

## MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 21, 2021

**UNAPPROVED**

Chair Marilynn Bradstrom called the afternoon session of the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners to order at 3:00 P.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 – ADDITIONS:**

R. Steinke moved to approve the Agenda as presented. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

L. Howard moved to approve the October 7, 2021 Board Minutes as presented. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

**PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:****6.1 MDOT MASTER AGREEMENT FY 2022-25/RESOLUTIONS #2021-19 & 20**

R. Steinke moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2021-19 – Signature Resolution for Master Agreement Only. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

J. Strong moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2021-20 – Master Agreement Resolution/Project Authorization Resolution. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

**6.2 SOBRIETY COURT – DRUG COURT GRANT PROGRAM**

J. Strong moved to accept the Michigan Drug Court Program Grant in the amount of \$90,000 and authorized the Chair to sign electronically. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

### **6.3 AAAWM CONTRACT FY 2021 INCREASE IN FUNDING**

W. Routley moved to accept and authorized the Chair to sign Contract No. 61.72-FY21.3 with Area Agency on Aging West Michigan, which increases funding to the meals department in the amount of \$1,809. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

### **6.4 AAAWM/COA**

#### **a. PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT**

#### **b. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

W. Routley moved to approve and authorized the Chair to sign the PoS Agreement and Business Associate Agreement with AAAWM for COA Homemaking, Respite Care or to deliver meals for Commission on Aging. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

### **SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:**

John Obermesik and Catherine Beagle – Community Mental Health of Central Michigan – appeared before the Board to give the 2020 Annual Report and discuss local efforts and collaboration.

Brian Miller – Sheriff – appeared before the Board to present a Mecosta County Sheriff Dept. Life Saving Award to Dep. Christianson and Sgt. Pippen.

Karen Hahn – Register of Deeds – appeared before the Board to discuss the Remonumentation Program.

### **6.5 APPORTIONMENT REPORT – EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT**

Shila Kiander – Equalization Director – appeared before the Board and presented the Apportionment Report. W. Nystrom moved to adopt the Annual Apportionment Report. L. Howard seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

### **6.6 PROPOSED RESOLUTION OPPOSING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN**

L. Howard moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution 2021-21, presented by Community Mental Health for Central Michigan, opposing any behavioral health redesign that harms the state and county partnership for community mental health and related Medicaid safety net services. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

#### **Secondary Road Patrol Grant Acceptance – Finance Officer**

R. Steinke moved that the Secondary Road Patrol Grant be accepted for FY21-22. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

#### **Equipment Requests/Courts IT – Finance Officer**

R. Steinke moved to approve a request from Judge Hill-Kennedy to upgrade the Courts IT infrastructure as presented. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

**Judge's Salary Amendment – Finance Officer**

R. Steinke moved that the Probate Judge's salary, dictated by the SCAO, be reflected in the 2021 and 2022 County budgets. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

**Proposed Letter of Support for WMSRDC EDA – Finance Officer**

R. Steinke moved that the Chair be authorized to sign a letter of support for the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Corporation's EDA grant application. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

**Financial Reports/August – Finance Officer**

R. Steinke moved that the August 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 \$4,378,107.34 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$95,398.64. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

T. O'Neil reported attending Mecosta Township Meeting, Austin Township Meeting, Building & Zoning Committee, EMS Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

**EMS:**

T. O'Neil moved that the September 2021 contractual write-offs of \$56,189.12, non-contractual write-offs of \$1,074.25 and collections write-offs of \$2,117.29 be approved. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

T. O'Neil moved that Grant Agreement EMPG FY 2021 be submitted to the Board at the November 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

T. O'Neil moved to approve an invoice for the FY2019 HSGP 800 MHz Radio Initialization Project for \$750 to activate 3 portable radios on the MSPCS radio system. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

L. Howard reported attending Wheatland Township Meeting, YAC Meeting, Equalization Committee, Building & Zoning Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

W. Nystrom reported attending YAC Meeting, Equalization Committee, WISE Meeting, MOTA Board Training, City of Big Rapids Meeting, Finance Committee, MOTA Meeting, Building & Zoning Committee, EMS Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

**Building & Zoning:**

W. Nystrom moved to approve Ms. Stenger's request to fill her current FT Building Inspector vacancy with a .5 Building Inspector until March 1<sup>st</sup>, when the position would return to FT. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

J. Strong reported attending Fork Township Meeting, Martiny Township Meeting, COA Meeting, Finance Committee, Road Commission Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

W. Routley reported attending Planning/Zoning Meeting, Equalization Committee, Finance Committee, COA Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

M. Bradstrom reported attending Consumers Energy Celebration, Parks Committee of the Whole, Dragon Trail Meeting, Finance Committee, Parks Meeting, Colfax Township Meeting, City/County/Township/Ferris Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Paul Bullock reported on the following:

- EMS Director has accepted the Board Coordinator position with Osceola County; his last day will be November 24<sup>th</sup>; will be meeting to set-up a plan to cover administrative functions. Requesting the EMS Chair, Personnel Chair, Board Chair and himself conduct the search for a new EMS Director; the Board agreed.
- Appointed to Michigan Indigent Defense Commission by the Governor. Attended a meeting Tuesday in Lansing at 9 a.m.; there will be more meetings in the next couple months than anticipated as they are searching for an Executive Director.

**PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:**

Debra Magnuson – appeared before the Board referencing the District #10 Health Department Annual Report and requesting that Mecosta County consider a resolution to be a free county, similar to one adopted by Missaukee County; gave her thoughts on the COVID shot.

Deborah Dygert – appeared before the Board in support with Debra's position and discussed restrictions within businesses and schools.

Michael Quillen – appeared before the Board with questions on items of business that took place in today's meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:**

J. Strong moved to accept and place on file Communication #1, Minutes & Reports #1-4 and Resolutions #1-2. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

R. Steinke adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 4:46 P.M.



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

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Marilynn Bradstrom, Chair  
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners

