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700,000 Wayne County Residents

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER- BROSINAN

Mayor Brosnan called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Mayor Coleman welcomed the board and audience to the City of Westland.

2. ROLL CALL- McRae

Supervisor McRae called the roll:

Supervisor Ann Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Charter Township;

Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville;

Mayor Robert McCraight, City of Romulus;

Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne;

Mayor Ken Voigt, City of Belleville;

Supervisor Kelly Trombly, Huron Township;

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia;

Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Township;

Mr. Jason Kaye, alternate, City of Inkster;

Supervisor Chuck Curmi, Plymouth Township;

Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Township;

Mayor Mark Jacobs, City of Garden City;

Deputy Mayor Jim Godbout, alternate, City of Westland;

Mr. Hussien Saad, alternate, Dearborn Heights;

Mayor Linda Filipczak, City of Plymouth.

CWW Board Member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Dearborn, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township.

Others present: Representatives from Congresswomen Debbie Dingell and Rashida Tlaib's office and members of the audience.

3. ELECTION OF 2026 CWW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE- SELLEK

Motion by Abbo, supported by Turnbull to approve the 2026 CWW Executive Committee.

Aye: all. Motion carried.

4. 2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OATH OF OFFICE

Judge Melissa Cox swore in the 2026 Executive Committee.

5. INTRODUCTIONS- GRAHAM-HUDAK

Supervisor Graham-Hudak asked board members and members of the audience to introduce themselves.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- GRAHAM-HUDAK

Motion by Brosnan, supported by McCraight to approve the agenda for January 9, 2026.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- MCCRAIGHT

Motion by Brosnan, supported by Voigt to approve the meeting minutes for December 12, 2025.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

8. TREASURES REPORT- VOIGT

Motion by Voigt, supported by Brosnan to approve the Treasurers report for 11/30/2025.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

9. DIRECTORS REPORT

A. Executive Director's Report- Sellek

Salary Survey Software-Action Item

Last Spring, we briefly discussed the need to find another solution for the Salary Survey, as Microsoft no longer supports Access, the program that we have used for decades to do the survey.

The Salary Survey is the most valuable, tangible product that CWW produces. Additionally, by modernizing and simplifying the data-gathering process, we have a good chance of getting even more communities to participate.

Over the summer, Jacquie researched options and received two formal proposals from five companies based on her conversations with them. The two formal proposals are attached.

We recommend contracting with Spud Software. They are located in Grand Blanc, have been in business since 1997 and understand the Salary Survey project and our needs. This option will cost a one-time fee of \$9,500, plus \$2,400/year (\$200/month) to maintain the web solution.

The change will allow us to auto-populate certain data, add more categories to the survey, and enable HR Directors to submit the information online. This will also create an electronic database for all of the Salary Survey data going forward.

Our team will receive training, and all training sessions are recorded. The recordings can be reused for refreshers or onboarding new team members. Spud is also able to create short instructional videos at no additional cost (e.g., account setup, day-to-day usage) that we can host on our site or can be hosted within the system.

Individual community logins will be able to run reports and view trends specific to their community. We fully own the data. At any time, we can download the data and reports directly from the system. If we ever decide to transition away from Spud, they will help with the transition.

We are forecasted to end 2026 with well over \$600K in fund balance, with \$260K being unrestricted funds. We have the funds to comfortably cover the \$9,500 in this fiscal year, and the annual cost of \$2,400 in manageable with our conservative expenses.

For reference, the three companies we didn't seek formal proposals from:

Caspio (different time zone, cost prohibitive)	\$12,000 plus \$600/month
Airtable (poor cust service, very cost prohibitive)	\$9,000 plus monthly
Blaze (cost prohibitive)	\$1,500/monthly

Motion by Brosnan, supported by Voigt to approve Spud software for future Salary Survey data.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

CWW 2026 Committee Appointments-Action Item

The 2026 CWW committee assignments are for your consideration and approval. Your service to the committees is sincerely appreciated.

Wayne County Transit Authority (WCTA): (previously approved for 2025-2026) There are 3-4 meetings annually, but we are required by law to nominate members for this committee. The Wayne County Commission will then approve the nominated members.

