

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 19, 2020

Chair Ray Steinke called the afternoon session of the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners to order at 3:17 P.M. in Commission Room 102 of the County Courthouse. All those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Commissioners present on roll call: Ray Steinke, Jerrilynn Strong, Linda Howard, Tom O'Neil, Wendy Nystrom and William Routley; Marilynn Bradstrom appeared electronically.

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

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS:

J. Strong moved to approve the Agenda with the addition to New Business 6.4 – Mecosta County Resolution 2020-07, naming COVID-19 Response Committee. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

J. Strong moved to approve the March 5, 2020 Board Minutes and March 16, 2020 Emergency Board Minutes as presented. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

Paul Bullock noted the area designated for the public is in the lobby in order to comply with the Supreme Court's Opinion regarding the number of people that can appear in one space. The area was checked for public comment and there is none at this time.

Paul also noted a recent Executive Order issued by the Governor that allows M. Bradstrom to appear and vote electronically, so he is requesting that all votes be done by roll call.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 2020 REVISED COUNTY REMONUMENTATION PLAN – REG. OF DEEDS

Karen Hahn – Register of Deeds – appeared before the Board and answered questions/explained the purpose of the Remonumentation Program/Grant and how corners are selected.

W. Routley moved to approve the 2020 Remonumentation Plan and authorized the Chair to sign. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.2 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

W. Nystrom moved to approve the 2020 Emergency Operations Plan and authorized the Chair to sign. T. O'Neil seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

J. Strong moved to approve the Pandemic and Epidemiological Outbreak Plan and authorized the Chair to sign. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.3 JURY BOARD MEMBER'S TERM

W. Nystrom moved to approve Judge Hill-Kennedy's recommendation of Pete Kent to the Jury Board to replace former member Catherine Armstrong, whose term will expire on April 30, 2021. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.4 MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-07 – COVID-19 RESPONSE COMMITTEE

Paul Bullock explained the need for adoption of this resolution based on the current COVID-19 situation. He requested the Board consider delegating authority to this committee, with review by the Prosecuting Attorney as corporate counsel.

After much discussion, including the Prosecuting Attorney, J. Strong moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution 2020-07 – Resolution to Name COVID-19 Response Committee. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

W. Routley further moved that the COVID-19 Response Committee have authority to set-up and implement teams of employees to alternate working days and continue at the FT pay for up to 60 days. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

None

Other Business:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

J. Strong reported attending Drain Meeting, Village Meeting, Board Emergency Meeting, Martiny Township Meeting, Sheridan Township Meeting, Road Commission Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

EMS:

J. Strong moved to approve the February 2020 write-offs of \$99,437.22, non-contractual write-offs of \$1,463.17 and collections write-offs of \$18,379.90. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

W. Nystrom reported attending Drain Meeting, Board Emergency Meeting, Human Services Collaborative Meeting, WISE Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

M. Bradstrom reported attending Board Emergency Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

L. Howard reported attending Drain Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

T. O'Neil reported attending Emergency Response Meeting, Board Emergency Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

W. Routley reported attending Board Emergency Meeting, Area Agency on Aging Meeting/West Michigan and today's Commission Meeting.

R. Steinke reported attending Millbrook Township Meeting, Central Dispatch Meeting, LEPT Meeting, Deerfield Township Meeting, 2 Virus Meetings, District 10 Health Meeting, Hinton Township Meeting, Board Emergency Meeting, MOTA Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paul Bullock reported on the following:

- The Court has come up with the same plan that was discussed today for their employees. Would expect part of the policy will ban county travel for the foreseeable future, unless approved by Elected Officials or Administrator.
- Requesting the Board consider virtual meetings for the next few meetings. L. Howard moved to approve the request that the Board use "virtual" meetings for the next 2 Commission Meetings. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

Judge Hill-Kennedy – 49th Circuit Court - thanked the Board for their leadership in considering how deal with this health emergency; is very concerned that people are going to get sick in our community and we need to take this more seriously. Thinks the Board has taken a strong morale stance and is agreeable with their decision.

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None


COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

J. Strong moved to accept and place on file Minutes & Reports #1-4 and Resolutions #1-7.

W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Strong moved to adjourn to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 4:57 P.M. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.



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

Ray Steinke, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners