

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 16, 2020

Chair Ray Steinke called the afternoon session of the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners to order at 3:00 P.M. from the County Services Building via Zoom – remote, electronic means as allowed in Executive Order #2020-02.

Commissioners present (electronically) on roll call: Ray Steinke, Marilyn Bradstrom, Jerrilyn Strong, Tom O’Neil, Wendy Nystrom and William Routley; Linda Howard not present.

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

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS:

J. Strong moved to approve the Agenda as presented. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M. Bradstrom moved to approve the April 2, 2020 Board Minutes as presented. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-08 - 911 EMERGENCY DISPATCH SURCHARGE PROPOSAL

J. Strong moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution 2020-08 – 9-1-1 Emergency Dispatch Surcharge Proposal for the August 2020 Election. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.2 2020 MECOSTA COUNTY EQUALIZATION REPORT

M. Bradstrom moved to adopt the 2020 Mecosta County Equalization Report. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.3 2019 DRAIN COMMISSIONER ANNUAL REPORT

W. Nystrom moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Drain Commissioner 2019 Annual Report. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

The Board commended Karla for a job well done.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

None

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

2020 General Fund Millage Rate – Administrator

W. Routley moved that the Administrator be instructed to place a resolution on the May 7th Agenda for the General Fund millage rate renewal. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

9-1-1 Ballot Request – Administrator

W. Routley moved that the resolution placing the 9-1-1 surcharge request be placed on the August 4th Primary ballot. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Financial Reports/January 2020 – Finance Officer

W. Routley moved that the January Financial reports be accepted and placed on file. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Other Business:

W. Routley moved that the County extend the current special policies in place due to the Governor's Stay Home Stay Safe Order through April 30th. Further, the Finance Committee will review the matter if it is extended past May 1st. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

W. Routley moved to approve a Broomfield Grant request from Our Brother's Keeper for \$5,000 to assist in keeping the Big Rapids Shelter open. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

W. Routley moved to approve the AAAWM Continuation of Funding and authorized the Chair to sign by the 4/28/20 deadline. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

W. Routley moved that Board per diems be paid for virtual meetings during the current state of emergency. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Listed Bills:

W. Routley moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$291,482.39 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$68,065.43. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

EMS:

Director Ladd requested that collections be placed on hold until 8/1/20 due to the current situation. J. Strong moved to approve Director Ladd's request. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

J. Strong moved to approve the February 2020 write-offs of \$119,932.31, non-contractual write-offs of \$3,078.24. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

W. Nystrom reported attending Finance Committee, WISE Board Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

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

T. O'Neil reported attending Mecosta Township Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

W. Routley reported attending Personnel Committee (several meetings), Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

Bill noted the Boards receipt of a letter and purported Letter of Understanding from Timothy Lewis regarding contract issues. At this point, we should wait and see what happens at the State/Federal levels before taking action on this matter.

Bill also noted National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – a week honoring 9-1-1 call center workers – and wanted to send the Boards' sincere appreciation to Central Dispatch workers for their hard work and commitment; the whole Board concurred.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paul Bullock reported on the following:

- The EMS Department continues to have adequate personal protection equipment; have transported a number of positive COVID cases but were not exposed because of proper procedures and protection.
- WMED began administering and staffing the Morgue yesterday; we have board-certified Forensic Pathologists doing autopsies in our facility.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

J. Strong moved to accept and place on file Minutes & Reports #1 and Resolution #1.

M. Bradstrom seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Steinke adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 3:50 P.M.

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

Ray Steinke, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners