

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MORNING SESSION – 10:00 A.M.

May 6, 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 – April 15, 2021

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

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. EMS Station Coordinator Appointment
2. Local State of Emergency

6. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mecosta County Resolution #2021-09 – 2021 Millage Rates for General Fund Budget
2. Mecosta County Resolution #2021-10 – Supporting passage of legislation to adopt 4-year terms for County Commissioners

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Pre-approved Bills: \$930,672.92
Non-approved Bills: \$91,874.85

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

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

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. AAAWM Letter Dated April 9, 2021
2. Mecosta County Park Commission – March 16, 2021
3. Mecosta-Osceola DHHS Minutes – March 23, 2021
4. Mecosta County DHHS Minutes – March 23, 2021
5. District Health Department #10 Minutes – March 26, 2021
6. Mecosta-Osceola DHHS Minutes – April 27, 2021
7. Mecosta County DHHS Minutes – April 27, 2021

12. MINUTES & REPORTS:

1. Building and Zoning – April 15, 2021
2. EMS – April 15, 2021
3. Finance

13. RESOLUTIONS:

1. Cheboygan County Resolution #2021-09
2. Iron County Resolution #2021-004
3. Iron County Resolution #2021-005
4. Wexford County Resolution #21-13
5. Grand Traverse County Resolution #38-2021
6. Berrien County Resolution #B2104213
7. Bay County Resolution #2021-58
8. Alger County Resolution #2021-03

14. MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

15. ADJOURNMENT:

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**APRIL 15, 2021**

Chair Marilyn 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: Marilyn Bradstrom, Jerrilyn Strong, Linda Howard, Ray Steinke, Tom O'Neil and Wendy Nystrom.

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 Unfinished Business – 5.1 Teamsters Letter of Understanding. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

R. Steinke moved to approve the April 1, 2021 Board Minutes as presented. L. Howard seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

Keith Wood – appeared before the Board via Zoom to discuss the use of masks and vaccine passport; implored the Board to pass a resolution prohibiting the use of vaccine passports in Mecosta County.

W. Routley appeared – 3:04 p.m.

Michelle Mixa – appeared before the Board via Zoom to discuss the vaccine passport; encouraged a resolution/ordinance to ban the vaccine passports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**5.1 TEAMSTERS - LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING**

Paul Bullock appeared before the Board and addressed the Teamsters Letter of Understanding, which will bring regular part-time EMTs into the MERS Defined Contribution Plan under the same circumstances as full-time employees. This is in line with other part time positions in the organization. The letter was presented to EMS, they have ratified/signed, and is requesting the Board to approve Chair's signature.

J. Strong moved that the Chair be authorized to sign the Teamsters Letter of Understanding. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM - FOC

R. Steinke moved to approve, and authorized the Chair to sign, the Consulting Services Agreement between the Mecosta County Friend of the Court Office and MGT of America Consulting LLC. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.2 2021 MECOSTA COUNTY EQUALIZATION REPORT

Shila Kiander – Equalization Director – appeared before the Board via Zoom to review the 2021 Equalization Report. The 2021 Assessed Valuation for the County increased 5.44% over last year and Taxable Valuation also increased 3.54%.

W. Nystrom moved to adopt the 2021 Equalization Report and authorized the Chair and County Clerk to sign all related reports. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.3 REPORT ON LANDFILL

Paul Bullock appeared before the Board to report on testing results of the 3 monitoring wells around the Rodney Landfill. Two of the wells were found to be pristine; 1 well [“MW1”] did show hits for PFAS/PFOA. Since these are monitoring wells only, and not intended or used as drinking wells, there is no required action to be taken but does recommend the following:

- Annual testing for 5 years of all 3 wells to track any future changes,
- Extend a testing opportunity at county expense to the property owner south of “MW1”, which is at the southern edge of the landfill property; the cost would run approximately \$480.

J. Strong moved to approve Paul Bullock’s recommendations regarding the well testing for 5 years on the Rodney landfill property and 3 years on the property to the south of “MW1” if the landowner so desires. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

None

6.4 AAAWM RENEWAL FORM - COA

W. Routley moved to approve Cynthia Mallory’s request to submit an FY 2022 Older Americans Act Continuation of Funding Request for the October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022 time frame to cover any updates that may occur. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.5 UPDATE ON FUNDRAISERS - COA

W. Routley updated the Board on the Commission on Aging’s requested fundraisers of Wheatland Festival – September 9-12, 2021 and Mecosta County Fair – July 12-17, 2021 and moved for approval of participation. L. Howard seconded; motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

