

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MORNING SESSION – 10:00 A.M.

March 4, 2021

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM:

Marilynn Bradstrom _____
District 1

William Routley _____
District 7

Jerrilynn Strong _____
District 2

Linda Howard _____
District 3

Ray Steinke _____
District 4

Tom O'Neil _____
District 5

Wendy Nystrom _____
District 6

2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board Minutes – February 18, 2021

**4. PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:
(5 MINUTES PER PERSON LIMIT)**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Landfill Testing Proposals

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Pre-approved Bills: \$507,654.37
Non-approved Bills: \$45,113.15

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

**10. PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:
(5 MINUTES PER PERSON LIMIT)**

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mecosta-Osceola DHHS Minutes – January 26, 2021
2. Mecosta County DHHS Minutes – January 26, 2021
3. Mecosta County Parks Commission – January 19, 2021
4. Mecosta-Osceola DHHS Minutes – February 23, 2021
5. Mecosta County DHHS Minutes – February 23, 2021
6. Carroll Family Letter Dated February 21, 2021

12. MINUTES & REPORTS:

1. Building & Zoning – February 18, 2021
2. EMS – February 18, 2021
3. Finance

13. RESOLUTIONS:

1. Iron County Resolution
2. Livingston County Resolution #2021-02-029

14. MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

15. ADJOURNMENT:

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE

10:15 – Cynthia Mallory – MCCOA Update

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

Chair Marilyn Bradstrom called the afternoon session of the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners to order at 3:00 P.M. via Zoom. All those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Commissioners present on roll call: Marilyn Bradstrom, Jerrilyn 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 with an addition to New Business – 6.2 – Interlocal Agreement for IT Services. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

W. Routley moved to approve the February 4, 2021 Board Minutes as presented. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**6.1 CMCH BOARD APPOINTMENT**

J. Strong moved to reappoint Linda Howard to the Community Mental Health for Central Michigan Board for a 3-year term. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

6.2 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR IT SERVICES

J. Strong moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Providing Information Technology Services to Mecosta County by the City of Big Rapids at a cost of \$73,500 annually for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022, and automatically renewing for 2 subsequent 2-year periods. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

Brooke Baumann – Mecosta Conservation District – appeared via Zoom and gave an update on the 2020 Household Hazardous Waste Collection that took place at Chippewa Hills High School; the 2021 collection will be held at Mecosta County Fairgrounds.

Vicki Sawicki – Invasive Species Coordinator – appeared via Zoom and reported from the Annual Report; work being done with the Invasive Species Program, and upcoming presentations that are being held at townships and lake associations throughout the county.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Flexible Spending Account Plan Amendment – Administrator

R. Steinke moved that the Administrator be authorized to approve changes to the Flexible Spending Account Plan to allow for carryover of unused funds in 2020 and 2021, relax the election change rules to allow employees to make changes regardless of a qualifying event in 2021, and to adopt a temporary dependent age maximum to increase from 13 to 14 for 2021 for the dependent care participants. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Vehicle Purchase – Administrator

R. Steinke moved to approve the Administrator's request to authorize a modified purchase for the Emergency Management vehicle from Berger Chevrolet due to GM cutting off orders for the 2021 model year. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Equipment Request/Transcription/Dictation System – Sheriff

R. Steinke moved to approve a request for a new transcription/dictation system at the Sheriff's Office at a cost of \$2,489. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Other Business:

None

Financial Reports/December 2020 – Finance Officer

R. Steinke moved that the December 2020 Financial Reports be accepted and placed on file. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Listed Bills:

R. Steinke moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$648,594.65 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$88,451.23. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

W. Routley reported attending Planning & Zoning Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

L. Howard reported attending Wheatland Township Board Meeting, Building & Zoning 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.

W. Nystrom reported attending Youth Attention Center Meeting, WISE Meeting, City of Big Rapids Commission Meeting, Finance Committee, Building & Zoning Committee, EMS Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

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

EMS:

J. Strong moved to approve the January 2021 write-offs of \$129,676.98, non-contractual write-offs of \$1,710.05 and collections write-offs of \$10,588.71. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

J. Strong moved to approve Mr. Ladd's request to apply for a grant to assist with the data collection that is being required by Medicare and Medicaid. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

J. Strong moved to approve Mr. Ladd's request to submit a grant application in conjunction with Ferris State University for rural emergency medical services training. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

J. Strong moved to approve Mr. Ladd's request to solicit bids for a new or low mileage demo ambulance. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

J. Strong moved to accept the proposal from Fisher Resource Labs, for a walk-thru metal detector grant project, at the low bid of \$15,491.21. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

R. Steinke reported attending Central Dispatch Meeting, Deerfield Township Meeting, Finance Committee, MOTA Meeting, EMS Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

M. Bradstrom reported attending Dragon Trail Executive Meeting, Ferris/City/County Meeting, Finance Committee, Green Township Meeting, Grant Township Meeting, Colfax Township Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

Marilynn reported that she met with Colfax Township officials regarding testing for 3 wells; last test was done in 2002. Paul will bring an RFP to a March meeting for the well testing in Colfax Township with and without an additional PFAS test.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paul Bullock reported on the following:

- Marine Patrol – looking to raise the rate of pay for 2021 to \$15/hour. The increase will be covered in budgeted funds and will help with recruitment. J. Strong so moved. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

Jim Sandy – Economic Development Corporation – appeared via Zoom and gave the Board an update on: the distribution of the Survival Grants; that Ice Mountain has recently sold, but the company intends to keep operations here; and the Mecosta County Development Corporation is exploring different ways to extend their services with Jim's upcoming retirement.

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

J. Strong moved to accept and place on file Communication #1, Minutes & Reports #1-3 and Resolutions #1-5. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Steinke adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 4:05 P.M.



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

Marilynn Bradstrom, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners



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Paul E. Bullock
Controller/Administrator

To: Mecosta County Board of Commissioners

From: Paul Bullock 
County Administrator

Date: February 25, 2021

Re: Landfill Testing Proposals

I have received two proposals to test and analyze the three ground water monitoring wells at the Rodney Landfill.

Both firms were given the most recent test results and asked to include everything tested for then in their proposal.

The proposal from Trace Analytical Laboratories, Inc. of Muskegon is for \$1,291.00 for the basic testing with an option for including PFAS testing at an additional cost of \$1,200.

The proposal from Pace Analytical of Grand Rapids is for \$1,491.82. They did not include a proposal for PFAS testing.

I would request that you consider accepting the proposal form Trace Analytical, including the PFAS testing.



Pace Analytical Services, LLC
 5560 Corporate Exchange Court, SE
 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49512
 Phone: 616-975-4500
 Fax: 616-942-7463

Contact Information

Contact Name	Paul Bullock	Prepared By	Danny Engelhardt
Account Name	County of Mecosta	Phone	(317) 727-3333
Phone	(231) 796-2505	Email	daniel.engelhardt@pacelabs.com
Email	pbullock@mecostacounty.org		

Project Information

Quote Name	County of Mecosta-former Rodney Landfill-2/24/21	Created Date	2/24/2021
Quote Number	00090502	Shipping Information	Samples will be collected by Pace Grand Rapids
Project Location	MI	MINIMUM	\$300
Turn Around Time	10 working days, upon receipt at Pace Indianapolis	LABORATORY FEE	
Report Level	Level II		
Special Instructions	Payment terms are Prepay until credit terms are approved by Pace. Analysis will be performed at Pace Indianapolis		

Address Information

Bill To Name	County of Mecosta	Ship To Name	County of Mecosta
Bill To	400 Elm Street Big Rapids, MI 49307		

Quote Details

Quantity	Method	Product	Line Item Description	Sales Price	Sub-Total	Total-Price
3.00	EPA 8260	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) (water)		\$75.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
3.00	EPA 6010 (ICP)	Dissolved Metals, Field Filtered	Antimony, Arsenic, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Cobalt, Lead, Nickel, Selenium, Silver, Thallium, Vanadium, Zinc	\$150.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
3.00	SM 4500H+B	pH (Corrosivity) (water)	15 minute hold time	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
1.00		Field Sampling Services		\$756.82	\$756.82	\$756.82
1.00		Environmental Impact Fee (Per Invoice)		\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
3.00	N/A	Sample Disposal		\$5.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

Grand-Total

\$1,491.82

Trace Analytical Laboratories, Inc.
2241 Black Creek Road
Muskegon, MI 49444-2673



231-773-5998 Phone
888-979-4469 Fax
www.trace-labs.com

Analytical Price Quotation

Quote #: Mecosta County- Landfill 21-0218

Please reference the quote number on the chain of custody to ensure correct billing.

Attention: Paul Bullock
Client: Mecosta County
Address: 400 Elm St.
Big Rapids, MI. 49307

Phone: 231-796-2505
Email: pbullock@mecostacounty.org

Project Name: Landfill MWs
Matrix: Groundwater

Quote Date: 2/18/2021

TAT: * 5 - 10 Days

Trace Contacts:
Senior Project Manager: Jon Mink Ext. 224
Email: jmink@trace-labs.com
Cell: 231-578-2687

Project Manager: Tim Brewer Ext 238
Email: tbrewer@trace-labs.com
Cell: 231-215-0932

Sales Representative: Dan Sroka
Email: dsroka@trace-labs.com
Cell: 231-215-4561

Expiration Date: 12/31/2021

Line Item	Description	Price	Quantity	Total
1	8260 VOCs	\$ 65.00	3	\$ 195.00
2	Diss. Metals	\$ 105.00	3	\$ 315.00
3	Metals Filtration	\$ 7.00	3	\$ 21.00
4	Spec. Conductance	\$ 10.00	3	\$ 30.00
5	pH/Temp	\$ 10.00	3	\$ 30.00
6	** Sampling Fee			\$ 700.00
Project Total:				\$ 1,291.00
	PFAS Analysis	\$ 400.00	3	\$ 1,200.00

A charge of \$7.00 for Sample Handling, Storage & Disposal is applied to each invoice.

The minimum charge to process any order is \$65.00.

* The standard turnaround time is 5-10 business days. Shorter turnaround times are available with prior approval and may incur a surcharge per sample. Contact a Trace Project Manager for scheduling.

** Sampling Fee includes All Equipment, Supplies and Labor to conduct sample collection at 3 MWs.

Payment Terms – Net 30 Days - If not paid within 30 days, the invoice shall be subject to 1.5% per month service charge effective as of the date of delivery. In the event it is necessary to commence collection proceedings, buyer shall pay all collection costs incurred including reasonable attorney's fees.

Mecosta-Osceola County Department of Health & Human Services**Joint Board Meeting Minutes**

January 26, 2021

PERSONS PRESENT:

Carolyn Curtin, Osceola County Chairman
Janice Covey, Mecosta County Chairman
Susan Haut, Mecosta Vice-Chair
Glenn Bluhm, Osceola County Vice-Chair
Carole Edstrom, Osceola County Board Member
Jan McBrien, Mecosta County Board Member
Sally Momany, Osceola County Commissioner
Jennifer Schmidt, Acting-Director
Wendy Nystrom, Mecosta County Commissioner

The Meeting was called to order by Ms. Curtin at 9:06 am via teleconference.

Minutes from the December 15, 2020 meeting were reviewed and motion to approve made by Ms. Haut with support by Mr. Bluhm. Motion Carried.

The Agenda was reviewed and motion to approve by Ms. Covey. Supported by Ms. McBrien. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mecosta County Commissioner, Wendy Nystrom and Osceola County Commissioner, Sally Momany introduced themselves to the Boards. Ms. Nystrom replaces Linda Howard and Ms. Momany replaces Larry Emig.

LOCAL OFFICE ISSUES/Directors Report:

Acting-Director, Jennifer Schmidt, updated the Boards on:

- Vaccinating of frontline employees and daily health-screening checklist on the horizon for staff.
- Local staffing transitions and assignments.
- Danielle Martin has accepted full-time position as the Business Service Center-3 Director.
- A thorough Metric-Dashboard was detailed for programs provided by Mecosta-Osceola DHHS.

MCSSA:

- Ms. Covey stated staff-officer changes at the MCSSA headquarters. Ms. Curtin commented on the Listen and Learn conference. Next conference, February 22nd, is on Human Trafficking.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Curtin at 10:19 a.m. with support from Ms. Covey. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Jennifer Schmidt, Acting-Director
Secretary to the Board

Carolyn Curtin, Osceola County Chairman

Janice Covey, Mecosta County Chairman

Darren Hengesbach, Recording Secretary

Mecosta County Department of Health & Human Services

Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2021

PERSONS PRESENT:

Janice Covey, Mecosta County Chairman
Jan McBrien, Member
Susan Haut, Vice-Chairman
Wendy Nystrom, Mecosta County Commission
Jennifer Schmidt, Acting-Director

The Meeting was called to order by Ms. Covey at 10:20 am via teleconference.

Minutes from the December 15, 2020 meeting were reviewed and motion to approve made by Ms. McBrien with support by Ms. Haut. Motion Carried.

The Agenda reviewed and motion to approve by Ms. McBrien, Supported and Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ms. Nystrom, with the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners, introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Nystrom replaces Linda Howard from the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners.

FISCAL:

A. Financial Report:

The December Financial Report reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Ms. McBrien. Supported by Ms. Haut. Motion Carried.

COUNTY SPECIFIC BUSINESS:

- Ms. Schmidt presented to the Board a 3-year Counseling Contract for various providers. The contract is for Clinical and Group Counseling along with Ancillary Services for period 04/01/21 thru 03/31/24 with option for 2 one-year extension thru 03/31/2026. A motion to approve contract was made by Ms. McBrien with Support from Ms. Haut. Motion carried.
With the virtual meeting format, a motion was made for signature on the Contract-Agreement. A motion for Recording Secretary, Darren Hengesbach, to sign the agreement for chairperson Ms. Covey was made by Ms. Haut and supported by Ms. McBrien. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Covey at 10:31 a.m. with support by Ms. Haut. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Jennifer Schmidt, Acting Director
Secretary to the Board

Janice Covey, Chairman

Darren Hengesbach, Recording Secretary

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The January 19, 2021 Commission Meeting of the Mecosta County Park Commission was called to order via live video conference at 5:00 PM by the Superintendent, Mr. Abel.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Bradstrom, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Hatkowski, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Miller, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Roels, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Stratton and Mr. Vogel. **Members Absent:** None. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel - Superintendent, Erin Bean - Operations Manager and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objection, the agenda stood approved.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to approve the minutes of the December 15th Park Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Chairman, Vice-Chair, Secretary - The Superintendent opened the floor to 2021 Officer nominations. Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to nominate Mr. Vogel for Chairman. Mr. Vogel respectfully declined the nomination. Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to nominate Mr. Stratton for Chairman, Mr. O'Neil for Vice Chairman and Mr. Roels for Secretary, and to close nominations. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote. The Superintendent turned the meeting over to Mr. Stratton, Chairman.

Rules of Order - Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Roels to follow Robert's Rules of Order with the amendment to permit the Chairman to act as a voting member of the Commission. Motion carried.

2021 Committees Assignments - The Chairman requests current committee's remain in place through the end of January and that Park Commissioners submit their Committee appointment preferences as soon as possible. New appointments will be finalized before February 1st and will begin meeting after February 1st.

Public Comment: None.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Updates

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 14 current and completed projects, including:

Grand Rapids RV Show rescheduled for March 11th-14th.

Family Group Camp (FGC), Pavilion & Monthly Reservation opened on January 4th.

Monthly reservations and the FGC revenue continue to trend up year over year. Pavilion revenue is down from 2020, likely due to the State's continued ban on large gatherings.

Administration Server Crashed last week. Our IT provider did not have back-ups, as we had believed, and is currently attempting to recover our files.

School Section Lake Safety Signs have been created and reviewed by the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Office and the DNR Conservation Officers. A few of the signs are being offered to the School Section Lake Property Owner's Association to assist with the educating of School Section Lake boaters.

Incident/Accident Reports - One incident was reviewed and discussed.

Dragon Trail Updates - Construction, Fundraising and Marketing were discussed.

Correspondence - None to report.

Committee Actions

Masterplan

Brower Park Shallow Boat Launch Grant - A Prein & Newhof proposal for services to develop and submit a MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application was discussed. Grant dollars would be used for additional and related improvements to the shallow boat launch reconstruction project scheduled during the river's extended draw down in 2022 or 2023. Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to move forward with the Prein & Newhof Grant Application proposal while completing any capable work in house to reduce consulting costs. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

2021-2025 Park Commission Master Plan Update - A resolution approving the Park Commission 2021-2025 Master Plan has been reviewed and approved by the County Board of Commissioners.

Finance

Purchase of New Mower - 3 quotes for new mowers were reviewed. Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Roels to purchase the Gravely Pro-Turn 160 from Palmer's Outdoor Power Equipment. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

School Section Family Group Camp Flooring - 3 quotes for completion of the flooring project were reviewed. Ms. Miller motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to grant the flooring project to Carpet Gallery. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Dragon Trail Loan Agreement - The County Board of Commissioners have approved the Park Commission's request offering a line of credit of up to \$410,800 to complete the Mecosta Township Trust Fund Grant portion of the trail in 2021.

IT Services - The Park Commission has been informed that our annual IT services contract with the City of Big Rapids is likely to increase by 100% from \$4,000 to \$8,000 annually. Mr. O'Neil motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate with the City for an amount not to exceed \$6000. Discussed. Mr. O'Neil amended his motion, Mrs. Bradstrom seconded the amended motion to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate an annual IT contract with the City for up to \$8,000. Motion to amend the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote. The amended motion then carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Park System WiFi - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to enter into a 5-year contract with Charter to increase School Section Lake Park's bandwidth to 500 megs at a monthly cost of \$950. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote. Superintendent to negotiate for an April start date, if possible.

Millage Deadlines - Mr. O'Neil motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to approve the Park Commission seeking a parks and recreation millage during the 2021 calendar year. Motion carried with 7 yes and 3 no (Johnson, Roels, Hatkowski) votes. Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Neil to request from the County Board of Commissioners that a county parks millage of up to .5 mil for a term of 5 years be placed on the May 2021 ballot. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Personnel

Assistant Operations Manager Hiring Process - 9 Applicants - Superintendent and Operations Manager to select interview candidates. Personnel Committee to review applications. Virtual interviews to be conducted.

Mr. Roels departed the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Building & Grounds

Goose Nesting and Round-up Permit - Permits will be submitted for Brower Park, again this year.

Financial

Financial Report - Revenue & Expenses, Cash Spreadsheet, Year-to-Year - Reports were reviewed and discussed.

Pre-Approved Bill List Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to update the Pre-Approved Bill list to include Point Broadband and remove Casair. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to approve the bills in the amounts of \$11,776.70, \$6,505.59, \$712.57, \$5,800.27 and \$16,047.79. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business:

Next Commission Meeting 5 PM, February 16th at the Services Building and/or Zoom.

Adjournment: 7:10 PM

Mecosta-Osceola County Department of Health & Human Services

Joint Board Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2021

PERSONS PRESENT:

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 Susan Haut, Mecosta Vice-Chair
 Glenn Bluhm, Osceola County Vice-Chair
 Carole Edstrom, Osceola County Board Member
 Jan McBrien, Mecosta County Board Member
 Sally Momany, Osceola County Commissioner
 Jennifer Schmidt, Acting-Director
 Wendy Nystrom, Mecosta County Commissioner

The Meeting was called to order by Ms. Curtin at 9:04 am via teleconference.

Minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting were reviewed and motion to approve made by Ms. Covey with support by Ms. McBrien. Motion Carried.

The Agenda was reviewed and motion to approve by Ms. McBrien. Supported by Ms. Covey. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Nystrom stated the COIVD-19 protocols continue at Mecosta County Commissioner meetings.

LOCAL OFFICE ISSUES/Directors Report:

Acting-Director, Jennifer Schmidt, updated the Boards on:

- Vaccinating of frontline employees is in progress. Coordinating with the Health Department on the readiness of the vaccines.
- Local staffing transitions and assignments. Director position for Mecosta-Osceola County DHHS posted to NEOGOV.
- Elizabeth Hertel is the new MDHHS Director. Ms. Hertel replaces Robert Gordon who resigned. Stacey Bladen temporarily takes over the Director role in the Children Services Administration.
- May 1st is the new Back to Work-site date for State Employees.
- New daily online Health screen checklist for State Employees.
- Children's Services is piloting Needs Assessment for neglect cases in residential placements.
- Assistance Payments unit currently is short staffed on the account of staff transitions and medical leaves. However, metric benchmarks continue to be achieved.

MCSSA:

- Ms. Covey stated the recent Listen and Learn presentation on Human Trafficking was insightful.
- MCSSA/MCSCCET Legislative Virtual Conference is March 11, 2021.



2021 MCSSA
legislative conference

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Curtin at 9:34 a.m. with support from Ms. Edstrom. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Jennifer Schmidt, Acting-Director
Secretary to the Board

Carolyn Curtin, Osceola County Chairman

Janice Covey, Mecosta County Chairman

Darren Hengesbach, Recording Secretary

Mecosta County Department of Health & Human Services

Board Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2021

PERSONS PRESENT: Janice Covey, Mecosta County Chairman
Jan McBrien, Member
Susan Haut, Vice-Chairman
Wendy Nystrom, Mecosta County Commission
Jennifer Schmidt, Acting-Director

The Meeting was called to order by Ms. Covey at 9:35 am via teleconference.

Minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting were reviewed and motion to approve made by Ms. McBrien with support by Ms. Haut. Motion Carried.

The Agenda reviewed and motion to approve by Ms. McBrien, Supported and Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ms. Nystrom stated a few of the County Commissioners received vaccinations.

FISCAL:

A. Financial Report:

The January Financial Report reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Ms. McBrien. Supported by Ms. Haut. Motion Carried. (Ms. Covey praised the excellent report preparedness by Eileen Tucker)

COUNTY SPECIFIC BUSINESS:

Please see Joint-Meeting minutes

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Covey at 9:46 a.m. with support by Ms. Haut. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Jennifer Schmidt, Acting Director
Secretary to the Board

Janice Covey, Chairman

Darren Hengesbach, Recording Secretary

February 21, 2021

Mecosta County Board of Commissioners

400 Elm St #202

Big Rapids, Mi. 49307

Commissioners:

We write to you today because we feel that one of your employees truly needs to be recognized. Allow us to provide some history behind this feeling. This incident happened on December 31, 2020, our sister Laurie Carroll has been dealing with cancer and discovered that she had an elevated temperature and upon consulting with her Oncologist she was advised to go to the emergency room. While enroute and just inside the Big Rapids City limits, she went into cardiac arrest. There was a person following and noticed that our sister was driving erratically and that she suddenly stopped in the middle of the road. And only by the grace of God this person was an off- duty Mecosta County EMS EMT. This EMT immediately went to render aid to my sister who was unconscious in her vehicle. In order to render this aid a window needed to be broken. Upon assessing our sister it was discovered that she did not have a pulse or a heartbeat. The EMT immediately began CPR which restored a heartbeat, and with the arrival of The Big Rapids Fire Rescue and Mecosta County EMS who continued with their life saving efforts which provided our sister the best chance of survival.

Our family and especially our sister Laurie will be forever grateful for Mecosta County EMS EMT Erika Flowers. Because of her quick and decisive actions our beloved sister is still with us. She is now home at her lake house on Horse Head Lake recuperating and doing very well and has expressed a sincere desire to meet and thank Erika for what she did.

Once again, we ask that the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners recognize Erika Flowers for her actions on that day, and that a copy of this letter be placed in her personnel file.

Sincerely,

Susan (Carroll) Truog Mecosta County Resident

Roger Carroll Mecosta County Resident

Doug Carroll Mecosta County Resident

Mary (Carroll) Collins Mecosta County /Tucson Az. Resident

Beth Carroll Mecosta County Resident

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FEB 24 2021
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES
10:30 AM COUNTY BUILDING Conf Rm F and Zoom ID 608 471 9153
February 18, 2021

PRESENT: Wendy Nystrom– Chair, Linda Howard, and Tom O’Neil

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Bullock and Michelle Stenger

CALL TO ORDER: 10:30 AM

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

BUILDING REPORT:

- Storage: Ms. Stenger provided copies of some document storage fixtures that will be ordered to improve work flow.

ZONING REPORT:

- Planning Commission and ZBA: Ms. Stenger gave a short briefing on issues that will be before the next Planning Commission and ZBA meetings.
- 2020 Annual Report: Ms. Stenger went thru the 2020 annual report on activity within the department.

FINANCIALS:

- Year to Date: The Committee reviewed the year to date financials and year to year for the month of January.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Linda Howard advised that Morton Township was going to interview for their Building Official vacancy.

Adjournment: 10:55 AM

Next regular meeting: March 18, 2021

EMS COMMITTEE MINUTES
1:45 PM Conf Rm F and Zoom ID 608 471 9153
February 18, 2021

PRESENT: Jerrilynn Strong, Tom O'Neil, and Ray Steinke.

Others Present: Tim Ladd, Scott Schroeder, and Paul Bullock.

CALL TO ORDER: 1:45 PM PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The January 2021 billings, write-offs, and revenue were reviewed. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that contractual write-offs of \$129,676.98 non-contractual write-offs of \$1,710.05 and collections write-offs of \$10,588.71 be approved.**

MONTHLY STATISTICS: Mr. Ladd presented the number of transports, non-transports, total calls, and billings for January 2021. Mr. Ladd also presented the monthly statistics for e-calls, transfers, and calls with treatment but no transport.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- Data Collection Assistance Grant: Mr. Ladd requested permission to apply for a grant to assist with the data collection that is being required by Medicare and Medicaid. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that Mr. Ladd be authorized to submit the grant application.**
- Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant: Mr. Ladd requested permission to submit a Grant application in conjunction with Ferris State University. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that Mr. Ladd be authorized to submit the grant as requested.**
- New Ambulance: Mr. Ladd requested permission to solicit bids for a new or demo ambulance. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that Mr. Ladd be authorized to solicit bids for a new or low mileage demo ambulance.**
- Request for Discharge of Debt: Mr. Ladd advised the Committee that he had received a request for discharge of charges from a run from FSU to Spectrum BR. The Committee declined the request and instructed Mr. Ladd to offer a low monthly payment plan at the significantly reduced Medicaid rate.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

- Homeland Security Grant: Mr. Schroeder presented three proposals for the walk thru metal detector grant project. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that the proposal from Fisher Resource Labs be approved at \$15,491.21, the low bid.**

NEXT MEETING: 1:45 PM March 18, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: 2:20 PM

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WAIVING FEES FOR
LICENSES/PERMITS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES
SERVICING THE PUBLIC**

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has placed a substantial public health risk upon society as a whole;

WHEREAS scientifically tailored public health restrictions to limit the opportunity for spread of COVID-19 amongst services to the public can be a responsible exercise of public health, welfare and safety powers;

WHEREAS many small businesses providing service to the general public that were ordered closed in whole and/or part have yearly licenses and/or permits issued by the State of Michigan;

WHEREAS if safety of society requires closure of small businesses it is inequitable to not provide a waiver in whole and/or part of State of Michigan yearly license and/or permit fees when such activities are ordered closed and/or restricted;

WHEREAS in rural small communities in Iron County, Michigan, small businesses serving the general public are significant centers of economic activity that employ significant numbers of employees and mutually contribute to the economic well being the community;

WHEREAS the small businesses serving the general public have been economically devastated by being unable to serve the general public due to public health orders;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON** as representatives of the citizens of Iron County implore the Governor and the Legislature to immediately adopt legislation providing fee waivers of licenses/permit fees required by the State of Michigan for small businesses serving the general public during such periods service to the public is prohibited and/or limited by public health orders;

The foregoing resolution was moved by Stauber and supported by
Ofsdahl.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF IRON

By: Patti A. Peretto
Patti A. Peretto
Its Chairperson

By: Julie Kezerle
Julie Kezerle
Its Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the
resolution adopted at a meeting of the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF IRON** held on February 8, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF IRON

By: Julie Kezerle
Julie Kezerle
Its Clerk



Resolution Calling Upon the Governor and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to Retract their SVI Social Factor Based Plan and Replace it with a Scientific Medical Factor Based Plan that Results in a Pro-Rata Uniform Distribution to Michigan's Most Medically Vulnerable Population

- WHEREAS,** the 2020-2021 Covid-19 Pandemic and the State of Michigan's handling of said pandemic remain cause for serious concern for Livingston County residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Michigan is responsible for distributing the limited supply of Covid-19 vaccine; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Michigan has failed or refused to perform its constitutional obligation to distribute the limited amount of vaccines efficiently, fairly, and uniformly; and
- WHEREAS,** Livingston County is home to approximately 188,482 residents, approximately 41,000 of whom are eligible to receive Covid-19 vaccinations under the terms of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) current priority phase, and at least 18,300 eligible persons over 65 years of age have expressed an interest in receiving vaccinations according to the vaccine interest survey on the Livingston County web page; and
- WHEREAS,** the State has only allocated 6,300 vaccine doses for first dose administration to the Livingston County Health Department – a grossly disproportionate amount as compared to other counties and based on the size of the vaccine eligible population; and
- WHEREAS,** it is generally accepted, based on the commentary from the CDC and the State of Michigan, the population most vulnerable to Covid-19 are those 65 years of age and older; and
- WHEREAS,** the CDC has specifically said that “We do know that older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like obesity, diabetes, or heart or lung disease are at higher risk for developing more serious complications when they have COVID-19”; and
- WHEREAS,** for nearly one year, the State of Michigan experts have emphasized repeatedly to Michigan residents that Covid-19 is especially deadly for seniors, especially for those with underlying conditions; and
- WHEREAS,** based on the best available health information, we understand that compared to young, healthy individuals, 65-74 year olds have an increase in the relative risk of death of 90-times, 75-84 year olds have an increase in the relative risk of death of 220-times, and individuals 85 years old and older have an increase in the relative risk of death of 630-times. Additionally, we are informed that comorbidities also play a role in an increased risk compared to young, healthy individuals, ranging broadly from a 2- to 3-fold increase in relative risk of hospitalization. We also understand that race and ethnicity play a role in increasing risk compared to young, healthy, non-minority groups, with estimates of a relative risk of increase in hospitalization of 4-fold and an increase in the relative risk of death of 3-fold; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Michigan's Plan for the distribution of Covid-19 vaccine was not updated until January 31, 2021, more than one month after distribution of the vaccine began; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Michigan has chosen for unknown reasons to use an algorithm based upon social factors versus medically established risk factors as the basis on which to allocate vaccine to Michigan counties, and the Michigan experts selected the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) as a means to prioritize vaccine shipments to counties; and

WHEREAS, the SVI Algorithm calculates a value, from 0 to 1, based upon 15 Social Factors rather than medical factors, with a lower value resulting in a county receiving less vaccine, while a higher value results in a county receiving more vaccine, and as a direct result of the application of this selected formula, Livingston County has been assessed as having the lowest priority of all 83 Michigan counties; and

WHEREAS, had the State of Michigan elected to fairly and objectively and uniformly distribute vaccine based on a county's population of its most at risk—e.g. its senior citizens—Livingston County should be prioritized as the 11th highest, rather than the lowest or 83rd; and

WHEREAS, a review of the State's Plan reveals that it has the direct impact of depriving Livingston County's most vulnerable citizens of their right to a fair share of vaccine because rather than allocating vaccine based upon demonstrated and accepted medical factors, State of Michigan experts primarily rely on social factors to allocate vaccine to counties; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan's Plan specifically identifies the importance of vaccinating persons who, by way of example, are incarcerated and non-citizens, when these factors present little, if any, cause for Covid-19 risk or connection to protecting Michigan's and Livingston County's most vulnerable population; and

WHEREAS, this SVI or social factor approach was not used by the State of Michigan when dealing with the H1N1 Pandemic, when it, instead, relied upon medical factors such as age and pregnancy which directly correlated with the vulnerable population for that disease; and

WHEREAS, citizens desiring more information regarding this disparate treatment of Livingston County Residents are encouraged to read the attached report titled, "COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation: Social Equity vs. Vaccine Fairness."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Livingston County Commission calls upon the Michigan Governor and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to rescind their SVI Social Factor Based Plan and replace it with a scientific medical factor based plan that results in a pro-rata uniform distribution to Michigan's most medically vulnerable population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Livingston County Commission rejects any advice or opinion, expert or otherwise, from the State of Michigan that may be used to justify the selection of the SVI Social Factor Based Plan over a scientific medical factor based plan that fairly and uniformly addresses the needs of all of Michigan's most medically vulnerable population regardless of which county they reside in; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we urge citizens to call, email, text, write, and otherwise correspond with the Governor's Office, the office of our state representatives, the office of our state senator, and the office of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to voice their rightful concerns with the fundamental inequities of the SVI Social Factor Plan and how it unfairly ignores the needs of the most medically vulnerable population in our County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution and the attached Report be transmitted to Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Representative Bezotte, Representative Bollin, Senator Theis, both United States Senators, all Michigan Members of Congress, the Speaker of the State House of Representatives and the Majority Leader of the State Senate, the Michigan Association of Counties and all Counties within Michigan, along with the Michigan Township Association and all Townships, Cities and Villages within Livingston County, Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator and County Corporate Counsel are directed to investigate and report to the Board of Commissioners, by March 1, 2021, possible administrative appeals and legal avenues to compel the State of Michigan to protect our most medically vulnerable citizens by fairly allocating vaccine doses to counties based upon proportional vaccination phase population estimates and not based upon non-medical or social factors.

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MOVED: M. Zajac
SECONDED: J. Gross
CARRIED: Roll Call Vote: Yes (8): M. Zajac, J. Gross, B. Plank, W. Nakagiri, C. Griffith, C. Reader, D. Helzerman, and J. Drick; No (0): None; Absent (1): K. Lawrence

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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 COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON)

I, **ELIZABETH HUNDLEY**, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Livingston, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on the 22nd day of February 2021, the original of which is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed by official signature on this 23rd day of February 2021 A.D.



Elizabeth Hundley
 ELIZABETH HUNDLEY, LIVINGSTON COUNTY CLERK