Members:

Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford
Township Mayor Robert McCraight,
City of Romulus Mayor John Rhaesa,
City of Wayne

Alternates:

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia
Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township

Southeast Michigan Government Alliance (SEGA): is the governing Board of SEMCA. It is comprised of elected officials from the SEMCA region. SEMCA now focuses on Workforce Development and Educational Advisory issues.

Members:

Al Haidous, Former Wayne County
Commissioner (SEGA) Alternate: Jordyn Sellek,
CWW Exec. Director

1/10 Mil Committee: meets when necessary to review 1/10 mil funds received from Wayne County. 1/10 mil of the Wayne County jail millage provides funds for community Youth Assistance Programs. CWW enters into a contractual arrangement with Wayne County on behalf of its member communities. The 2026, two-year contract with Wayne County provides \$250K Childcare Funds (CCF) and \$500K 1/10 mil funds annually.

When necessary, the 1/10 Mil Committee reviews and approves yearly funding recommendations from Growth Works, the CWW facilitator for Youth Assistance Programs.

CWW 2026 YAP Subcontractors:

Growth Works City of Northville

(City of Garden City, City of Westland and City of Wayne contracted with Wayne County individually for the 2026 contract)

Committee Members:

Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford
Township Mayor Maureen Miller
Brosnan, City of Livonia Anne Marie
Graham-Hudak, Canton Township Jordyn
Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

2026 Wayne County Inclusion Committee:

Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Township

Personnel Committee:

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of
Livonia Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of
Northville Supervisor Mark Abbo,
Northville Township

2026 Nominating Committee:

Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton
Township Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of
Livonia
Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Township

Mental Health Subcommittee

Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton
Township Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville
Supervisor Kevin McNamara, VanBuren
Township Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

Motion by McCraight, supported by McRae to approve the CWW 2026 Committee Appointments.

Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PSC Unanimously Approved Data Center

On December 19, 2025, the MI Public Service Commission (PSC) unanimously approved contracts for DTE Energy Company to power the upcoming hyperscale data center in Saline Township while imposing various conditions on the agreement.

The commission approved the contracts on an ex-parte basis, which means it is not taking input from other parties. Chair Dan Scripps said PSC approval on ex parte basis is a normal process for the commission. He said he believed the commission is holding itself to a higher standard, saying members don't take things on faith and want all the facts in front of them. He said he knows of similar contracts in other states, and he puts the DTE contracts on par with, or even better than, other utility contracts.

Attorney General Dana Nessel and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer remain on opposing sides of the issue. Whitmer championed the move, and Nessel claimed the commission, whose members are appointed by Whitmer, has cut corners on the deal.

Mike Byrne, chief operating officer at the commission, said the terms of the contract, which would pay for 1.33 gigawatts of energy over a 15-year period, would include a power supply agreement that would generate an affordability benefit to DTE's other customers to spread the company's fixed costs.

He said that while many individuals petition the commission to start a contested case, the order would not result in higher rates.

Other parts of the conditional approval include a minimum contract duration of 19 years, compared to the standard agreement of five years, a minimum billing demand of 80% of the contracted electricity instead of the standard 50-60%, even if the entire amount of electricity is not used, and a termination payment of up to 10 years' worth of billing demand if the facility stops operating earlier than contracted.

The commission has also directed the company to file a renewable energy plan, a clean energy plan, an analysis of the utility's capacity compared to the data center's usage needs, and an energy waste reduction plan.

Commissioner Katherine Peretick said during comment after anger from the crowd that this was a conditional approval and that their decision was meant to decide if DTE was being "reasonable and prudent."

She said she was comfortable voting to approve the contracts since their subject matter is within PSC jurisdiction, which is energy supply, not other considerations like water usage, noise pollution or the merits of artificial intelligence generally.

Peretick said **the approval is contingent on DTE agreeing to bear all risks of costs, and if it turns out to be "overly optimistic," DTE can refile the case as contested.**

Commissioner Shaquila Myers said the case was meant to ensure there was sufficient power to serve all customers and individual customers were not subsidizing the data center. She said all risks associated with collateral will be taken on by DTE, not the customers, and the commission can, at any time, go back and disapprove of the contracts.

It was also stated that the commission would approve future applications for battery storage to meet the data center's electricity demand.