MSU Extension Amended Agreement - Administrator

R. Steinke moved to approve an Amended Annual Agreement with MSU Extension to add a .6 FTE clerical person, an increase of \$19,610, effective July 1st. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Financial Reports/January '21 – Finance Officer

R. Steinke moved to accept and place on file the January 2021 Financial Reports. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Other Business:

None

Listed Bills:

R. Steinke moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$655,495.53 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$51,519.29. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

Sheriff & Jail:

T. O'Neil moved to approve the Sheriff's request to temporarily exceed by one the authorized 14 Road Patrol Deputies until the total number is back to 14 following the retirement/promotion of a Deputy. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

T. O'Neil moved to approve the request to extend the current inmate phone contract with IC Solutions for 5 years. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

W. Nystrom reported attending Big Rapids City Commission, Big Rapids Township Meeting, Sheriff & Jail Committee, Michigan Works Meeting, Equalization Committee, YAC Meeting, Finance Committee, Wise Meeting, Building & Zoning Committee, EMS Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

Equalization:

W. Nystrom moved to approve the Equalization Director's request to attend the MAED annual conference July 25-28. L. Howard seconded; motion carried.

W. Nystrom moved to approve the Equalization Director's request to attend the International Association of Assessing Officers conference in Chicago August 29-September 1. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

W. Nystrom moved to approve the Equalization Director's request to apply for a District Representative position on the Michigan Assessors' Association Board, which would require a time commitment of 1 day per month in year 2022. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

Building & Zoning:

W. Nystrom moved to approve \$412 of a \$627 building permit refund request, due to work that was completed on the original permit. L. Howard seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

W. Nystrom moved to approve \$200 of a \$225 zoning variance refund request, due to work that was completed on the original permit. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

J. Strong reported attending Area Agency on Aging Meeting, Fork Township Road Meeting, EMS Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

EMS:

J. Strong moved to approve the March 2021 write-offs of \$132,458.38, non-contractual write-offs of \$2,661.58 and collections write-offs of \$10,520.01. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

J. Strong moved to approve Mr. Ladd's request to conduct interviews for Station Coordinator and fill the vacancy. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

J. Strong moved to approve Mr. Ladd's request to sell an ambulance being taken from service for \$5,000, with the 1st offer to Osceola County. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

L. Howard reported attending Morton Township Meeting, Equalization Committee, YAC Meeting, Human Services Collaborative Meeting, Building & Zoning Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

W. Routley reported attending Sheriff & Jail Committee, Central Dispatch Meeting, Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

M. Bradstrom reported attending Town & Gown Meeting, Dragon Executive Meeting, City/County/Ferris Meeting, Grant Township Meeting, Green Township Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

Marilynn discussed Michigan Association of Counties' request to support current legislation moving County Commission terms from 2 to 4 years and recommends approving a resolution to that effect at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paul Bullock reported on the following:

- Vacation Accrual Caps – the Board previously approved waiving vacation accrual caps for employees who could not take leave during the COVID pandemic. Requesting that waiver be terminated for all employees after 7/1/21. This will allow staff who are over

the cap to accrue for June but require them to be under the cap to accrue for the month of July. J. Strong so moved. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

- COVID Leave – Requesting a termination date on the Federal mandate for up to 2 weeks of non-chargeable COVID leave for all employees, which the County had voluntarily extended January 7, 2021. W. Routley moved to approve a COVID leave benefit termination date of June 1, 2021. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

Keith Wood – appeared before the Board via Zoom to discuss trusted sources in COVID vaccine information and questioned whether the Board was open to a forensic audit on our county election equipment.

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

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

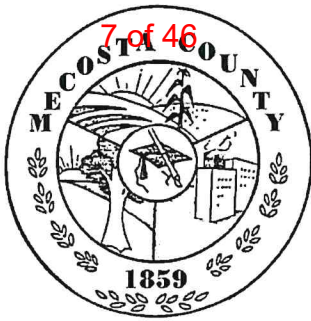
ADJOURNMENT:

R. Steinke adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 4:20 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 E. Bullock, County Administrator 

Date: April 29, 2021

Re: Local State of Emergency

I am requesting direction for the May 20th agenda. On March 18th you declared a local state of emergency to allow for continuation of remote meetings thru May 31st, do you wish to have a resolution on the May 20th agenda to extend that declaration?

Such an extension would allow all local units of government within the County, including the City, villages, townships, authorities, and public school boards the option to utilize remote or hybrid meetings as they see fit. If such an extension is placed on the agenda, I would recommend you consider running it thru July 31st.

MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION
#2021-09

2021 MILLAGE RATES FOR GENERAL FUND BUDGET

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____:

WHEREAS, the voters of Mecosta County did approve, on August 5, 2014, a fixed millage allocation of 5.9299 Mills for Mecosta County, subsequently reduced thru Headlee Reduction to 5.8913, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners will levy 5.8913 Mills in Ad Valorem Property Taxation in 2021 for General Fund #101 operations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners will receive all revenues generated by the Tri County Convention Facility Tax and the Health & Safety Fund Tax into the General Fund #101 and distribute them according to the guidelines developed by the State of Michigan.

AYES: Commissioners: _____

NAYS: Commissioners: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. _____

Marcee M. Purcell
Mecosta County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF MECOSTA)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Mecosta, Michigan (the County) 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 6th day of May, 2021, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my official signature on this _____ day of _____, 2021, A.D.

Marcee M. Purcell
Mecosta County Clerk

2021 Tax Rate Request (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2021)

MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

This form is issued under authority of MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory; Penalty applies.

Carefully read the instructions on page 2.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes Mecosta County	2021 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 5-24-2021 1,482,359,173
Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy Mecosta County	For LOCAL School Districts: 2021 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Agricultural, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal Properties.

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2021 tax roll.

(1) Source	(2) Purpose of Millage	(3) Date of Election	(4) Original Millage Authorized by Election Charter, etc.	(5) ** 2020 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(6) 2021 Current Year "Headlee" Millage Reduction Fraction	(7) 2021 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(8) Sec. 211.34 Truth in Assessing or Equalization Millage Rollback Fraction	(9) Maximum Allowable Millage Levy *	(10) Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	(11) Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	(12) Expiration Date of Millage Authorized
Voted	Oper	8-5-14	5.9299	5.9215	.9949	5.8913	1.0000	5.8913			12-31-24
Voted	COA Oper	8-7-18	.5000	.4993	.9949	.4967	1.0000	.4967			12-31-21
Voted	EMS Oper	8-7-18	.9429	.9415	.9949	.9366	1.0000	.9366			12-31-21

Prepared by Shila Kiander	Telephone Number (231) 592-0108	Title of Preparer Equalization Director	Date 04/13/2021
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CERTIFICATION: As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and, for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.121(3).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	Signature	Print Name Marcee M Purcell	Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> President	Signature	Print Name Mariynn Bradstrom	Date

* Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24e, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24e must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

** IMPORTANT: See instructions on page 2 regarding where to find the millage rate used in column (5).

Local School District Use Only. Complete if requesting millage to be levied. See SRC Bulletin 2 of 2021 for instructions on completing this section.	
Total School District Operating Rates to be Levied (HH/Supp and NH Oper ONLY)	Rate
For Principal Residence, Qualified Ag, Qualified Forest and Industrial Personal	
For Commercial Personal	
For all Other	

MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION

#2021-10

SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO ADOPT 4-YEAR TERMS
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____:

WHEREAS the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the county Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

WHEREAS Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new county commissioners shall be concurrent with that of state representatives, as specified in Article IV, section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS the scope of duties of a county commissioner has greatly increased in the last century — road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programming, solid waste pick-up and disposal, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts, emergency management and response; and

WHEREAS Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for county commissioners; and

WHEREAS all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

WHEREAS the position of county commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

WHEREAS legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms has been filed in the form of Senate Bills 242 and 245; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that MECOSTA COUNTY supports Senate Bills 242 and 245 to enact four-year terms for county commissioners.

AYES: Commissioners: _____

NAYS: Commissioners: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

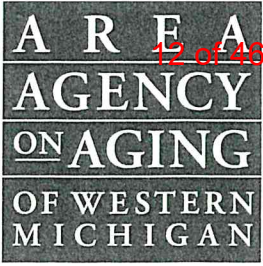
Marcee M. Purcell
Mecosta County Clerk

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my official signature on this _____ day of _____, 2021, A.D.

Marcee M. Purcell
Mecosta County Clerk



April 9, 2021

Commissioner Marilyn (Vargo) Bradstrom Chairperson
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners
400 Elm Street, Room 202
Big Rapids, MI 49307

RE: FY 2022 LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE OF MICHIGAN FUNDING

Dear Commissioner Bradstrom:

The Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board of Directors approved a level of Local Match from the nine counties of Region 8 and the City of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$35,000. The amount of Local Match requested of the counties and the city of Grand Rapids has not increased since 1980.

The portion of this Local Match due from your county is \$1,713 which has not changed since 2019. Local Match is required by federal and state funded aging programs that provide services in your area to older adults and their families. Your local match will be included in our local revenue for FY 2022 (October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022). Attached is a list of current contracts from this agency, which provide service in your county. AAAMW would appreciate Commission approval of this amount. Payment is requested by October 1, 2021. We will send a reminder invoice in mid-September.

