

UNAPPROVED

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**SEPTEMBER 2, 2021**

Chair Marilyn Bradstrom called the morning session of the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners to order at 10:00 A.M. in Conference Room F of the County Services Building with access to the public via Zoom. All those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Commissioners present on roll call: Marilyn Bradstrom, Jerrilyn Strong, Linda Howard, Ray Steinke, Tom O'Neil, Wendy Nystrom and William Routley.

Others present: Mindy Taylor, Finance Officer and Marcee Purcell, Mecosta County Clerk.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

R. Steinke moved to approve the Agenda as presented. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

J. Strong moved to approve the August 19, 2021 Board Minutes as presented. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

Michael Buzalski – President of Newaygo Boat Club – appeared before the Board with concerns of a Mecosta Township resident digging ponds, putting up rental cabins and temporary septic tanks on property near the Newaygo Boat Club.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**6.1 NATIONAL GIVING TUESDAY PROCLAMATION**

L. Howard moved to adopt a Proclamation that Tuesday November 30, 2021 is Mecosta County Giving Tuesday and encourages residents to recognize the positive impact of giving time, talent and money to non-profit organizations in our county. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

6.2 MIDC MANAGED ASSIGNED COUNSEL AMENDMENT

R. Steinke moved to approve an amendment to the Independent Contract Agreement for our Managed Assigned Counsel, effective October 1st, increasing the annual payment to Indigent Defense Consultants from \$60,000 to \$70,000 per year to allow for implementation of a new Standard #5. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

American Rescue Plan Requests

R. Steinke moved to approve a request from the Administrator to transfer \$674,759.73 from the ARP funds on deposit to the EMS Fund 210. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

R. Steinke moved to approve a proposal with Guidehouse Inc. for consulting services for Tasks 1-9 of the American Rescue Plan, at a cost not to exceed \$300,000, utilizing ARP funds. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

R. Steinke moved to approve the Administrator's request to sign-up for the MAC CoPro+ required for participation with Guidehouse Inc. under the basic contract with Livingston County. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

R. Steinke moved to approve the Board Chair's signature on the Guidehouse Inc. contract once received. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

Request to Purchase Ambulance/EMS – Director

R. Steinke moved to approve the proposal from the EMS Director to purchase 1 Braun Type III ambulance demo from Kodiak Emergency Vehicles at a cost of \$209,886, including trade-in of 1 manual cot and 1 obsolete power cot. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Financial Reports/June – Finance Officer

R. Steinke moved that the June Financial Reports be accepted and placed on file. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

Listed Bills:

R. Steinke moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$946,913.26 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$38,253.44. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Other Business:

R. Steinke moved that Mecosta County partner with Newaygo County in development of a joint grant request for EDA funds for the Dragon Trail. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

R. Steinke reported attending Central Dispatch Meeting, Hinton Township Meeting, Finance Committee, MOTA Meeting, EMS Committee, Deerfield Township Meeting, Finance Committee, District 10 Health Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

T. O'Neil reported attending District 10 Health Meeting, Building & Grounds Committee, Sheriff & Jail Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

Tom gave an update on the recent Sheriff & Jail Committee Meeting.

W. Nystrom reported attending DHHS Meeting, Finance Committee, Building & Grounds Committee, Sheriff & Jail Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

L. Howard reported attending Mid-Michigan Community Action Meeting, Building & Grounds Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

Building & Grounds:

L. Howard moved to approve a request from Bob Cassidy to seek bids for carpet/paint/tile in the Accounting Office and Break Room. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

J. Strong reported attending Finance Committee, Chippewa Township Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

W. Routley reported attending Finance Committee, Sheriff & Jail Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

M. Bradstrom reported attending Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mindy Taylor reported on the following:

- ARP funds – there was a request to invest the ARP funds received into something that will earn better interest than the checking account. Requesting concurrence with the Treasurer's plan for investment. J. Strong so moved. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

J. Strong moved to accept and place on file Communications #1-6, Minutes & Reports #1-3 and Resolutions #1-3. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Steinke moved to adjourn to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 10:35 A.M.



Marcee M. Purcell, Mecosta County Clerk and
Clerk for the Board of Commissioners

Marilynn Bradstrom, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners