Road in Dewitt

TUESDAY- MARCH 17, 2026
5:30PM

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Election of Officers
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - a) December 16, 2025 – Attachment 1
5. Approval of Per Diem Vouchers
6. Activity Report Review – Attachment 2
7. Lion’s Club Recycling Site Quarterly Report – Appendix A
8. Public Comment
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

PACKET INFORMATION IS CURRENT AS OF POSTING DATE. NOTE: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE PRESENTED ON SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS. AGENDA ITEMS MAY ALSO BE ADDED DUE TO BUSINESS NEEDS. TO REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS OR MATERIALS IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT, PLEASE CONTACT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AT 989-224-5120 OR VIA EMAIL AT ADMIN@CLINTON-COUNTY.ORG NO LATER THAN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

ATTACHMENT 1

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLINTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE COUNCIL (SWC) HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025, AT THE CLINTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 100 EAST STATE STREET, ST JOHNS, MI 48879

MEMBERS PRESENT: Duane Schneider, Lisa Barrone, John Maahs

MEMBERS EXCUSED: John Andrews

STAFF: Kate Neese, Waste Management Coordinator, Julia Hutchison, Waste Management Secretary

PUBLIC: Charles Hauser

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Secretary Barrone called the meeting to order at 5:36p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Maahs supported by Member Schneider to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 16, 2025

A motion was made by Member Maahs, supported by Member Schneider to approve the minutes from the Solid Waste Council meetings of September 16, 2025. Motion carried

4. APPROVAL OF PER DIEM VOUCHERS

A motion was made by Secretary Barrone to approve the per diem vouchers, supported by Member Maahs. Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Hauser gave an update for Granger Waste Services stating Granger has some new individuals who have joined their marketing and community outreach department. Granger continues to focus on being community advocates within the county. The engineering department at Granger has completed twenty-seven new wells on site which convert gas from the landfill into renewable energy and produces enough energy to run eighty-five homes through Consumers Energy's grid.

6. ACTIVITY REPORT REVIEW

Ms. Neese reviewed the quarterly activity report. Ms. Neese explained that she is still waiting for EGLE to release the tire grant that is used for the spring collection event. A decision will have to be made if Waste Management is able to offer tire collection at the Spring Collection Event if the grant doesn't come through. Ms. Neese gave a thorough overview of the department's accomplishments for the year. Ms. Neese reviewed the budget and yearly reports.

7. Other Business

Kate Neese gave a detailed overview of the current Materials Management Plan. Ms. Neese gave an overview of how the clean community events have evolved since 1999. Some questions were raised regarding the single day collection events and discussion was held about how to get more volunteers for those events. Lastly, Ms. Neese proposed new meeting dates for 2026:

- Tuesday, March 17th at 5:30pm – DeWitt Charter Township Hall
- Tuesday, June 16th at 5:30pm – Clinton County Courthouse
- Tuesday, September 15th at 5:30pm – Watertown Charter Township Hall
- Tuesday, December 15th at 5:30pm – Clinton County Courthouse, First floor conference room

8. Adjournment

Secretary Barrone asked if there was any other business. There being no further business, **a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 pm was made by Member Maahs and was seconded by Member Schneider. Motion carried.**

Lisa Barrone, Secretary

Kate Neese, Waste Management Coordinator

Julia Hutchison, Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENT 2

Clinton County Department of Waste Management First Quarter Activity Report March 17, 2026

This report is prepared by Kate Neese, Clinton County Waste Management Coordinator, to update the Clinton County Solid Waste Council (SWC) and stakeholders on activities of the Department of Waste Management (DWM). It highlights activity conducted in the first quarter of this year and is intended to facilitate discussion when the SWC meets on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. The meeting will be held at the DeWitt Charter Township Hall located at 1401 West Herbison Road in DeWitt, Michigan.

Administration

Board of Commissioner Communications (BOC)

Ms. Neese has met with Commissioners to approve and accept the annual site agreement for the upcoming recycling and reuse events. Spring and fall events have been set and are being publicized.

Budget

Just a reminder, the 2025 Budget can be found using the link below:

<https://www.clinton-county.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=38>

2026 Special Recycling & Waste Collection Events

The Clinton County Department of Waste Management is working hard to provide special recycling and waste collection events this year. For more information or to learn about other disposal and recycling options that may be available, please check out our Waste Wizard search tool www.clinton-county.org/679/Waste-Wizard. You may also visit our webpage at www.clinton-county.org and look for the link to the Department of Waste Management. And finally, you may call our office at 989-224-5186 or send an email to recycle@clinton-county.org.

Medication Disposal Programs

Protect your family, pets, the community, and the environment by properly disposing of unwanted or expired medications through one of the drop off programs noted below. *Please keep your medications in their original containers but be sure to black out any personal information.*

Pills, tablets, and capsules can be safely and securely dropped off at the Clinton County Sheriff's Office lobby, Bath Township Police Department and Elsie Village Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. More drop-off locations can be found online at www.clinton-county.org/679/Waste-Wizard.

Please be sure to black out personal information but leave the drug name visible! We will accept used needles, Epi pens, inhalers, aerosols, and patches at the Special Spring & Fall Collection Events.

RecycleRama!

Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 9:00am to 1:00pm – open to everyone!

This event is being held at Ingham County's Health Department located at 5303 South Cedar Street in

Lansing. More information will be posted on the Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/MidMichiganRecycling

Spring Collection Event

Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 8:00am to 1:00pm - *An appointment is required to attend!* Online registration began February 3rd – check out our website for details www.clinton-county.org/314/Current-Events .

This event will take place in St Johns and is open to all Clinton County residents. Clinton County residents are encouraged to check the website www.clinton-county.org/314/Current-Events or follow the County’s Facebook page www.facebook.com/ClintonCountyMI for details.

Acceptable items include household hazardous waste, unwanted medications, farm & landscaping chemicals, motor oil & antifreeze, household computer equipment & electronics, and car tires (limit of 10). Most items are accepted free of charge, but nominal fees do apply (\$10 a piece for televisions & computer monitors – pay online with credit card or we accept cash or check on the day of the event).

Rural Recycling Sites & Annual Report

Invoices were mailed to partner communities according to the figures in the Table below. A report summarizing annual costs and activities over the last several years will be shared in June and community input sought on future cost share contributions. Ms. Neese will follow up with the Board of Commissioners after the annual report is completed.

Our department will continue promoting the use of PA69 funding to improve recycling access in hopes that more municipalities commit to recycling. The Rural Recycling Site program began in 1992 with eight community partners and four drop-off recycling sites. Back then, curbside recycling was not an option for any of those communities and our department collaborated with them to set up the drop off recycling program. Currently, three municipalities include curbside recycling as part of their single hauler contract (Village of Maple Rapids, and the cities of St Johns & DeWitt). And there are three additional municipalities who coordinate drop off recycling services without assistance from the County (Village of Elsie, City of East Lansing, and the Village of Westphalia). More information on recycling programs within Clinton County can always be found in our annual report, which is available on our website: www.clinton-county.org/347/Recycling-Services

2026 RRAC Cost Share Contributions

	Act 69 Partners	
Contributors	# HH	Cost Share
Dallas Township	412	\$6,180
Village of Fowler	511	\$7,665
Grand Total	923	\$13,845

FINAL Rural Recycling Sites Operating Costs January through December 2025					
SITE	TOTAL CHARGES	REBATE FOR RECYCLING	COST LESS REBATE	COMMUNITY SHARE	COST TO DEPARTMENT
Maple Rapids	\$6,561.11	\$(251.78)	\$6,309.33	\$(7,425.00)	\$(1,115.67)
Fowler	\$65,529.51	\$(4,663.14)	\$60,866.37	\$(13,800.00)	\$47,066.37
Total	\$72,090.62	\$(4,914.92)	\$67,175.70	\$(21,225.00)	\$45,950.70*

**For reference, 2023 total cost to department was \$53,957.81*

Education, Outreach & Promotional Activities

Education Report

Submitted by Nicole King

Ms. King has continued to educate residents through social media and the monthly newsletter. The topics in the monthly newsletter covered medication disposal, battery recycling for national battery day, and upcoming events like the Spring Collection event. These same topics are also reflected on the social media pages as well.

Other Items of Note

Materials Management Plan

The Materials Management Planning Committee has continued to meet regularly to oversee the planning process, with the assistance of our environmental planning consultant. The MMPC will be voting on the first draft at the April 14th meeting, if approved, this draft will then be released for public comment, and a public hearing will be scheduled at the end of May. Ms. Neese will keep this committee up to date as we move forward.

Michigan Recycling Coalition

Ms. Neese and Ms. King continue to be active members of the Michigan Recycling Coalition (MRC). Ms. Neese is responsible for coordinating the quarterly Mid-Michigan Regional Meetings. This group will be meeting in person at the annual conference this May. Ms. King is involved in the Recycle, MI campaign committee and they meet monthly.

Training and Conferences

Ms. Neese will be attending the annual Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference, currently scheduled for May 11th to May 13th in Kalamazoo.

Waste Wizard

The Waste Wizard search tool continues to be a success. We have promoted it, at length, as an option for residents to find local, year-round recycling and disposal options. As a reminder, the Waste Wizard is a digital version of our printed “Garbage Guide”.

Promotion

Ms. Neese and Ms. King actively manage social media and are always on the lookout for additional free marketing opportunities. The much-anticipated annual postcard went to our printer/mailing company at the end of January, and it was delivered in the first part of February.

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter

Want more recycling news? Don't want to miss a special collection event? Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter today at www.clinton-county.org/196/Waste-Management.

2026 Solid Waste Council Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 – Clinton County Courthouse; Suite 1500

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 – Watertown Charter Township Hall

Tuesday, December 15, 2026 – Clinton County Courthouse; Suite 1500

All meetings will begin at 5:30pm.

LIONS CLUB DROP OFF CENTER
March 2026

APPENDIX A

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	TOTALS
Materials Revenues												
Cartridges	\$ 104.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Cardboard	\$ 11,132.38	\$ 13,548.99	\$ 21,307.91	\$ 14,017.78	\$ 9,482.77	\$ 10,764.64	\$ 20,747.20	\$ 19,377.18	\$ 9,591.04	\$ 17,493.41	\$ 9,024.94	
Glass	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Mixed Office Paper	\$ 1,674.92	\$ -	\$ 2,423.60	\$ 4,745.71	\$ 1,187.45	\$ -	\$ 5,593.71	\$ 3,556.80	\$ 233.95	\$ 522.36	\$ 195.04	
Magazines	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Metal	\$ 2,467.90	\$ 977.10	\$ -	\$ 4,530.55	\$ 1,481.00	\$ 1,031.75	\$ 7,025.20	\$ 4,034.71	\$ 3,918.39	\$ 5,128.74	\$ 3,246.09	
Newspaper	\$ 7,005.43	\$ 8,419.00	\$ 7,400.18	\$ 3,732.03	\$ 2,800.15	\$ 3,299.70	\$ 4,934.52	\$ 3,949.36	\$ 1,695.77	\$ 3,067.38	\$ 1,351.89	
Plastic	\$ 8,570.75	\$ 4,802.43	\$ 4,713.03	\$ 7,247.65	\$ 3,969.15	\$ 1,257.23	\$ 13,902.78	\$ 6,876.42		\$ 5,762.93	\$ 1,745.40	
Battery Recycling	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 282.72	\$ 290.00		
Rent	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 9,778.80	\$ 12,007.80	\$ 13,353.10	\$ 21,355.45	\$ 16,972.07	(inc Uncategorized & food truck)
Donations/Interest	\$ 288.52	\$ 160.00	\$ 897.63	\$ 1,328.72	\$ 7,154.20	\$ 13,306.60	\$ 14,237.18	\$ 20,862.07	\$ 11,954.04	\$ 14,552.84	\$ 30,130.40	(inc dues)
TOTALS	\$ 35,544.65	\$ 32,707.52	\$ 41,542.35	\$ 38,402.44	\$ 32,574.72	\$ 35,159.92	\$ 76,219.39	\$ 70,664.34	\$ 41,029.01	\$ 68,173.11	\$ 62,665.83	\$ 534,683.28

COMMUNITY SUBSIDIES

City of St Johns	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Bingham Township	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Bengal Township	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Greenbush Township	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Clinton County*	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 25,587.50	\$ 22,250.00	
TOTAL SUBSIDIES	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 23,800.00	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 23,300.00	\$ 22,800.00	\$ 24,800.00	\$ 36,587.50	\$ 29,250.00	\$ 271,337.50