If you have any questions, please contact our office or your representatives to the AAAMW Board of Directors. We appreciate your past cooperation and look forward to continuing services for older adults in your area.

Sincerely,

Jackie O'Connor
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Paul Bullock, Mecosta County Administrator

Commissioner Bill Routley, AAAMW Board of Director
Sharon Bongard, AAAMW Board of Director
Cynthia Mallory, Mecosta CoA Director
Marcee Purcell, County Clerk

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Mission: Provide older persons and persons with a disability an array of services designed to promote independence and dignity in their homes and their communities.

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The March 16, 2021 Commission Meeting of the Mecosta County Park Commission was called to order at the Mecosta County Services Building and via live video conference at 5:00 PM by the Commission Chairman, Mr. Stratton.

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 as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to approve the minutes of the February 16th Finance and Park Commission meetings; February 18th and February 25th Building and Grounds meetings; and February 24th Committee of the Whole and Personnel Committee meetings. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Pasquantonio was reviewed.

Public Hearing (5:05 PM) - Brower Park Water Access Improvement Grant

The Chairman paused the Commission meeting and called the public hearing to order. Public was welcomed to comment regarding the grant proposal, no public came forward with comments. The hearing was closed at 5:09 PM and the regular monthly meeting of the Commission was resumed.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Updates

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 19 current and completed projects, including:

White Pine Valley Recreation Area directional signs have been installed by the Road Commission. Mr. Griffith stated that the Friends of the White Pine Trail are willing to install another directional sign for the WPVRA at the trail crossing on Hoover Rd.

Park Commission 2021 through 2025 Master Plan has been approved by the DNR.

Family Group Camp Flooring installation in the lower level of the lodge has been completed.

Server Crash lost data has been deemed not recoverable.

Family Group Camp Septic permits have been submitted to the Drain Commission for soil and erosion and to District Health Department #10.

Q and A Millage Document has been dispersed to County and Park Commissioners, Township Supervisors/Clerks and made available on the Park's website and social media accounts.

Cooks Tree Service is in School Section and Brower Parks this week to remove hazard trees and limbs and to grind stumps.

Reservations/Permit Sales/Seasonal Reservations YTD Report

Both vehicle permit and reservation revenue year to date are up; with reservation revenue up more than 21% over last year. Seasonal camping at Brower Park and School Section Lake are at full occupancy with waiting lists. Merrill-Gorrel and Paris Park seasonal camping reservations are up 26% and 45%, respectively.

Dragon Trail Updates - Construction, Fundraising, Marketing, Facebook

Task Order 3 bids were reviewed, Flowtrack MTB was selected for this year's Mecosta Township Trust Fund Grant section of build. Michigan's Dragon Trail at Hardy Dam has an official Facebook page and has trademarked the Dragon Trail logo. Mr. Griffith motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to authorize the establishing of a flow through account to handle the sales and sales tax collection of Dragon Trail merchandise through Brower Park and the Parks' Administration offices. Merchandise costs to remain the responsibility of the Dragon Trail. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Incident and Accident - 2 reports reviewed and discussed.

Committee Actions

Finance

Review Grant Match-Brower Trust Fund Grant Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to support the Committee's recommendation and complete the grant application with a 30% County Park match. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Wood Vendors 2021 Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to accept the two bulk wood vendor bids as the sole service providers. Motion carried.

Paris Dam Removal Project-Financial Commitment Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to provide a letter of matching funds commitment in the amount of \$8,000 to the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly for its pursuit of the Fish Habitat Grant Program. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Committee of the Whole

Resident Discounts Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to discount the price of annual vehicle and annual boat permits sold to Mecosta County residents, contingent upon the passage of the Park Millage. By providing vehicle and/or boat registration verifying Mecosta County residency, a resident of Mecosta County would be able to purchase an annual permit for \$20 per year, per registered vehicle for a duration of 5 years. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Paris Park Day Use Parking Area the Commissioners considered the committee's recommendation to utilize Paris Park as an educational hub and permit day use visitors to utilize the Hatchery Building parking area free of charge. Discussion focused on if this rebranding and benefit should be contingent upon passage of the millage. No action was taken.

Brower Park Boat Entrance Permits Mr. Griffith motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to support the committee's recommendation to eliminate the Brower Park boat entrance fee and replace the fee with a boat mooring fee starting in 2022, contingent upon the passage of the millage. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Personnel

Drug Testing Process Mr. Hatkowski motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Neil to support the Personnel Committee's recommendation to discontinue pre-employment drug testing for all new hires. 9 - yes, Mr. Roels - no, motion carried.

