

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2020

The Mecosta County Board of Commissioners called the March 16, 2020 Emergency Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Mecosta County Courthouse. All those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Roll Call: Ray Steinke, Marilynn Bradstrom, Jerrilynn Strong, Tom O'Neil, Wendy Nystrom and Bill Routley; Linda Howard not present.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-05 – EMERGENCY MEETING COVID 19**

J. Strong moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution 2020-05 – Emergency Meeting COVID 19. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

**MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-06 – TEMPORARY MODIFICATION TO SICK LEAVE POLICY THRU APRIL 5, 2020**

Another proposed resolution was drafted this afternoon regarding temporary modification to the Sick Leave Policy. The reason is that people are being asked to self-quarantine; asked to stay home. We are hoping to cut down on the number of cases happening all at one time.

M. Bradstrom moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution 2020-06 – Temporary Modification to Sick Leave Policy thru April 5, 2020. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Paul gave an update on how other counties are addressing the virus to date. There are no cases yet in District 10 area, but cases are growing in Kent County.

Paul read the email that he sent to Department Heads/Elected Officials and responses he received.

W. Routley moved that the County Building and Services Building remain open for business, but closed to the general public, except for appointments through the Department Heads/Elected Officials or Administrator March 19, 2020 through April 5, 2020. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Mark Danielson - Jail Administrator – discussed concerns he has regarding the Court wing and closure of the Courthouse.

Paul informed the Board how the Commission on Aging is addressing meal delivery, homemaker/respite aides and medical transportation.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**Listed Bills:**

W. Routley moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$240,045.28 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$66,742.40. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

**EMS:**

Tim Ladd requested the Board approve payment of 50% of the cost, \$65,000, for the new chassis that was approved for an ambulance back in December/January. M. Bradstrom so moved. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Until further notice Committee Meetings will be held in conjunction with Board Meetings to cut down on the number of face-to-face contacts. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the 49<sup>th</sup> Circuit Courtroom.

W. Routley gave an update on Area Agency on Aging; their #1 concern is that meals get delivered. The Annual Board Meeting in April has been cancelled and they have cancelled Advisory Board and Board of Directors; Executive Meeting is still on.

Paul requested permission to cancel reservations for the MAC Conference scheduled for middle of April; the Board agreed.

Paul advised non-essential meetings/conferences are cancelled at this time; essential meetings must be approved by Board Chair. Further, any media contact should be directed to him.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

J. Strong moved to adjourn to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 3:40 P.M. M. Bradstrom seconded; motion carried.



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

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Ray Steinke, Chair  
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners