

# CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Kam J. Washburn

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**Members**  
David W. Pohl  
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Adam C. Stacey

**Administrator**  
Craig Longnecker  
**Clerk of the Board**  
Diane Zuker

**DATE** 6/29/2021 The Clinton County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Clinton County Board of Commissioners Room, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan with Chairperson Kam Washburn presiding.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chairperson Washburn called for a moment of silence. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL** Roll was called and a quorum reported. Present were Commissioners Kam Washburn, David Pohl, Bruce DeLong, Kenneth B. Mitchell, Robert Showers, Dwight Washington and Adam Stacey.

**COUNTY PERSONNEL** Craig Longnecker, Todd Campbell, Penny Goerge, Doug Riley, Sheriff Larry Jerue and Eric Harger.

**VISITORS** There were no visitors in attendance.

**AGENDA** The agenda was presented for review and approval.  
**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The May 25, 2021 minutes were presented for review and approval.  
**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Stacey to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS** The following communications were received:  
1. Chippewa County Resolution opposing Michigan Secretary of State "By Appointment Only"  
2. Roscommon County Resolution opposing Michigan Secretary of State "By Appointment Only"  
3. Huron County Resolution supporting 4-year County Commissioners Terms  
4. Crawford County Resolution supporting 4-year County Commissioners Terms  
5. Kalamazoo County Resolution regarding Legislation to privatize Michigan's Mental Health System  
6. Lenawee County Resolution opposing Michigan Social Welfare Act Opposing Gearing Towards Integration Proposal  
7. Muskegon County Resolution opposing Vaccine Passports  
8. Oceana County Resolution opposing Vaccine Passports  
9. Montcalm County Resolution regarding Revenue Sharing  
10. Department of Treasury Letter approving Petition of Scott Cunningham as Clinton County Designated Assessor  
11. Final State Equalization Report for 2021  
**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to acknowledge receipt of the communications. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Craig Longnecker, County Administrator reported that the county 911 operating millage passed in 2020. In addition, late last year, Congress passed a law to allow the FCC 180 days to look at 911 surcharges that were not being used. As a result, the FCC has produced a report. There will not be a bright line drawn on expenditures, provided they are directly supporting 911 services. This has not been completely finalized, but it looks positive at this point.

Chairperson Washburn followed up by taking a moment to officially welcome Todd Campbell, Deputy County Administrator to his first 'in person' meeting. He commended Mr. Campbell for his efforts to keep the County's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan updated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Washburn called for public comments. There were none.

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Chairperson Washburn introduced discussion regarding the Declaration for Local "State of Emergency".

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to extend the Declaration for a Local "State of Emergency" for Clinton County until July 31, 2021 or until such time as the Board acts to cease or extend the state of emergency. Discussion followed. The members agreed that this would be the final extension unless there is a significant change in the data. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were DeLong, Stacey, Washington, Showers, Pohl, Mitchell and Washburn. Seven ayes, zero nays. Motion carried. (INSERT DECLARATION)

ZONING

Chairperson Washburn introduced Doug Riley, Community Development Director to present the following zoning matters:

PC-16-21 MA  
OR 164-21  
CHANGE OF ZONE/MAP  
AMENDMENT  
KARI SIMON AND  
ALFRED & LINDA WALTERS  
GENERAL AGRICULTURE  
DISTRICT TO RURAL  
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT  
APPROVED

PC-16-21 MA Petition for Change of Zone/Map Amendment OR 164-21 submitted by Kari Simon in conjunction with her parents and underlying property owners Alfred and Linda Walters to rezone approximately 12.33 acres from A-2 (General Agriculture District) to RR (Rural Residential District) for property located at 4288 County Farm Road, Parcel ID#: 030-033-200-037-00, Section 33, Bingham Township

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Stacey moved, seconded by Commissioner DeLong to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Change of Zone/Map Amendment submitted by Kari Simon/Alfred and Linda Walters.

Chairperson Washburn called for comments and/or questions. There were none.

Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Stacey, Pohl, Showers, DeLong, Mitchell, Washington and Washburn. Seven ayes, zero nays. Motion carried.

PC-20-21 MA  
OR 165-21  
CHANGE OF ZONE/MAP  
AMENDMENT  
DONNA TERRY  
GENERAL AGRICULTURE  
DISTRICT TO RURAL  
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT  
APPROVED

PC-20-21 MA Petition for Change of Zone/Map Amendment OR 165-21 submitted by Donna Terry to rezone approximately 2.17 acres from A-2 (General Agriculture District) to RR (Rural Residential District) for a vacant lot located on the north side of E. Round Lake Road between 5891 E. Round Lake Road and 5913 E. Round Lake Road, Parcel ID#: 140-029-100-089-60, Section 29 of Victor Township.

Chairperson Washburn called for comments and/or questions. There were none.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Stacey moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Change of Zone/Map Amendment submitted by Donna Terry. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Pohl, Stacey, DeLong, Showers, Washington, Mitchell and Washburn. Seven ayes, zero nays. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT**

Chairperson Washburn introduced Sheriff Larry Jerue to present the Sheriff's Office 2020 Annual Report. Additionally, Chairperson Washburn thanked Sheriff Jerue for his work over the last year and added that the County could not have had a better person at the helm at the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Larry Jerue presented the Sheriff's Office 2020 Annual Report. He reflected on the last year, noting that it was the most single challenging year he has ever faced in his career. Discussion followed.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to accept the report and place on file. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONERS' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS**

Commissioners' expense accounts were presented for review and approval. Chairperson Washburn noted that the expense vouchers should continue to be submitted electronically.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following are reports of Committee meetings:

**INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Commissioner Washburn, Chairperson of the Infrastructure Committee reported on a meeting held June 17, 2021.

**ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Members Present**

Kam Washburn, Infrastructure Committee Chairperson  
Bruce DeLong  
Adam Stacey

**Staff Present**

Craig Longnecker  
Todd Campbell  
Rob Wooten  
Penny Goerge

**Others Present**

Marty Ruitter, Hobbs+Black  
Fred Moyer, Fred Moyer Associates  
Inessa Yutalas, Fred Moyer Associates

**CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Infrastructure Committee Chairperson Washburn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:** Commissioner Stacey moved, seconded by Commissioner DeLong, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

2. Infrastructure Committee Chairperson Washburn requested limited public comments. There were none.

CLINTON COUNTY  
FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

3. Infrastructure Committee Chairperson Washburn introduced discussion regarding the Clinton County Facilities Master Plan.
  - Administrator Longnecker introduced Marty Ruiten, Vice President and Regional Director from Hobbs+Black, to provide an overview of the master planning process and assist the committee with determining a strategic direction for completing a Master Plan Update of the Clinton County Facilities;
  - Mr. Ruiten explained how the environment has changed significantly since the last analysis was completed in 2018 and the primary goal is to methodically develop an updated concept master plan that can be taken to the Board of Commissioners for adoption by October of 2021;
  - Discussion took place regarding the American Rescue Plan Act and how the County may utilize some of these funds for infrastructure projects;
  - The members reviewed current priorities under the Capital Improvement Plan that include public safety facility renovations/new, maintenance/EOC facility additions, and a training/multiuse facility;
  - Mr. Ruiten introduced Fred Moyer and Inessa Yutalas from Fred Moyer Associates to provide a preview of their assessment of our current Public Safety Facility;
    - During his assessment, Mr. Moyer commended Sheriff Jerue and staff for how clean they keep the facilities, and it was noted that the Sheriff is doing an admirable job keeping operations going in very unforgiving circumstances;
    - Mr. Moyer highlighted many liability concerns that cannot be resolved within the current structure; discussion followed regarding ADA compliance as well;
  - Facilities Director Wooten highlighted several maintenance concerns at the Public Safety Facility; he needs to know the future plans of this facility to determine whether or not to continue with up to \$2 million worth of capital improvement projects in the coming years;
  - Mr. Ruiten suggested that the first step in understanding the public safety facility would involve putting together a deficiency log with input from key personnel at the County; this will assist him in putting together a comparative analysis for a renovation scenario or build new scenario;
  - Discussion followed regarding a proposed Drain Commissioner facility;
  - The members decided to tour the county facilities on Thursday, July 1 at 8:00 a.m. and they will hold another infrastructure meeting on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS'  
COMMENTS

4. Infrastructure Committee Chairperson Washburn requested Commissioners' comments. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT OF  
COMMITTEE MEETING

5. Infrastructure Committee Chairperson Washburn adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

**WAYS & MEANS  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Commissioner Stacey, Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee reported on a meeting held June 24, 2021.

ATTENDANCE AT  
COMMITTEE MEETING

**Members Attending by Electronic Means:**

Adam Stacey, W&M Committee Chairperson (City of Lansing, Michigan)  
David Pohl (Dallas Township, Michigan)  
Robert Showers (Dewitt Charter Township, Michigan)  
Dwight Washington (Bath Charter Township, Michigan)  
Bruce DeLong (City of St. Johns, Michigan)  
Ken Mitchell (Watertown Charter Township, Michigan)  
Kam Washburn, Ex-Officio Member (City of St. Johns, Michigan)

**Staff Present**

Craig Longnecker  
Penny Goerge  
Brittany Kuhnle  
Cindy Moser  
Deb Sutherland

Todd Campbell  
Tina Ward  
Doug Riley  
Kate Neese

**Others Present**

Robert Bendzinski, Municipal Financial Advisor - Bendzinski & Co.  
Stephen Hayduk, Vice President - Bendzinski & Co.  
Doug Steffen, Managing Director - Clinton County Road Commission  
Gail Watkins, Clinton County Road Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA

1. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:** Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey requested limited public comments. There were none.

ROAD COMMISSION  
FINANCING DISCUSSION

3. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey introduced discussion regarding Road Commission Facility Financing.
  - In April of 2021, the Road Commission presented a report to the Board of Commissioners regarding the need to construct new facilities; the initial estimated cost is \$18 million and the bond payment over 20 years on that amount is \$1.2 million;
  - The Road Commission has been working with municipal financial advisor Bendzinski on funding options and after a comprehensive analysis, Bendzinski determined that the best option is for the County to issue General Obligation Limited Tax bonds without a vote, on behalf of the Road Commission;
  - Mr. Bendzinski provided a brief presentation and answered questions from the Commissioners relating to the practical matters of financing the project;
  - Clinton County Road Commission Managing Director, Doug Steffen and Clinton County Road Commissioner Gail Watkins answered several questions from the members regarding the Road Commission's operating budget and how they plan to fund the project; it was noted that the Road Commission's budget is very strong and OPEB is currently funded at 150% which frees up funds to put toward the bond payments;
  - The members spoke in support of this project and discussed the importance of having strong and reliable infrastructure in Clinton County;
  - Commissioner Stacey noted that he would like to see additional documentation and data to back up this decision before he can proceed;
  - Administrator Longnecker:
    - Noted that if the Board decides to move forward, their first step would be to negotiate a contract with the Clinton County Road Commission and make this payment a first budget obligation;
    - Emphasized that it is a time-consuming process to issue debt; this project would require additional time from Administration depending on how much oversight the Board wants to have relative to project management;
    - Advised that the County has its own infrastructure review taking place right now and this project could affect the timing on other county infrastructure priorities;

- Mr. Bendzinski outlined the next steps involved if the County is supportive of this project:
  - The Road Commission's first step would be to have Miller Canfield prepare a resolution to be adopted by the Road Commission requesting the County of Clinton to issue bonds to finance a new Road Commission administration and maintenance facility;
  - This resolution would then lead to an agreement between Clinton County and Road Commission whereby the Road Commission agrees to pay the debt service obligations on the bonds;
  - The bonds would require a 45 day right-of-referendum;
  - Once an agreement is in place, the County will be asked to adopt a Bond Authorizing Resolution.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl to **recommend** authorizing the Clinton County Road Commission to proceed with having Miller Canfield prepare a resolution (to be reviewed and adopted by the Road Commission) requesting the County of Clinton to issue bonds to finance a new Road Commission administration and maintenance facility. Motion carried. Commissioner Stacey voted no.

**BOARD ACTION:** Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried. Stacey voted no.

TREASURER  
WAIVER OF DELINQUENT  
DOG LICENSE FEES

4. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey introduced Tina Ward, Clinton County Treasurer, to discuss a request to extend the waiver for delinquent dog license fees through the third quarter of 2021.
  - In March of 2021, the Board of Commissioners authorized an extension of the waiver of delinquent dog license fees through the second quarter of 2021 due to limited access to veterinary services along with financial stresses related to the COVID-19 pandemic;
  - As the Board continues to declare a State of Emergency, Treasurer Ward is asking the Board to continue this waiver through the third quarter of 2021; at that time, this matter may be reviewed again.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Washington moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to **recommend** authorizing a waiver of delinquent dog license fees through the third quarter of 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Motion carried.

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

- Commissioner Stacey asked if the County should consider conducting a county-wide dog census; he would like to see this idea reviewed again in the future.

MERS ANNUAL ACTUARIAL  
REPORT

5. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey introduced discussion regarding the MERS Annual Actuarial Valuation Report as of December 31, 2020.
  - Administrator Longnecker provided an Executive Summary to the members pertaining to the MERS Annual Actuarial Valuation Report as of December 31, 2020;
  - The funded ratio for the plan is 99% as of 12/31/20, unchanged from the previous year;

- To maintain a well-funded pension plan, Clinton County incorporates additional funding into the County's annual budget and long-term financial plan; this stabilizes the operating budget by allowing for a consistent annual payment with the goal of maintaining funding in the desired target range of 90% - 110%.

No action required.

PENSION AND OPEB  
REPORTS IN COMPLIANCE  
WITH PUBLIC ACT 202 OF  
2017 AND PUBLIC ACT 530  
OF 2016

6. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey introduced Administrator Longnecker to discuss the pension and OPEB reports that have been submitted to the Michigan Department of Treasury.
  - Public Act 202 and Public Act 530 require management to submit the pension and OPEB reports to the Michigan Department of Treasury and to the governing body;
  - The reported numbers were derived from the most recent audit which was received by the Board last month; as noted by the auditor during the presentation, the reported audit numbers are based on rules established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB);
  - In addition, funding levels and required contributions are determined separately through an annual actuarial process for the pension and once every two years for OPEB; the numbers from the actuarial process are examined closely by management as they have the most implications for county finances;
  - Clinton County plans are well funded; both pension and OPEB exceed the funding triggers and are well within the contribution fractions; therefore, no underfunded status is triggered.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** acknowledging receipt of the required Public Act 202 and Public Act 530 reports submitted to the Michigan Department of Treasury. Motion carried.

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

EQUALIZATION  
ADOPTION OF COUNTY  
TAXABLE VALUES

7. Ways and Means Chairperson Stacey introduced Brittany Kuhnle, Equalization Assistant, to discuss the statement of taxable valuation for 2021.
  - The Members reviewed the report from Equalization containing the 2021 Clinton County Taxable Valuations;
  - This report is to be filed with the State Tax Commission on or before the fourth Monday in June.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers, to **recommend** approving Form L-4046 stating the County Taxable Values for 2021. Motion carried.

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

WASTE MANAGEMENT  
ITEMS:

8. Waste Management

RURAL RECYCLING  
ANNUAL REPORT

- A. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey introduced Kate Neese, Waste Management Coordinator, to provide an annual report on the activities related to the rural recycling program.
  - Discussion took place regarding how much material has been collected through the rural recycling program since its inception;
  - Commissioner Stacey stated that he would like to see additional communities re-engage in the rural recycling program;

- Ms. Neese provided a status update on behalf of the Lansing Regional Recycling Plant.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Mitchell moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl, to **recommend** accepting the annual report for the Clinton County Rural Recycling Program and place on file. Motion carried.

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

#### GREATER LAINGSBURG RECYCLERS REQUEST

- B. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey introduced Kate Neese, Waste Management Coordinator, to discuss a request from the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers.
- Last spring, the Solid Waste Council, and subsequently the BOC, approved a funding request from the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers (GLR) contingent upon receiving a grant from the State of Michigan;
  - The GLR received only a portion of their requested amount for this state grant; due to this shortfall, the GLR has asked for an additional \$5,000 to help offset costs for their building and materials.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Washington moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl, to **recommend** authorizing an additional \$5,000 for the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers to help offset building and materials costs in an effort to better serve Clinton County residents. Motion carried.

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

#### SCRAP TIRE COLLECTION

- C. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey introduced Kate Neese, Waste Management Coordinator, to discuss a proposed stand-alone scrap tire collection.
- In March of this year, the BOC approved Clinton County's participation in the annual scrap tire collection grant with EGLE;
  - Clinton County was awarded the grant (Eaton County Resource Recovery is the fiduciary) and as such, would like to hold a separate scrap car and light truck tire collection per the grant requirements;
  - The Department of Waste Management (DWM) is requesting permission to host a stand-alone scrap tire collection (by appointment only) at the Clinton County Road Commission garage on Saturday, September 25, 2021.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Washington moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to **recommend** authorizing a stand-alone scrap tire collection (by appointment only) at the Clinton County Road Commission garage on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

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

#### PLANNING UPDATE

9. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey introduced Doug Riley, Community Development Director, to provide a planning update.
- PC-16-21 MA – Petition for a change of zone/map amendment; Planning Commission recommends approval;
  - PC-20-21 MA – Petition for a change of zone/map amendment; Planning Commission recommends approval.
  - Director Riley provided the members with a status of the comprehensive plan update.

No action required.



EMERGENCY DECLARATION DISCUSSION

- 10. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey introduced discussion regarding the continuation of the County’s emergency declaration.
  - Discussion took place regarding the continuation of the County’s emergency declaration and it was determined by the members that the Board would extend the declaration through July to allow enough time for local municipalities to facilitate “return to normal” operations and in-person meetings;
  - Without the state of emergency declaration, local municipalities would not have the flexibility to conduct remote meetings without violating the Open Meetings Act;
  - It is the intent of the Board to not authorize any more extensions after July 31st unless there is a substantial change in the data that affects the positive trend taking place.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** authorizing the extension of the Declaration for a Local “State of Emergency” through July 31, 2021 or until such time as the Board acts to cease or extend the state of emergency. Motion carried. (See page 2 of minutes for Board Action)

JULY CALENDAR

- 11. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey introduced discussion regarding the July 2021 Open Meetings and Events Calendar.
  - It was noted that Clinton County will be resuming in-person meetings starting June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Commissioners meeting.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to **recommend** the approval of the July 2021 Open Meetings and Events Calendar. Motion carried.

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES PAID

- 12. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey introduced discussion regarding the Accounts Payable Invoices Paid.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:** Commissioner Mitchell moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl, to approve the invoices paid from May 8 through June 4, 2021 in the amount of \$1,623,698.26. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

- 13. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey requested comments from Administrator Longnecker.
  - Provided an update regarding the County’s cyber security efforts;
  - Notified the Members that the Central Dispatch project is still on schedule;
  - Discussion took place regarding the American Rescue Plan and how the County can utilize these funds;
  - Administrator Longnecker briefly discussed personnel recruiting and retention; the County will need to be creative in filling positions as we move forward;
  - Provided a lawsuit update;
  - Deputy Administrator Campbell provided an update regarding the County’s budget efforts and discussed changes to the County’s COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

- 14. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey requested Commissioners’ comments.
  - Commissioner Washington provided an update on behalf of the Mid-Michigan District Health Department and Community Mental Health; he also discussed the issue of sustainability and climate change;

- Commissioner Pohl reiterated Administrator Longnecker's comments stating that the County will need to keep an open mind in the future with regard to employee recruitment and retention options;
- Commissioner DeLong notified the members that the Mid-Michigan District Health Department hopes to make a decision on a new Health Officer at their special meeting next Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>;
- Commissioner DeLong provided an update on behalf of the Mid-Michigan District Health Department
- Commissioner Mitchell spoke regarding the Smart 911 app that is currently available for county residents;
- Commissioner Washburn discussed the American Rescue Plan Act, provided an update on behalf of the Infrastructure Committee and briefly discussed county-wide broadband.

ADJOURNMENT OF  
COMMITTEE MEETING

15. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson Stacey adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

**END OF COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

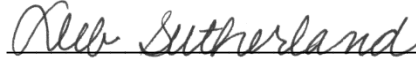
COMMISSIONERS'  
COMMENTS

Chairperson Washburn called for Commissioners' comments.

- Commissioner Washburn commented that Marcus Cheatum's last day is July 2<sup>nd</sup> and he would like to recognize Director Cheatham with a certificate of recognition.

ADJOURNMENT

**BOARD ACTION:** With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner DeLong to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m.



Deb Sutherland, Chief Deputy Clerk/Register of Deeds

NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval on July 27, 2021,