Unemployment-Seasonal Employee Designation Mr. O'Neil motioned, seconded by Mr. Hatkowski to support the Personnel Committee's recommendation to request the County Board of Commissioners consideration in submitting an application, on behalf of the Park Commission, to designate the county as a seasonal employer. 9 - yes, Mr. Vogel - no, motion carried.

Seasonal Employment Update 29 of last year's seasonal employees expressed interest in returning this year. A total of 18 new employee applications have been received to date. Help wanted ads have been placed with MI Works, Handshake, Facebook, and on our website. Staff will also be attending virtual job fairs. Discussion took place regarding the payment of the 10% retention pay to part time, year-round staff members. It was determined those payments would be made on the last pay period of the calendar year.

Buildings and Grounds

Final Review and Recommendation-Brower Park Trust Fund Grant Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to support the building and grounds committee recommendation to approve Concept 2 of the Brower Park Water Access Improvements grant proposal and request that the County Board of Commissioners review and pass a resolution in support. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Round Rail Fence Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the purchase of round rail fencing from American Timber and Steel at a cost of \$4,082.50. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Michigan's Dragon Trail Parking Area-Brower Park Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to support the building and grounds committee recommendation to move forward with the revised bid of \$31,885 from American Classic Forestry. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Vehicle Review The County Parks vehicle fleet has been reviewed by the building and grounds committee chair who recommends the sale of a bucket truck, camper, 2001 ¾ ton Chevy and 2005 ½ ton Chevy using the auction site govdeals.com. The Park Commission members agreed with the conclusion of the review and sales concept.

Financial

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

Approval of Bills - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Neil to approve the bills in the amounts of \$3,897.11, \$23,188.15, \$258.98, \$5,567.19 and \$4,304.57. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business:

Next Meeting is 5:00 PM, May 19, 2020 at the Parks Administration Offices.

Adjournment: 7:00 PM

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

March 23, 2021

PERSONS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Carolyn Curtin, Osceola County Chairman
Carole Edstrom, Osceola County Board Member

The Meeting was called to order by Ms. Covey at 9:02 am via teleconference.

Minutes from the February 23, 2021 meeting were reviewed and motion to approve made by Ms. McBrien with support by Ms. Haut. Motion Carried.

The Agenda was reviewed. A motion was made to amend Agenda to add approval of Contracts. Supported.

After discussion, a motion by Ms. Covey to have the Osceola County DHHS Board approve the Contract Reviews. Motion supported by Ms. Haut. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Nystrom stated Mecosta County Commissioners setup a vaccination clinic for county employees. Also, Mecosta County acquired software promoting better communication and efficiencies between departments.

LOCAL OFFICE ISSUES/Directors Report:

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

- Local Staffing.
 - New hire in the Assistance Payments Division starting on April 5th. Additional hires in the AP Division forthcoming on the account of retirement and personnel shifting.
 - Status on Acting-Director Jennifer Schmidt becoming permanent Director. Decision should be rendered soon.
- ESA Mission (Economic Stability Administration)
- Project One Day – Involves determining client benefits in *One-Day* by putting the onus on the Department on how it collects verifications for determining benefits. A county pilot is in the works.
- FAP (Food Assistance Program) for College Students rolls out April 1st.

MCSSA:

- Ms. Covey stated the organization has contracted a company to handle some of the administrative duties.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bluhm at 9:24 a.m. with support from Ms. McBrien. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Jennifer Schmidt, Acting-Director
Secretary to the Board

Carolyn Curtin, Osceola County Chairman

Janice Covey, Mecosta County Chairman

Mecosta County Department of Health & Human Services

Board Meeting Minutes

March 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 9:25 am via teleconference.

Minutes from the February 23, 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. Nystrom, Supported and Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Nystrom stated Mecosta County Commissioners setup a vaccination clinic for county employees. Also, Mecosta County acquired software promoting better communication and efficiencies between departments.

FISCAL:

A. Financial Report:

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

COUNTY SPECIFIC BUSINESS:

Please see Joint-Meeting minutes

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Covey at 9:30 a.m. with support by Ms. Haut. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Jennifer Schmidt, Director
Secretary to the Board

Janice Covey, Chairman

Darren Hengesbach, Recording Secretary



BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2021

To comply with social distancing requirements, meeting was held at Evergreen Resort, 7880 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, Michigan; with option to attend via online meeting platform or teleconferencing.

Forward/Handout (Documents forwarded via email after meeting materials were sent. Copies available at the meeting): (1) Email and attachment from Dr. Jennifer Morse concerning quarantine guidance from CDC; (2) Final Audit Report for fiscal year 2020; (3) Fiscal year 2021 amended budget; (4) FOIA Appeals memo and documents.

