

OCTOBER 7, 2021

UNAPPROVED

Chair Marilynn 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: Marilynn Bradstrom, Jerrilynn Strong, Linda Howard, Ray Steinke, Tom O'Neil, Wendy Nystrom and William Routley.

Others present: Paul Bullock, County Administrator and Marcee Purcell, Mecosta County Clerk.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

W. Routley moved to approve the Agenda with additions to New Business of 6.4 – MOTA Appointment and 6.5 – RAP Grant Application. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

J. Strong moved to approve the September 16, 2021 Board Minutes as presented. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

Sherri Spoelman – MSU Extension Director – appeared before the Board to inform that she is retiring at the end of the month; introduced James Kelly, who will be the Interim District Director, and Michelle Neff, who will be helping with administrative functions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**6.1 APPOINTMENTS TO CANVASS BOARD**

J. Strong moved to reappoint David Miller, Republican and Patrick Tobin, Democrat, to the Mecosta County Canvass Board for 4-year terms. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

6.2 MSU EXTENSION AGREEMENT FY2022

S. Spoelman appeared before the Board and requested approval of the Agreement for Extension Services for the 2022 budget year.

J. Strong moved to approve the 2022 Agreement for Extension Services between the County of Mecosta and Michigan State University. L. Howard seconded; motion carried.

6.3 BOARD VACANCIES

Mid-State Health Network Board – 1 position; 3-year term

J. Strong moved to appoint Susan Guernsey to the Mid-State Health Network Board for a term of 3 years, September 1, 2021 through September 1, 2024. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

Planning Commission (partial term) – 1 position; term ending 12/31/2023

J. Strong moved to appoint Lori Behrens to the Planning Commission for the partial term ending 12/31/2023. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

6.4 MOTA/CITY REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT

R. Steinke moved to appoint Wendy Nystrom, as the City Representative, to the MOTA Board for a partial term ending 5/31/2022. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

6.5 RAP GRANT APPLICATION MECOSTA/OSCEOLA MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAM

R. Steinke moved that the Administrator be authorized to submit a RAP Grant Application on behalf of Mecosta County Sheriff's Office, Mecosta County EMS, Osceola County Sheriff's Office, Osceola County EMS and Meceola Central Dispatch, that will be used to develop trainings to include Mental Health First Aid and Crisis Intervention. L. Howard seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Lease Renewal/Veterans Affairs – Administrator

R. Steinke moved that the Administrator be authorized to sign a sublease renewal proposal for the Veteran's Affairs office in Michigan Works West Central building. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

Court Recording Equipment Request – Courts

R. Steinke moved that the Administrator be authorized to approve up to \$10,000 for a recording system to be shared with Osceola County for offsite jury picks by the Courts if required due to the pandemic. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Proposed Resolution Supporting Paving White Pine Trail – Friends of White Pine Trail

R. Steinke moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2021-18 - Local Support for Asphalt Surfacing of the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park between Big Rapids and Sand Lake, Michigan. L. Howard seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Workers Comp Refund – Administrator

R. Steinke moved that the proposed distribution from a \$77,116 Workers Comp Refund be approved with \$48,431 to the General Fund, \$23,538 to SR 210 EMS, \$459 to SR 249 Building Dept., and \$4,688 to SR 508 Parks Commission. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Financial Reports/July – Finance Officer

R. Steinke moved that the July 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 \$3,441,212.79 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

R. Steinke reported attending Millbrook Township Meeting, Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

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

Sheriff & Jail:

T. O'Neil moved that the Sheriff be authorized to fill the recent Road Officer vacancy. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

T. O'Neil moved to approve acceptance of \$1,000 from Michigan Sheriff Association for startup of the Victims' Advocate Program. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

W. Nystrom reported attending District 10 Health Meeting, City of Big Rapids Meeting, Big Rapids Township Meeting, DHHS Meeting, Building & Grounds Committee, Sheriff & Jail Committee, Michigan Works Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

L. Howard reported attending Village of Mecosta Meeting, Mid-Michigan Community Action Meeting, Central Michigan Community Mental Health Meeting, Building & Grounds Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

Building & Grounds:

L. Howard moved that the low bid from Carpet Gallery be approved at \$2,018.55 and \$500 in ceiling tile and paint also approved from Fund 402 Building Improvements for the Accounting Office. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

L. Howard moved to approve the \$2,000 bid from Olsson Concrete to replace approximately 45 feet of sidewalk on the west side of the CS Building. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

J. Strong reported attending Chippewa Township Meeting, Fork Township Meeting, Martiny Township Meeting, Road Commission Meeting, Area Agency on Aging Meeting, Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

W. Routley reported attending Planning & Zoning Meeting, Area Agency on Aging/West Michigan Meeting, Finance Committee, Sheriff & Jail Committee, Area Agency on Aging/West Michigan/Personnel Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paul Bullock reported on the following:

- Gave an update on Mecosta County Development Corporation Director vacancy. They are intending to move toward a contract proposal with The Right Place out of Grand Rapids.
- Veterans' office is looking into advertising with King Media using grant dollars received from the State of Michigan.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Marcee Purcell – County Clerk – gave an update to the Board on the county reapportionment.

Marilynn Bradstrom reminded the Board the Dragon Trail celebration by Consumers Energy is today from 2:30 to 6:00; please attend if you can.

West Central Michigan County Alliance is 10/25; let Paul know if attending.

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

J. Strong moved to accept and place on file Communications #1-6, Minutes & Reports #1-3 and Resolutions #1-4. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Steinke moved to adjourn to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 11:25 A.M.



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

Marilynn Bradstrom, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners