



The Governing Voice for
700,000 Wayne County Residents

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER- TURNBULL

Mayor Turnbull called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Mayor McCraight welcomed the board and audience to the City of Romulus.

2. ROLL CALL- HEISE

Supervisor Heise called the roll:

Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Charter Township;

Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville;

Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Charter Township;

Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township;

Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Charter Township;

Mayor Pro Tem Ms. Kim Dold, alternate, City of Garden City;

Deputy Supervisor Timothy Rush, alternate, Sumpter Township;

Mayor Robert McCraight, City of Romulus;

Fire Chief Joseph Murray, alternate, City of Dearborn;

Mayor Bill Bazzi, City of Dearborn Heights;

Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne;

Mayor Byron Nolen, City of Inkster;

Mr. Jason Smith, alternate, City of Belleville;

Mayor Kevin Coleman, City of Westland;

Mayor Suzi Deal, City of Plymouth;

Supervisor Kevin MacNamara, VanBuren Township.

CWW Board Member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Livonia and Huron Township.

Others present: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, Senator Darrin Camilleri, representation from Senator Debbie Stabenow's office, and members of the audience.

3. INTRODUCTIONS- TURNBULL

Mayor Turnbull asked board members and members of the audience to introduce themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-TURNBULL

Motion by Bazzi, supported by Graham-Hudak to approve the agenda for February 9, 2024.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- HEISE

Motion by Rush, supported by Heise to approve the meeting minutes for January 12, 2024.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. TREASURES REPORT- GRAHAM-HUDAK

Motion by Bazzi, supported by Heise to approve the Treasurers report for 12/31/2023.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. DIRECTORS REPORT

A. Executive Director's Report- Sellek

AIRSPACE LINK KICK OFF MEETING

Airspace Link held a CWW client kick off meeting on February 1. Attached are the slides from the presentation. Slide 5 lists the point of contacts (POC) for each CWW community. Please ensure this information is correct. If you would like a different or additional POC for the Airspace Link project, please email me with their information.

The timeframe goal for the assessments is 2 months. This will be dependent on the timeliness of community responses.

Assessment Engagement Workflow (also in the attachment)

- KO Meeting (Feb. 1)
- Send an e-mail template with the survey out to City/Township POCs
- You will engage participation from up to 5 departments (can be more if necessary) within your City/Township and pass along the e-mail details and survey link to them.
 - *Departments should complete the survey within one week.*
- Airspace Link will:
 - review survey results & schedule follow-up interviews with departments
 - Create final report and roadmap
 - Send to City/Township POC for review
 - *City/Township has 1 week to read the report and provide feedback*
- Airspace Link will:
 - Incorporate final changes & send final report to City/Township
 - Schedule a time to present findings to each community

DWIHN/911/POLICE DEPARTMENTS

CWW staff met with DWIHN regarding 911 triage and DWIHN contacts with local police departments. After discussions with CWW Police Chiefs, concerns with 911 dispatchers triaging mental health calls for the purpose of the DWIHN Mobile Response Units were relayed to DWIHN. DWIHN understood and that is no longer a topic of discussion.

CWW suggested DWIHN reach out to CWW Police Chiefs individually to meet and discuss their potential need and usage of the Mobile Response Units.

PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEMS

Our communities are often dealing with having to replace public safety radio systems after the manufacturer deems them unfixable or a “legacy” radio. We are finding that while the manufacturer may refuse to fix or update their radio, there are other vendors available that are able to do so.

For future planning, legacy, or traditional, radios can no longer be added to the state 800 MHz system, but if they are already on, they can be updated until January 2026.

The full list of MPSCS approved radios as of December 8, 2023 can be found: [MPSCS Approved Subscriber Radios, Pagers, Dispatch Consoles, and Encryption Keyloaders \(\[michigan.gov\]\(https://www.michigan.gov\)\)](https://www.michigan.gov/mpscs/0,4570,7-153_154_155_156_157_158_159_160_161_162_163_164_165_166_167_168_169_170_171_172_173_174_175_176_177_178_179_180_181_182_183_184_185_186_187_188_189_190_191_192_193_194_195_196_197_198_199_200_201_202_203_204_205_206_207_208_209_210_211_212_213_214_215_216_217_218_219_220_221_222_223_224_225_226_227_228_229_230_231_232_233_234_235_236_237_238_239_240_241_242_243_244_245_246_247_248_249_250_251_252_253_254_255_256_257_258_259_260_261_262_263_264_265_266_267_268_269_270_271_272_273_274_275_276_277_278_279_280_281_282_283_284_285_286_287_288_289_290_291_292_293_294_295_296_297_298_299_300_301_302_303_304_305_306_307_308_309_310_311_312_313_314_315_316_317_318_319_320_321_322_323_324_325_326_327_328_329_330_331_332_333_334_335_336_337_338_339_340_341_342_343_344_345_346_347_348_349_350_351_352_353_354_355_356_357_358_359_360_361_362_363_364_365_366_367_368_369_370_371_372_373_374_375_376_377_378_379_380_381_382_383_384_385_386_387_388_389_390_391_392_393_394_395_396_397_398_399_400_401_402_403_404_405_406_407_408_409_410_411_412_413_414_415_416_417_418_419_420_421_422_423_424_425_426_427_428_429_430_431_432_433_434_435_436_437_438_439_440_441_442_443_444_445_446_447_448_449_450_451_452_453_454_455_456_457_458_459_460_461_462_463_464_465_466_467_468_469_470_471_472_473_474_475_476_477_478_479_480_481_482_483_484_485_486_487_488_489_490_491_492_493_494_495_496_497_498_499_500_501_502_503_504_505_506_507_508_509_510_511_512_513_514_515_516_517_518_519_520_521_522_523_524_525_526_527_528_529_530_531_532_533_534_535_536_537_538_539_540_541_542_543_544_545_546_547_548_549_550_551_552_553_554_555_556_557_558_559_560_561_562_563_564_565_566_567_568_569_570_571_572_573_574_575_576_577_578_579_580_581_582_583_584_585_586_587_588_589_590_591_592_593_594_595_596_597_598_599_600_601_602_603_604_605_606_607_608_609_610_611_612_613_614_615_616_617_618_619_620_621_622_623_624_625_626_627_628_629_630_631_632_633_634_635_636_637_638_639_640_641_642_643_644_645_646_647_648_649_650_651_652_653_654_655_656_657_658_659_660_661_662_663_664_665_666_667_668_669_670_671_672_673_674_675_676_677_678_679_680_681_682_683_684_685_686_687_688_689_690_691_692_693_694_695_696_697_698_699_700_701_702_703_704_705_706_707_708_709_710_711_712_713_714_715_716_717_718_719_720_721_722_723_724_725_726_727_728_729_730_731_732_733_734_735_736_737_738_739_740_741_742_743_744_745_746_747_748_749_750_751_752_753_754_755_756_757_758_759_760_761_762_763_764_765_766_767_768_769_770_771_772_773_774_775_776_777_778_779_780_781_782_783_784_785_786_787_788_789_790_791_792_793_794_795_796_797_798_799_800_801_802_803_804_805_806_807_808_809_810_811_812_813_814_815_816_817_818_819_820_821_822_823_824_825_826_827_828_829_830_831_832_833_834_835_836_837_838_839_840_841_842_843_844_845_846_847_848_849_850_851_852_853_854_855_856_857_858_859_860_861_862_863_864_865_866_867_868_869_870_871_872_873_874_875_876_877_878_879_880_881_882_883_884_885_886_887_888_889_890_891_892_893_894_895_896_897_898_899_900_901_902_903_904_905_906_907_908_909_910_911_912_913_914_915_916_917_918_919_920_921_922_923_924_925_926_927_928_929_930_931_932_933_934_935_936_937_938_939_940_941_942_943_944_945_946_947_948_949_950_951_952_953_954_955_956_957_958_959_960_961_962_963_964_965_966_967_968_969_970_971_972_973_974_975_976_977_978_979_980_981_982_983_984_985_986_987_988_989_990_991_992_993_994_995_996_997_998_999_1000)

MDOT SURVEY ON ROAD USAGE CHARGE

MDOT has launched a road usage charges survey, available until March 1, in partnership with Via Transportation, Inc. (Via) through funding provided through a federal grant. The survey seeks to understand Michiganders’ attitudes toward potential replacements for the state gas tax.

One possible funding tool is road usage charges, which means drivers would pay a few cents for each mile driven versus paying based on how much gas they buy. Charging based on miles driven could make the system fairer for drivers who cannot afford newer, more fuel-efficient cars, while also ensuring that the state continues to have the resources needed to maintain roads in the future as vehicles become more fuel efficient or rely on alternative fuels.

Those wishing to participate must be a Michigan resident at least 18 years of age and can take the survey only once.

www.Michigan.gov/MIRoadCharge

911 GOES TO WASHINGTON

Ms. Sellek will be attending 911 Goes to Washington February 25-28 to lobby for various federal 911 issues.

MARCH CWW MEETING

The March 8th CWW meeting will be hosted by the City of Wayne. Plante Moran will be in attendance to present CWW's 2023 Financial Statement.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- PUCKETT

Federal

Federal Shutdown

In January, Congress passed a third stopgap funding bill to keep the federal government open until March 1 and March 8. It was reported on January 29 that bipartisan negotiators in the U.S. Congress have reached an agreement on the spending levels in the 12 bills the legislators would need to pass to avert a government shutdown.

State

Lansing Update

The Michigan House of Representatives is currently at a 54-54 seat partisan split. Since convening on January 10, little has been done and House session has been cancelled multiple times due to the political gridlock. This should be resolved as special general elections are scheduled for April 16.

Ballot Initiatives

Citizens for Local Choice – The Board of State Canvassers unanimously approved the 100-word summary for the petition initiative to repeal the recently enacted law that gives siting control for large-scale solar and wind projects to the Public Service Commission. The board also approved the circulation form in a 3-1 vote, with member Jeannette Bradshaw voting no.

AxMITax – Although the summary of the proposal was approved, the form to circulate the petition wasn't approved because it was improperly drafted and had typos. As approved, the summary states that the amendment "is to prohibit real property taxes, which currently are the primary funding source for schools, community colleges, parks and other local government units, shift 10% of state sales, income and other tax revenue from the state to counties, cities, townships and villages but not to schools, community colleges, parks or other local government units; eliminate property tax exemption for religious and education organizations, require 60 % of voters to approve any local taxes and 2/3 vote of the Legislature for any non-minimal tax increase; require implementing legislation."

State of the State / Budget Recommendation

Governor Whitmer gave her sixth state of the state address as well as her budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. This week, Governor Whitmer presented an \$80.7 billion budget to state lawmakers. The proposal comes in less than the 2024 budget that was signed into law at \$81.7 billion which also included supplemental spending to bring the total to about \$82 billion. This was due to COVID surpluses from the federal government. Some of the items in the proposal include:

- \$1.1 billion in estimated Constitutional Revenue Sharing payments.
- \$55 million total increase in Statutory Revenue Sharing
 - o A 5% ongoing increase in general statutory revenue sharing.
 - o A 3% one-time payment for local units that have fully obligated their local fiscal recovery funds by Oct. 1, 2024.
 - o A 2% one-time payment specifically designated for local public safety initiatives that may include public safety employee recruitment, retention, and training as well as public safety equipment and infrastructure improvements.
- \$5 million to establish Training, Recruitment and Retention Grants to support local law enforcement agencies.
- \$397.6 million increase for Michigan roads and bridges
- Landfill Tipping Fee increase from 36 cents per ton to \$5 per ton.

This is the beginning of the budget process as the lawmakers begin their own budget process in the coming months. The goal is to adopt a budget by July 1 as the 2024-2025 fiscal year starts on October 1.

Redistricting Maps Update

Over the past several weeks the commission drew new maps as ordered by a federal three judge panel. Each of the 9 maps are now available to view on the commission's [mapping and public comment portal](#). They were completed by the deadline and are under the public

comment phase until February 23. The commission will then vote to advance proposed maps for the court's review by March 1. It's uncertain if the court will accept the map they provide for review. The commission also voted in favor of an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court that it violated the Equal Protection Clause when drawing seven Detroit House districts. They also voted against increasing commissioner salaries from \$746 to \$1,072 per week until the commission completed mapping. This is the second time they voted against the increase.

HB 4866

House Bill 4866, sponsored by Representative Koleszar, and supported by the CWW Board, would prohibit annexation in a charter township with a population of over 20,000 and fulfills certain requirements was scheduled this week in the House Local Government Committee. Unfortunately, the bill was pulled as the bill sponsor is working on language to get all stakeholders to not oppose the legislation.

FOIA Expansion

Stakeholders gave testimony on bi-partisan Senate Bills 669 and 670 this week to amend FOIA to include the Legislature and governor's office. Testimony was favorable, but there were concerns about what communications should be private, specifically related to constituents. The legislation would create a FOIA coordinator for each legislative chamber that would be designated by the Speaker and Senate majority leader.

Federal Disaster from August Storms

Tornadoes, flooding and strong straight line winds from a series of storms in August prompted President Biden to approve a major disaster declaration for nine Michigan counties including Wayne county. The disaster declaration makes federal funding available to affected individuals in the nine counties. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-interest loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs.

8. PRESENTATIONS

SMART's Wayne County Community Relations Ombudsman, Saif Alsenad, gave a presentation on what SMART transportation can bring to your community.

9. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Congresswomen Dingell and Tlaib gave updates on the approval of the Disaster Declaration for Michigan following the tornados and flooding in communities recently. The Senate will be opening a portal for community project grants. The Congresswomen encourage the board to

focus on community projects for next year. The Congresswomen are interested in working with CWW on a potential radio system project.

Supervisor Graham-Hudak informed the board that if there are flooding issues in your community, reach out to Senator Stabenow's office to do an Army Core of Engineers survey.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by the public.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bazzi, supported by McCraight to adjourn the CWW Board Meeting at 10:38 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.