I. **Call to Order:** Jim Maike, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. **Roll Call**

Members Present – In Person: Ron Bacon, Robert Baldwin, Betty Dermeyer, Paul Erickson, Bran Kolk, Jim Maike, Dawn Martin, Judy Nichols, Tom O'Neil, Roger Ouwinga, Richard Schmidt, Ray Steinke, Gary Taylor, Hubert Zuiderveen

Members – Online: Pauline Jaquish, Nick Krieger, Phil Lewis, Martha Meyette, Shelley Pinkelman

Member Absent: James Sweet

Alternate – In-Person: Wendy Nystrom (*guest attendee*)

Staff – In-Person: Jane Drake, Kevin Hughes, Christine Lopez, Dr. Jennifer Morse, Sarah Oleniczak

Associates Online: Vicki Crouch, CPA, Clark-Schaefer-Hackett; Catherine D. Jasinski, attorney, The Running Wise Law Firm

III. **Approval of the Agenda.** Motion by Ray Steinke, seconded by Ron Bacon to approve the meeting agenda. *Motion carried.*

IV. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes.** Motion by Judy Nichols, seconded by Betty Dermeyer, to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2021, meeting. *Motion carried.*

V. **Public Comment:** None

VI. **Committee Reports**

A. Executive Committee. No report.

B. Finance Committee. Did not meet. Vicki Crouch, CPA, presented the final audit report of the fiscal year 2020 financial statements. She said the report was submitted with an unmodified opinion letter. She highlighted financial statements included with the report and noted the agency saw an increase in working capital during the year. She said the agency was in a good current position and able to meet all liabilities for the next year. Crouch also commented the audit was conducted virtually and went smoothly.

1. *Accept FY 2020 Audit Report as Presented.* Motion by Richard Schmidt, seconded by Hubert Zuiderveen, to accept audit report.

Roll Call Vote

Ron Bacon	Yes	Phil Lewis	Yes	Roger Ouwinga	Yes
Robert Baldwin	Yes	Jim Maike	Yes	Shelly Pinkelman	Yes
Betty Dermeyer	Yes	Dawn Martin	Yes	Richard Schmidt	Yes
Paul Erickson	Yes	Martha Meyette	Yes	Ray Steinke	Yes
Pauline Jaquish	Yes	Judy Nichols	Yes	Gary Taylor	Yes
Bryan Kolk	Yes	Tom O'Neil	Yes	Hubert Zuiderveen	Yes
Nick Krieger	Yes				

Motion carried.

Christine Lopez, Administrative Services Director, reviewed the financial report for the month ended February 28, 2021. The balance sheet showed a total fund balance of \$8.1 million. Total revenues for the month were almost \$2.1 million, with expenses just under \$1.6 million.

2. *Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll.* Motion by Ray Steinke, seconded by Betty Dermeyer, to approve the February accounts payable and payroll total of \$1,456,110.83.

Roll Call Vote

Ron Bacon	Yes	Phil Lewis	Yes	Roger Ouwinga	Yes
Robert Baldwin	Yes	Jim Maike	Yes	Shelly Pinkelman	Yes
Betty Dermeyer	Yes	Dawn Martin	Yes	Richard Schmidt	Yes
Paul Erickson	Yes	Martha Meyette	Yes	Ray Steinke	Yes
Pauline Jaquish	Yes	Judy Nichols	Yes	Gary Taylor	Yes
Bryan Kolk	Yes	Tom O'Neil	Yes	Hubert Zuiderveen	Yes
Nick Krieger	Yes				

Motion carried.

Lopez stated the audit report showed the agency's pension program was funded at 61.5% or above the State's required minimum threshold. She said she would submit the required summary pension report to the State. As no corrective action was required, Board approval was not needed.

Lopez next highlighted the amended budget distributed at the meeting. She summarized various adjustments to revenue sources and expenses. Potential state and federal funding sources for COVID-19 vaccination clinics and contact tracing were discussed in response to questions.

3. *Approve Amended Budget.* Motion by Richard Schmidt, seconded by Ron Bacon, to approve the FY 2021 amended budget.

Roll Call Vote

Ron Bacon	Yes	Phil Lewis	Yes	Roger Ouwinga	Yes
Robert Baldwin	Yes	Jim Maike	Yes	Shelly Pinkelman	Yes
Betty Dermeyer	Yes	Dawn Martin	Yes	Richard Schmidt	Yes
Paul Erickson	Yes	Martha Meyette	Yes	Ray Steinke	Yes
Pauline Jaquish	Yes	Judy Nichols	Yes	Gary Taylor	Yes
Bryan Kolk	Yes	Tom O'Neil	Yes	Hubert Zuiderveen	Yes
Nick Krieger	Yes				

Motion carried.