TOTAL REVENUES \$ 53,544.65 \$ 52,207.52 \$ 66,542.35 \$ 57,902.44 \$ 56,374.72 \$ 63,959.92 \$ 99,519.39 \$ 93,464.34 \$ 65,829.01 \$ 104,760.61 \$ 91,915.83 \$ 806,020.78

Contract Labor	\$ 35,100.00	\$ 33,890.00	\$ 33,800.00	\$ 36,761.42	\$ 30,028.60	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,850.00	\$ 43,200.00	\$ 44,551.98	\$ 56,100.00	\$ 45,925.28	(inc Grounds)
C.Labor -Styrofoam	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 389.49	\$ -	
Disposal/Waste/Snow	\$ 982.52	\$ 1,053.24	\$ 1,263.89	\$ 1,993.84	\$ 1,613.16	\$ 1,599.76	\$ 1,996.28	\$ 2,488.24	\$ 1,517.29	\$ 1,613.56	\$ 1,586.63	
Equipment Repair	\$ 1,960.14	\$ 3,386.71	\$ 2,743.61	\$ 7,503.23	\$ 5,072.70	\$ 5,957.26	\$ 11,103.81	\$ 4,501.83	\$ 7,327.76	\$ 7,050.16	\$ 2,791.62	
Building Repair	\$ 511.97	\$ 1,275.93	\$ 5,487.11	\$ 4,225.24	\$ 8,900.62	\$ 218.08	\$ 3,293.23	\$ 1,309.57	\$ 84.00	\$ 676.24	\$ -	
Truck Expense	\$ 409.09	\$ 874.46	\$ 631.12	\$ 921.62	\$ 777.12	\$ 721.07	\$ 772.66	\$ 637.99	\$ 481.58	\$ 679.71	\$ 347.27	
Accounting Expense	\$ 3,275.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,923.50	\$ 2,129.50	\$ 3,196.00	\$ 2,689.75	\$ 3,544.50	\$ 3,333.40	\$ 4,971.72	\$ 11,567.30	\$ 2,490.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 122.55	\$ 2.41	\$ 84.73	\$ 151.00	\$ 124.31	\$ 290.56	\$ 154.00	\$ 441.04	\$ 156.00	\$ 335.21	\$ 84.00	
Freight	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 347.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Insurance	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 2,919.00	\$ 2,974.00	\$ 2,726.16	\$ 2,973.98	\$ 3,145.99	\$ 2,438.01	\$ 2,438.00	\$ 561.74	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Expense	\$ 756.01	\$ 108.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 786.94	\$ 927.83	\$ 666.00	\$ 2,932.91	\$ 10,402.87	\$ 7,383.04	\$ 2,462.52	\$ 18.00	(inc. processing fee & interest expense)
Rent/Mortgage	\$ 8,054.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Supplies	\$ 3,612.29	\$ 1,530.98	\$ 1,898.58	\$ 2,664.03	\$ 839.45	\$ 2,447.13	\$ 510.26	\$ 421.54	\$ 36.27	\$ 225.74	\$ -	
Utilities	\$ 2,117.99	\$ 2,048.11	\$ 2,179.18	\$ 2,145.46	\$ 2,742.77	\$ 2,613.99	\$ 2,605.22	\$ 3,104.55	\$ 2,440.29	\$ 3,098.41	\$ 3,107.65	
Scholarship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,755.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 810.00	\$ 4,464.68	\$ -	*inc Charity
Lions Club Expenses										\$ 2,412.52	\$ 18,692.17	
Transfer Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 59,762.54	\$ 49,788.84	\$ 54,393.17	\$ 62,008.44	\$ 57,196.54	\$ 51,349.59	\$ 62,955.88	\$ 73,579.03	\$ 70,321.67	\$ 91,075.54	\$ 75,042.62	\$ 707,473.86

REV.-EXP. \$ (6,217.89) \$ 2,418.68 \$ 12,149.18 \$ (4,106.00) \$ (821.82) \$ 12,610.33 \$ 36,563.51 \$ 19,885.31 \$ (4,492.66) \$ 13,685.07 \$ 16,873.21 \$ 98,546.92

TOTAL TONS	403.84	312.46	290.62	348.10	277.00	306.91	273.58	276.30	240.39	207.48	196.51
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*Includes contributions from Riley, Olive and Essex Twps