The same day, Senate Democrats introduced a three-bill package they said would provide additional protections for residential ratepayers from bearing the costs of constructing large data centers and improve transparency around such projects.

2025 CWW PSAP Compliance Report

Conference staff will begin working on the 2025 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Compliance report in February 2026. This report provides an overview of the current status of 911 in Michigan and a detailed explanation of individual PSAPs 911 revenues and expenditures.

Each year, CWW staff completes this report with your police chiefs and 911 directors and files the report on behalf of all CWW PSAPs.

All CWW PSAP managers, police chiefs, city/township managers, and treasurers will receive copies of the explanatory cover memo and the individual community questionnaires. **These questionnaires are due back to the CWW by March 13, 2026.**

This report is sent to the state to substantiate our 911 expenditures for the calendar year. If your community operates its own dispatch center (PSAP), CWW will work with your staff to have the questionnaire completed. If your community does not operate its own PSAP, CWW will only need the amount of your contracted dispatch services.

CWW/DCC Annual Event

The City of Romulus will host our February 13, 2026, meeting at the Romulus Athletic Center, located at 35765 Northline, Romulus 48174. Beginning at 8:30 a.m., we will have our annual networking event with the Downriver Community Conference members.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- HEALANDER

Executive Order on AI, signed by President Trump

President Trump signed an executive order aimed at blocking states (including Michigan) from crafting their own regulations for AI, saying the burgeoning industry is at risk of being stifled by a patchwork of onerous rules while in a battle with Chinese competitors for supremacy.

Members of Congress, from both parties, as well as civil liberties and consumer rights groups, have pushed for more regulations on AI, saying there isn't enough oversight for the powerful technology.

AG Dana Nessel Says \$645M Work Project Slash is Unconstitutional

Attorney General Dana Nessel released a formal opinion declaring the unilateral disapproval mechanism used by the House Appropriations Committee to cut \$645 million in work projects in December to be unconstitutional. She said the law "impermissibly" allows a legislative committee to control the executive's implementation of already enacted laws.

The committee veto also does not comply with action needing approval from both legislative chambers as well as the Governor, except in narrow circumstances outlined in the Constitution, the opinion says.

She said the mechanism is severable from the rest of the budget act. She called for the remaining portion of the statute, including State Budget authority to designate projects and reporting requirements, to remain intact and enforceable.

Attorney general opinions are binding on state agencies, unless overturned in court.

Members of the MI Senate voted on a supplemental appropriations bill that would reinstate the \$634 million in funding for work projects that were cut last year by the House Appropriations Committee.

Additionally, The Senate in a 23-13 vote passed HB 4576, which contains \$634 million, (\$351.5 million general fund) for the fiscal 2025-2026 year.

Four Republican House members have submitted requests to restore funding for the work projects affected in their communities.

Michigan's Minimum Wage Increased

Michigan's minimum wage will increase from \$12.48 an hour to \$13.73 effective Jan 1. It will climb to \$15 an hour in 2027.

Wages for the state's tipped workers will also increase from \$4.74 to \$5.49 an hour on January 1.

The increases come after the Michigan legislature voted early in 2025 to amend a ballot measure that had been reinstated in court.

Revenue Conference Planned for Jan. 16

The first Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference for the next budget cycle is planned for Jan. 16, 2026, the Senate Fiscal Agency announced Monday.

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. in the [House Appropriations Committee](#) room inside the Capitol.

Final Legislative Days of 2025

[Gov. Gretchen Whitmer](#) signed the remaining bills passed by the Legislature this year, bringing total public acts to 74.

Whitmer signed 36 bills from the light flurry of legislation the House and Senate were able to get across the finish line in the final weeks of session.

The House and Senate will return on Jan. 14, 2026, at noon.

10. PRESENTATIONS

George Johnson from Johnson Controls gave a presentation.

11. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Larissa Richardson from Congresswoman Tlaib's office and Zach Hayward from Congresswoman Dingell's office gave a joint update to the board on the healthcare extension passed. And they encouraged if there are any water infrastructure projects communities should submit those now.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by the public.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Other business was discussed.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Turnbull, supported by McRae to adjourn the CWW Board meeting at 10:51 a.m.