

Shiawassee County Materials Management Planning Committee

MMP Work Session / MMP Goals and Planning Meeting Minutes May 28, 2026

Present: Ric Crawford, Cody Baker, Dennis Braid, Greg Brodeur, John Gall, Jerry Haber, Chris Klawuhn, Bryan Marks
Absent: Christina Ardelean, Terry McLeod, Dan Sergent
Guests: Eric Morris, County Attorney; Consultant Molly Sherwood, Fleis & VandenBrink; Brian Boggs, County Administrator
Staff: Larry Johnson, Casey Elliott, Denise Bennett

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ric Crawford, at 10am.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken by Denise Bennett

Public Comment - None

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Brian Marks, supported by Chris Klawuhn, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – April 21, 2026 Meeting: It was moved by Greg Brodeur, supported by Jerry Haber to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Review of MMP Requirements: Molly Sherwood, Fleis & VandenBrink, presented information for a discussion regarding the State of Michigan requirements. This discussion includes determining the baseline and how to move forward to reach the State requirements of 30% diversion by 2029, and 45% by 2032. Discussion regarding the goals of Benchmark Recycling Standards (drop off sites and Owosso curbside requirements), increasing landfill diversion, increasing organics diversion, and implementing recycling education.

Diversion Rate: Molly Sherwood presented the baseline diversion rate information (2023/2024 average diversion 7.2%) for a discussion on how this baseline is determined and developing a target diversion rate for the plan.

Discuss Actions to increase Diversion: Discussion regarding creating the plan that should include specific targets that are measurable and time-based to track improvement. Discussion included food waste diversion through Great Lakes / Resourceful Recycling Program and other options; and education through online “Waste Wizard” (under development by Shiawassee Recycles), the County HHW and Tire Programs, E-waste and other education opportunities; increasing curbside and drop off recycling; and encouraging partnerships with public/private, non-profit organizations to develop circular economy programs, increasing education, etc.

Funding Mechanisms: Discussion regarding possible funding mechanisms. Molly indicates that the plan must specify, with confidence, the funding sources. Discussion included determining costs and possible funding mechanisms.

Enforcement: Discussion regarding enforcement included potential ordinances and hauler contracts.

Committee Members Heard – Cody Baker reported that he ran the numbers for Flushing and says that their diversion rate from curbside is 23%

Public Comment (3 Minutes) – Larry introduced Brian Boggs, County Administrator, and the Health Department intern, Peyton, who were both in attendance today.

Adjournment Motion for adjournment was made by Bryan Marks, supported by Cody Baker. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

Recorded by: D.B.

Date: 5/28/2026