

MINUTES

COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw MI 48602

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Webster – Chair, Dennis Harris – Vice-Chair, John Kaczynski, Gerald Little, Jack Tany
Others: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Koren Thurston, Dave Gilbert, Brian Wendling, Chris Klawuhn, Thomas Raymond, Jaime Ceja, Katharine Tessin, Andrew Klaczekiewicz, Suzy Koeplinger, Renee Sharkey and Catherine Hicks

- I. Call to order---***Chair Webster at 4:03 p.m.***
- II. Welcome
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (***May 7, 2025***)
 - ***Moved by Kaczynski, seconded by Tany, to approve. Motion carried.***
- IV. Public Comment ---***None***
- V. Agenda

1. **Brian Wendling, Public Works Commissioner**, re:

- **6-17-6** Submitted for approval a Resolution authorizing the Public Works Commissioner to certify and sign all related grant documents with the MEDC for CDBG-Disaster Recovery funding required to carry out and complete the SCPWC/Proposed Flood Protection Zone project (*Resolution 2025 - 6*)
- Discussion was held regarding this project that needs to be done due to flooding and how it impacts the area, including Wickes Park and M-13, which is a main route to the hospitals. The project is expected to take three years. If the grant is awarded, it will cover \$4,975,100 of the estimated \$6,000,000 costs; the remaining, estimated cost will be covered by an assessment. This resolution is only to be used for this specific grant. How the changes will affect properties on each side of the Flood Protection Zone project will be investigated prior to getting the permit to do the work. Chairman Tany expressed that he and the Drain Commissioner think that running the funds through the county is the best course of action. Chair Webster requested Brian Wendling bring updates on the project back to the County Services Committee.
- ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Little, to approve. Motion carried. (Res. 2025 - 6)***
- **6-17-7** Submitted for approval a Resolution pledging full faith and credit of the County for the Cheboyganing Creek Drain Project (*Resolution 2025 - 7*)
- Chair Webster requested Brian Wendling include coordinates/townships for the location of the Cheboyganing Creek Drain to the Board so that commissioners are prepared to answer those who inquire about it. Chairman Tany referenced the May 18, 2025 article in the Tri-County Citizen regarding the Youngs Intercounty Drain Project and thanked Drain Commissioner Brian Wendling for sticking up for the residents of Saginaw County.
- ***Moved by Kaczynski, seconded by Harris, to approve. Motion carried. (Res. 2025 - 7)***

2. **Thomas Raymond, Village Manager, Village of Reese**, re:

- **6-17-8** Submitted a Petition, Resolution, and Request for Public Hearing on the annexation of property from Township of Blumfield to Village of Reese, owners Trevor and Abbey Gruber, for the purpose of connecting to the sewer system, 1660 S. Reese Rd., Reese, Michigan, 48457, Parcel #06-12-6-12-1004-00 3 (*Resolution 2025 - 8*)
- **6-17-9** Submitted a Petition, Resolution, and Request for Public Hearing on the annexation of property from Township of Blumfield to Village of Reese, owner Kelly Bull, for the purpose of connecting to the sewer system, 2032 S. Reese Rd., Reese, Michigan, 48457, Parcel #06-12-6-13-1017-000 (*Resolution 2025 - 9*)
- **6-17-10** Submitted a Petition, Resolution, and Request for Public Hearing on the annexation of property from Township of Blumfield to Village of Reese, owner Janelle Hudson, for the purpose of connecting to the sewer system, 2038 S. Reese Rd., Reese, Michigan, 48457, Parcel #06-12-6-13-1028-000 (*Resolution 2025 - 10*)
- **6-17-11** Submitted a Petition, Resolution, and Request for Public Hearing on the annexation of property from Township of Blumfield to Village of Reese, owner Louise Hunt, for the purpose of connecting to the sewer system, 2070 S. Reese Rd., Reese, Michigan, 48457, Parcel #06-12-6-13-1034-000 (*Resolution 2025 - 11*)
- Thomas Raymond notified the committee that, at present, three of the four properties have already tied into the village sewer system. The fourth property is in the process of being divided from farmland to construct a house. He reported that there is no negative financial impact from these residents connecting to the village sewer system as the work has already been done and paid for. He welcomes them to the Village of Reese. Chris Klawuhn, Environmental Health Director, was called on by Chair Webster and stated he is supportive of the resolutions.
- ***Moved by Little, seconded by Tany, to approve resolutions 2025 – 8 through 2025 – 11. Motion carried. (Res. 2025 – 8, Res. 2025 – 9, Res. 2025 – 10, Res. 2025 – 11)***

3. **INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS** (*To be Received & Filed by the Committee*)

- **6-17-12 MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP** provided notification that it has prepared a draft update to its Master Plan pursuant to Public Act 33 of 2008, Michigan Planning Enabling Act, with a Public Hearing scheduled for Wed., August 13, 2025
- **6-17-13 VILLAGE OF BIRCH RUN DDA** provided, in accordance with Public Act 57 of 2018, the Birch Run Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will have an informational meeting during its regular DDA meeting on June 19, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.
- ***Moved by Kaczynski, seconded by Harris, to receive and file 6-17-12 and 6-17-13. Motion carried. (Receive & File)***

4. Any other matters to come before the committee---***None***

VI. Miscellaneous

- Commissioner Harris commented on how full the gated parking lot has been and that it is impossible to find a parking spot. Administrator Hannah announced that the recommendation from the wayfinding study will be presented to the Committee of the Whole on June 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

- ***Moved by Harris, seconded by Little, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 4:37 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Webster, Committee Chair

Vanessa Guerra, Committee Clerk