



## COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received:

1. Eagle Township Resolution Adopting an Ordinance Amending the Interim Zoning Ordinance
2. Eagle Township Resolution Imposing a Moratorium on the Issuance of Permits, Licenses, or Approvals for Data Centers and Direct the Planning Commission to Study Data Center Uses
3. Victor Township Planning Commission Resolution Regarding Clarification and Amendment of Clinton County Kennel Ordinance, Licensing, and Inspection Practices
4. Victor Township Resolution Regarding Clarification and Amendment of Clinton County Kennel Ordinance, Licensing and Inspection Practices
5. Wexford County Resolution in Support of Repealing MCL 46.415(2)
6. Washtenaw County Resolution Supporting State Legislative Action for Fiscal Accountability and Local Zoning Authority
7. LEAP Letter of Support

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Washington moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat to acknowledge receipt of the communications and place on file. Motion carried.

## ADMINISTRATOR/ CONTROLLER'S REPORT

Administrator/Controller Fuentes referenced Communication #7, a LEAP Letter of Support. A draft letter of support from Clinton County, as requested, was provided for review and consideration.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve the letter of support of the proposed USDA-NIFA Sustainable Agricultural Systems project, "AI-Optimized Distributed Bio-Digital Infrastructure for National Data Services, Resource Recovery, and Rural Resilience in U.S. Animal Agriculture". Motion carried.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson DeLong called for public comments. The following individuals offered public comments:

- Maggie Sayles, Victor Township;
- Jim Lawless, Bingham Township;
- Anne Hill, East Lansing;
- Tony Spagnuolo, Prosecuting Attorney;
- Marion Bernstein-Underwood, Indigent Defense Administrator;
- Matthew Samuels, Indigent Defense Attorney;
- Theresa Owen, Greenbush Township.

## CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson DeLong welcomed Sheriff Sean Dush to present the Clinton County Sheriff's Office 2025 Annual Report.

## MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Liz Braddock, Mid-Michigan District Health Department Officer provided a written report which was included in the board agenda packet.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers to accept the Health Department report. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONERS' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

Commissioners' expense accounts were presented for review and approval.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Hurtekant to approve the expense accounts, subject to review by the Chair and Clerk. Motion carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following are reports of Committee meetings:

**WAYS AND MEANS  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Commissioner Rudat, Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee, reported on a meeting held Thursday, March 26, 2026.

**ATTENDANCE AT  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Members Present:**

Zach Rudat, W&M Committee Chairperson  
John Andrews  
Brian Hurtekant  
Dwight Washington  
Robert Showers  
Bruce DeLong, Ex-Officio Member

**Members Excused:**

Nicole Fickes

**Staff Present:**

John Fuentes	Todd Campbell
Penny Goerge	Rob Wooten
Kate Rademacher	Craig Thelen
Kate Neese	Kyle Thornton
Tony Spagnuolo	Sean Dush
Marion Bernstein-Underwood	

**Others Present:**

Amy Pohan  
MaLissa Schutt  
Gail Watkins  
Mike Frederick  
Anne Hill  
Cora Decker  
Pat McPharlin  
Dan Skorich  
Jody Smith  
Theresa Owen  
Kathy George

**CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

1. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Hurtekant, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Addition to Agenda: Planning and Zoning Cost Sharing Formula - 11A

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

2. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat requested limited public comments.
  - The following individuals offered public comments:
    - Anne Hill, East Lansing;
    - Tony Spagnuolo, County Prosecutor;
    - Marion Bernstein-Underwood, Indigent Defense Administrator;
    - Sean Dush, County Sheriff;
    - Kathy George, Essex Township.

**CLINTON AREA TRANSIT  
ANNUAL UPDATE**

3. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced MaLissa Schutt and Gail Watkins from Clinton Area Transit to provide an annual update.
  - MaLissa Schutt and Gail Watkins from Clinton Area Transit provided an overview and answered questions regarding Clinton Transit's 2025 Annual Report.

No action required.

VETERANS AFFAIRS  
UPDATE

4. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced Amy Pocan from Ingham and Clinton County Department of Veteran Affairs to provide an update regarding Veteran Affairs.
  - Ms. Pocan discussed the service agreement model for veteran services noting the current per-case billing model no longer reflects the full cost of service delivery and requires activity tracking;
  - A revised agreement is necessary to ensure sustainability, transparency, and accurate cost recovery while supporting competitive staffing and consistent service delivery;
  - In addition, the grant-funded position serving Clinton County veterans has experienced turnover due to non-competitive wages and workload demands, impacting service continuity;
  - Ms. Pocan provided an overview of the current per-case methodology and presented a revised cost model to improve staff retention and service quality for veterans in Clinton County;
  - The proposed CY26 Service Agreement is for \$106,177.95 and includes a position upgrade for the Veterans Benefits Counselor position.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to **recommend** approving the proposed CY26 Service Agreement in the amount of \$106,177.95 including a position upgrade for the Veterans Benefits Counselor position. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Hurtekant to concur with the committee recommendation. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Commissioners Showers, Andrews, Washington, Rudat, Hurtekant and DeLong. Commissioner Fickes was absent. Six ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

ROAD COMMISSION  
UPDATE

5. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced Clinton County Road Commissioners, Gail Watkins and Mike Frederick, to provide an annual update.
  - The members were notified that Mike Frederick was nominated as Board Chair for 2026;
  - The members received an annual update, and discussion took place regarding road projects.

No action required.

PARKS AND GREEN SPACE  
COMMISSION

6. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced Kyle Thornton, Parks and Green Space Coordinator, to discuss a proposed letter of support.
  - Parks and Green Space Coordinator Thornton briefly discussed a recommendation from the Parks and Green Space Commission (PGSC) to provide a letter of support to Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and PEA Group for the City of Lansing & DeWitt Township non-motorized regional trail connections project.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Washington moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to **recommend** authorizing a letter of support to Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and PEA Group to support the first phase of the City of Lansing & DeWitt Township non-motorized regional trail connections project. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**RECYCLING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GRANGER FOR SPECIAL COLLECTION EVENTS**

- A. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced Kate Neese, Waste Management Coordinator, to discuss the service contract for trash disposal for the upcoming 2026 special collection events.
  - The proposed service contract with Granger for trash disposal at the special waste collection events is for two years and allows for a 5% annual increase.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to **recommend** authorizing a two year service contract with Granger as presented for trash disposal for the upcoming special collection events. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

**APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN SCRAP TIRE GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

- B. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced Kate Neese, Waste Management Coordinator, to discuss a scrap tire grant opportunity for Clinton County.
  - The Department of Waste Management is seeking support to utilize the Michigan Departmental of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy’s (EGLE) annual scrap tire grant for calendar year 2026;
  - This grant would cover the cost of one scrap tire collection trailer for the fall collection event scheduled for Saturday, September 26th and would allow the department to accept car & light truck tires free of charge from Clinton County residents;
  - This is a regional effort with Barry and Eaton Counties, and Eaton County will once again be acting as fiduciary and primary contact for the scrap tire grant, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be presented to the Board for approval once the grant details have been released;
  - Commissioner Hurtekant stated for the record that he supports this effort, however he will be abstaining from voting due to a conflict of interest with his employer, EGLE.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to **recommend** approving Clinton County’s participation in the Michigan Departmental of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy’s annual scrap tire grant. Motion carried. Commissioner Hurtekant abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest with his employer, EGLE.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers to concur with the committee recommendation. Commissioner Hurtekant abstained from voting. Motion carried.

**FACILITY AND FLEET SERVICES – 2026 MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE**

- 8. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced Rob Wooten, Facility and Fleet Services Director, to provide a status update regarding the 2026 Major Capital Improvement Projects.
  - Facility and Fleet Services Director Wooten reviewed and discussed the status of the 2026 Major Capital Improvement Projects.

No action required.

REVIEW RFP FOR JAIL  
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT  
SERVICES AND COST  
ESTIMATES

9. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced Rob Wooten, Facility and Fleet Services Director, to review a RFP for Jail design development services and cost estimates.
- The members reviewed and discussed a proposed RFP for Architectural and Engineering professional services to develop an updated program, schematic designs, and construction cost estimates focused on the Jail booking area;
  - Discussion followed regarding developing an RFP for an Owners Representative to protect Clinton County's interest and manage any potential project on Clinton County's behalf.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** authorizing the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Clinton County Jail Remodel Architecture and Engineering Services as presented. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Hurtekant moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers, to **recommend** directing Administration to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Owner's Representative, to assist the County in the development of a jail project, to be considered for approval in April. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Hurtekant to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-2  
OPIOID LITIGATION  
SETTLEMENT

10. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced discussion regarding a settlement resolution relating to Clinton County's lawsuit regarding the opioid epidemic.
- As a result of Clinton County's lawsuit regarding the opioid epidemic, there has been a new settlement that has been reached with six regional distributors/dispenser defendants and their subsidiaries;
  - These defendants will pay a combined \$97,625,000 in cash for purposes of abating the opioid epidemic, resulting in a very small one-time payment to each eligible entity;
  - The Board of Commissioners has previously given the County Administrator/Controller authority to approve settlements referenced as "defendants" but given that these parties were not actually defendants in the County's litigation, Administration recommends the Board of Commissioners formally approve a resolution authorizing Clinton County's entry into the participation agreement for this settlement.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** approving a resolution authorizing the execution of a participation agreement for the Remnant Defendants Settlement as recommended by County's legal counsel. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.  
(INSERT RESOLUTION)

PLANNING UPDATE

11. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced discussion regarding a planning and zoning update.
- Deputy Administrator Campbell notified the members that the following agenda items were acted upon at the March Planning Commission Meeting:
    - Initiate the process to hold a public hearing for a Zoning Ordinance amendment to place a moratorium on Data Centers;
    - Draft language for a Zoning Ordinance amendment placing a moratorium on Data Centers for review and consideration at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting;
    - Direct County Administrator to authorize a contract work order for OHM Advisors to develop text amendment language in reference to adding storage facilities to A-2 permitted uses, kennel provisions, and changing zoning enforcement to a ticket procedure, within the current contract approved by the Board of Commissioners;
    - Discussion regarding the five-year Master Plan review; the consensus of the members of the Planning Commission was to continue the discussion at the April 9, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting to allow members each to complete a thorough review of the current plan.

No action required.

PLANNING AND ZONING  
COST SHARING FORMULA

- 11A. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced discussion regarding a cost sharing formula relating to the Planning and Zoning Department.
- Discussion took place regarding an equitable cost sharing formula for the County's departmental general fund subsidy for Planning and Zoning with the townships under County planning and zoning jurisdiction;
  - The members reviewed an example that was developed for discussion and is based on an estimated general fund subsidy of \$200,000; the cost-recovery example includes a portion of the cost considered to be administrative in nature to be shared equally;
  - To account for differences in activity the example includes cost-sharing based equally in part on the proportional taxable values and development activity within each jurisdiction from the preceding year; for example, the development activity included zoning permits, planning commission and zoning board of appeals cases and enforcements;
  - It was noted the general law townships have a fiscal year and annual budget that begin April 1 compared to the County's January 1 budget cycle;
  - Discussion followed regarding the methodology of the cost-sharing formula example used for proposed participation fees from Townships;
  - Questions were raised regarding the townships that are currently administering their own zoning, and Administration was asked to obtain the most current planning agreements that are in place with Eagle, Bengal and Dallas Townships;
  - Discussion took place regarding the current fee schedule that took effect in 2023; and Administration was asked to compare Clinton County's fee schedule with neighboring jurisdictions.

No action taken.

APPROVAL OF 2027  
BUDGET CALENDAR

12. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced discussion regarding the 2027 Budget Calendar.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** the adoption of the 2027 Budget Calendar. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

APRIL 2026 COMMITTEE  
MEETING CALENDAR

13. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced discussion regarding the proposed April 2026 Open Meetings and Events Calendar.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Hurtekant moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** approval of the April 2026 Open Meetings and Events Calendar. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Hurtekant to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
INVOICES PAID TOTALS

14. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat introduced discussion regarding the accounts payable invoices to be paid.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:** Commissioner Hurtekant moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers, to approve the invoices paid from February 7 through March 6 , 2026, in the amount of \$1,451,171.68. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS'  
COMMENTS

15. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat requested Commissioners' comments.

- Discussion took place about adding language to the Board's Bylaws to provide clear directions on who is designated to chair a committee meeting in the absence of the committee chairperson.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

16. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat requested the administrator's report from Administrator/Controller Fuentes.

- Administration has developed a proposed animal control ordinance as directed by the Board; it is currently being reviewed by legal counsel and should be available for review in April.

ADJOURNMENT OF  
COMMITTEE MEETING

17. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Rudat adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

COMMISSIONER  
DISCUSSION INVOLVING  
INDIGENT DEFENSE  
COUNSEL

Commissioner Rudat introduced discussion regarding the removal of an indigent defense attorney as requested by the prosecuting attorney.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Hurtekant to pause the independent contractor in question and to direct the county administrator to contact county legal counsel for a legal opinion regarding the county Board of Commissioners' authority over the MIDC program. Motion carried.

RECESS

Chairperson Delong called for a break at 10:40 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:43 a.m.

**HUMAN RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Commissioner Hurtekant, Chair pro tempore of the Human Resources Committee, reported on a meeting held Thursday, March 26, 2026.

