

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
SPECIAL MEETING TOWNSHIP BOARD 2023 **-DRAFT-**
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
THURSDAY, April 27, 2023 **6:00 pm**

PRESENT: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson, Wisinski

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Township Manager Walsh, Director of Public Works and Deputy Township Manager Opsommer, Parks and Recreation Director Maisner, Deputy Clerk Lemaster

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Funkhouser - CEO of CATA
Andrew Brieschke - Deputy CEO of CATA
Randy Talifarro - Interim City Manager of the City of East Lansing
Dori Leyko - Super Intendant of East Lansing Public Schools
Steve Cook - Super Intendant of Haslett Public School
John Hood - Super Intendant of Okemos Public
Andrew Phelps - Vice President of Okemos Public School Board
Karen Hildebrant - Super Intendant of Bath Charter Township
Brenda Butler Challender - Clerk of Bath Township
Robin Cleveland - Clerk of Williamstown Township
John Hanifan - City Manager of the City of Williamston
Molly Polverento - President of Haslett School Board
Andy Schor - Mayor of the City of Lansing
Monica Schaffer - Ingham County Commission

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLLCALL

Deputy Clerk Lemaster called the roll of the Board. All board members are present.

4. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Jackson opened public comment at 6:02 PM.

NONE

Supervisor Jackson closed public comment at 6:02 PM.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Treasurer Deschaine moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Hendrickson.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson, Wisinski

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7-0

6. INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS PRESENT

Supervisor Jackson introduced herself and gave a brief summary of the purpose of this meeting.

Each board member introduced themselves.

- Brad Funkhouser CEO of CATA
- Andrew Brieschke Deputy CEO of CATA
- Randy Talifarro Interim City Manager of the City of East Lansing
- Dori Leyko Super Intendant of East Lansing Public Schools
- Steve Cook Super Intendant of Haslett Public School
- John Hood Super Intendant of Okemos Public
- Andrew Phelps Vice President of Okemos Public School Board
- Karen Hildebrant Super Intendant of Bath Charter Township
- Brenda Butler-Challender Clerk of Bath Township
- Robin Cleveland Clerk of Williamstown Township
- John Hanifan City Manager of the City of Williamston
- Molly Polverento President of Haslett School Board

7. REPORTS OF JOINT ACTIVITIES

Supervisor Jackson outlined the current joint activities. Topcs of discussion went as follows:

- Shared Police service with Meridian Township and Williamstown township
- Shared Water and sewer with Meridian Township and East Lansing
- Police presence with Haslett Public Schools
- Planned Development Permits with Meridian Township and Okemos Public Schools
- A joint effort to clean of the logjams in the Red Cedar River
- Joint Parks and Recreation interests between Meridian Township, Williamston, and Williamstown Township
- CATA updates and Expansions
- Meridian Township Health and Safety Expo on May 10th
- Joint efforts of Police and EMS/Medics during the recent MSU active shooter situation
- Potential joint tactile training

- Meridian Township police providing “stop the bleed” kits to Haslett Public Schools and providing training on how to use them

8. DISCUSSIONS OF ISSUES OF JOINT INTEREST

Many topics of Joint Interest were discussed, including but not limited to:

- Connecting trails and pathways across jurisdictions
- Cooperation in senior programs
- Cooperation in expanding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs
- Sharing ideas in Economic Development
- Cooperation in election programs
- Cooperation in event planning
- Cooperation in public transit including same day service, accessible service, service to take people to work
- A Chief Elected Official group to facilitate regional projects

9. PROPOSED JOINT PROJECTS-NONE

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Jackson opened public remarks at 8:47 pm.

NONE

Supervisor Jackson closed public remarks at 8:47 pm.

11. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Schor thanked supervisor Jackson for organizing this meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Deschaine moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Wisinski.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson, Wisinski, Supervisor Jackson

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.