ATTENDANCE AT  
COMMITTEE MEETING

**Members Present:**

Brian Hurtekant, Chair Pro Tempore  
Robert Showers  
Dwight Washington  
Zach Rudat  
John Andrews  
Bruce DeLong, Ex-Officio Member

**Members Excused:**

Nicole Fickes

**Staff Present:**

John Fuentes  
Penny Goerge  
Todd Campbell  
Steph Dush  
Kate Rademacher  
Craig Thelen  
Sheriff Dush  
Tony Spagnuolo

**Others Present:**

Anne Hill

CALL TO ORDER/ APPROVE  
OF AGENDA

1. Commissioner Hurtekant, Chair pro tempore, called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. Commissioner Hurtekant, Chair pro tempore, requested limited public comments. There were none.

RESOLUTION 2026-3  
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY  
TELECOMMUNICATORS  
WEEK IN APRIL

3. Commissioner Hurtekant, Chair pro tempore, introduced discussion regarding a Resolution of Appreciation to Clinton County 911 Central Dispatch Telecommunicators.

- Discussion took place regarding a Resolution of Appreciation to honor the Clinton County 9-1-1 Telecommunicator professionals for their crucial role in the protection of life and property, and to declare the week of April 12-18, 2026 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators week in Clinton County.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Washington moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers, to **recommend** authorizing a Resolution of Appreciation in honor of the Clinton County 911 Central Dispatch Telecommunicators and declare the week of April 12-18, 2026 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Clinton County. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Hurtekant moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried. (INSERT RESOLUTION)

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
REQUEST

4. Commissioner Hurtekant, Chair pro tempore, introduced discussion regarding a personnel request from the Prosecuting Attorney.
  - Prosecuting Attorney Spagnuolo is requesting consideration to hire an Investigator at the top of the pay scale, based on the candidate's specialized training and twenty-four years of experience in law enforcement;
  - Administration supports this request based on the candidate's experience; however, the County Administrator/Controller is only authorized to approve hiring at the one-year rate.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** approving the hiring of an Investigator in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office at a three-year rate based on candidate's background training and experience. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Hurtekant moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER  
OF DEEDS REQUEST

5. Commissioner Hurtekant, Chair pro tempore, introduced discussion regarding a request from the County Clerk/Register of Deeds.
  - A qualified candidate has been identified to fill the Chief Deputy Clerk/Register position;
  - The recommended applicant is highly experienced in the required duties with a strong background in administering elections, clerking meetings and assisting with annual budget preparation;
  - The Board is being asked to take the candidate's extensive experience into consideration for starting the candidate at the top of the pay scale.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat, to **recommend** authorizing the Clerk/Register of Deeds Office to fill the vacancy of Chief Deputy Clerk/Register of Deeds (Grade 10) position at the year 3 pay scale effective immediately, based on candidate's level of experience and qualifications. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Hurtekant moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING –  
HR CONSULTING  
PROPOSAL

6. Commissioner Hurtekant, Chair pro tempore, introduced discussion regarding an HR Consulting Proposal.
  - JL HR Consulting has provided a proposal to partner with the County to design and implement a structured, skills-based hiring process for a Community Development Director or Planning & Zoning Director role, as outlined in the proposal;
  - Questions and comments were discussed regarding the Board's role in the hiring decision included within the proposal;
  - No action was taken on the proposal presented.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** that the County Administrator/Controller be authorized to utilize JL HR consulting for services as determined necessary. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Hurtekant moved, seconded by Commissioner Rudat to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

7. Commissioner Hurtekant, Chair pro tempore, introduced discussion regarding committee/commission appointments.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Rudat moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers, to **recommend** referring the recommendations for representatives on the ZBA and Solid Waste Committees back to the Planning Commission (PC) to give the newly appointed PC members the opportunity to participate in voting. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Hurtekant moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

8. Commissioner Hurtekant, Chair pro tempore, requested Commissioners' Comments.  
• Commissioner Showers, Commissioner Washington, Commissioner Rudat all offered comments.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

9. Commissioner Hurtekant, Chair pro tempore, requested the administrator's report.  
• Discussion took place regarding a courthouse-related interaction involving defense counsel and staff; the Administrator/Controller reported he will continue to work with the County Prosecutor and Indigent Defense Coordinator to attempt to seek resolution.

ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

END OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chairperson DeLong called for Commissioners' comments.  
• Commissioner Showers and Commissioner Hurtekant offered comments.

ADJOURNMENT

**BOARD ACTION:** With no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson DeLong declared the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

*Debra A. Sutherland*

Debra A. Sutherland, Clerk of the Board

NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval on April 21, 2026.