- C. Personnel Committee: The committee met March 15, 2021. Hubert Zuiderveen, chair, reported the committee met to review staff recommendations. Kevin Hughes said the committee considered options to address the accumulation of Paid Days Off (PDO) and exempt compensatory time-off (comptime) by agency staff. He explained many staff had been working more than 40 hours in a workweek on a consistent basis due to the additional workload created by the pandemic. He summarized current policies and rules related

comptime for exempt employees. He also reviewed proposed changes to the rules to address the accumulation of comptime hours, and an imbalance in compensation between exempt and nonexempt staff. Christine Lopez explained the agency would be eligible for reimbursement if staff received payment for excess comptime hours. Hughes said the agency also instituted mechanisms to reduce potential overtime hours going forward. To ensure fair treatment of employees with excess accumulated time-off hours, and to reduce the liability to the agency for these hours, the committee recommended approval of the option to buy down accumulated hours, and institute “Pandemic Time” or payment at time-and-a-half for hours worked by exempt staff in excess of 40 hours in a workweek.

4. *Approve Changes to Compensatory Time for Exempt Employees (Option #2.)* Motion by Hubert Zuiderveen, seconded by Betty Dermeyer, to pay down balance of compensatory time for exempt employees to 100 hours, and pay “Pandemic Time” hours at 1.5 times the regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess of 40 hours in a workweek. Change to be in effect from March 15, 2021, through the end of the fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote

Ron Bacon	Yes	Phil Lewis	Yes	Roger Ouwinga	Yes
Robert Baldwin	No	Jim Maike	Yes	Shelly Pinkelman	Yes
Betty Dermeyer	Yes	Dawn Martin	Yes	Richard Schmidt	Yes
Paul Erickson	Yes	Martha Meyette	Yes	Ray Steinke	Yes
Pauline Jaquish	Yes	Judy Nichols	Yes	Gary Taylor	Yes
Bryan Kolk	Yes	Tom O’Neil	Yes	Hubert Zuiderveen	Yes
Nick Krieger	Yes				

Motion carried.

[Hubert Zuiderveen left the meeting.]

Hughes next explained current rules allowed staff to accumulate PDO up to a maximum of 240 hours. In the last year, in order to keep up with regular job duties and additional work resulting from the pandemic response, several staff were not able to take time off, and had accumulated excess PDO. The committee considered two options to equitably address the issue of excess PDO.

5. *Approve Continued Accumulation of Paid Days Off (Option #1.)* Motion by Ron Bacon, seconded by Robert Baldwin, to allow employees to continue to accumulate PDO beyond the current cap of 240 hours, through September 30, 2001. Employees would then have one year to use excess accumulated hours and reduce their balances below the cap. Motion carried.

Hughes next informed the Board he shared with the Personnel Committee that the agency would be cutting back on scheduling clinics on Saturdays and would be scheduling large clinics at offsite locations during the Monday-Friday workweek. Arrangements are in place to ensure calls to the offices are answered during clinics, but it may not be possible to keep a staff in each office to be available to walk-ins. He suggested offices would be closed on those occasions when staff coverage could not be maintained, with appropriate notices posted.

Hughes reported the Personnel Committee also discussed keeping the current Board officers and committee assignments in place through the end of the calendar year. The Board previously agreed at the January meeting to continue the Board organization the same through April.

6. *Approve Keeping Board Organization Through December 31, 2021.* Motion by Tom O’Neil, seconded by Betty Dermeyer, to suspend Board Rules and keep current Board organization of officers and committee memberships through December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote

Ron Bacon	Yes	Phil Lewis	Yes	Roger Ouwinga	Yes
Robert Baldwin	No	Jim Maike	Yes	Shelly Pinkelman	Yes
Betty Dermeyer	Yes	Dawn Martin	Yes	Richard Schmidt	Yes
Paul Erickson	Yes	Martha Meyette	Yes	Ray Steinke	Yes
Pauline Jaquish	Yes	Judy Nichols	Yes	Gary Taylor	Yes
Bryan Kolk	Yes	Tom O'Neil	Yes	Hubert Zuiderveen	---
Nick Krieger	Yes				

Motion carried.

VII. Administration Reports

- A. Medical Director. Dr. Jennifer Morse discussed trends of increasing cases of COVID-19 disease, the rise in positivity rates for COVID-19 tests, and reports of several large and rapid outbreaks. In response to questions, she offered factual and scientific information that could be used in refuting misinformation and false claims related to COVID-19 and vaccines.

- B. Deputy Health Officer. No report.

- C. Health Officer. Kevin Hughes noted a packet of documents from the agency attorney had been provided via email prior to the meeting, and copies were also made available at the meeting. He said the documents concerned FOIA requests and two FOIA appeals received from Tom Rotta, Ludington Torch; and also included copies of the DHD#10 FOIA policy and Public Summary. Per the FOIA policy, the FOIA appeals were being presented to the Board for final decision. Rotta made two FOIA requests for documents. Fees were estimated and assessed for labor time required to fulfill the requests. Rotta appealed the fees.

As explained in the attorney memo, and summarized by Hughes, the Board response could be to either: Waive the fee; Reduce the fee and issue a written determination indicating the specific basis that supports the remaining fee; Uphold the fee and issue a written determination indicating the specific basis that supports the required fee; or Issue a notice extending the Board response for not more than 10 business days.

7. *Uphold FOIA Fees.* Motion by Bryan Kolk, seconded by Ray Steinke, to deny the appeal and uphold the fees assessed for the two FOIA requests. Discussion in favor indicated the fees assessed were not unusual or unreasonable, and it was important to be consistent and “follow the rule.” Motion carried.

Rotta also submitted a FOIA request for all meeting materials of the October 20, 2020, Board of Health meeting. The request was granted in part and denied in part. A portion of the document provided was redacted as exempt from disclosure. Rotta appealed the determination that the redacted portion is exempt. The redaction concerned the Health Officer’s self-assessment and opinion of progress achieved in meeting his annual performance goals. The attorney memo referenced relevant laws and legal decisions concerning the question of whether the information redacted is exempt.

Options for the Board response were: Reverse the denial; Issue a written notice to the requester upholding the denial; Reverse the denial in part and issue a written notice to the requested upholding the denial in part; or Issue a notice extending for not more than 10 business days the period to respond.

8. *Uphold FOIA Denial.* Motion by Bryan Kolk, seconded by Ray Steinke, to deny the appeal and uphold the denial. Discussion in favor indicated the redacted material concerned the Health Officer’s opinion and self-assessment; and it is not factual and is preliminary to the Board’s final determination of the Health Officer’s performance. Following voice vote, request for Roll Call made by Robert Baldwin.

Roll Call Vote

Ron Bacon	Yes	Phil Lewis	No	Roger Ouwinga	Yes
Robert Baldwin	No	Jim Maike	Yes	Shelly Pinkelman	Yes
Betty Dermeyer	Yes	Dawn Martin	Yes	Richard Schmidt	Yes
Paul Erickson	Yes	Martha Meyette	No	Ray Steinke	Yes
Pauline Jaquish	Yes	Judy Nichols	Yes	Gary Taylor	Yes
Bryan Kolk	Yes	Tom O'Neil	Yes	Hubert Zuiderveen	---
Nick Krieger	No				

Motion carried.

VIII. Other Business

Jim Maike reminded the members the April 30 meeting will start 30 minutes earlier at 9:30 a.m.

IX. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Friday, April 30, at 9:30 a.m. Meeting location to be determined.

X. Adjournment

Jim Maike adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

 Jim Maike, Chair

 Date

 Judy Nichols, Secretary

 Date

Mecosta-Osceola County Department of Health & Human Services

Joint Board Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2021

PERSONS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Glenn Bluhm, Osceola County Vice-Chair

The Meeting was called to order by Ms. Covey at 9:08 am via teleconference.

Minutes from the March 23, 2021 meeting were reviewed and motion to approve made by Ms. McBrien. Supported and Carried.

The Agenda was reviewed and motion to approve made by Ms. Haut. Supported and Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Nystrom stated Mecosta County Commissioners continue to explore whether to start in person Jury Trials beginning in May at FSU Williams Auditorium.

LOCAL OFFICE ISSUES/Directors Report:

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

- Local Staffing.
 - Five new and recent hires/transfers. (on account of retirements and separations)
 - A Program Manager from Clare County
 - Three Assistance Payments Workers
 - One clerical worker
- Brandon Dowell will be replacing Cathy Todd as Supervisor of counseling services, wraparound, and parent support partner for Osceola County CMH.
- City of Evart signed on as a MiBridges Community Partner to assist with residences with limited computer access or transportation to apply for DHHS services.
- Details on the Michigan Open Meetings Act
- New redesign of CPS focusing on prevention coming this Fall.
- April 1st rollout of the FFPSA (Family First Prevention Services Act) and the Q RTP (Qualified Residential Treatment Program)
[https://courts.michigan.gov/administration/scao/officesprograms/cws/pages/the-family-first-prevention-services-act-\(ffpsa\).aspx](https://courts.michigan.gov/administration/scao/officesprograms/cws/pages/the-family-first-prevention-services-act-(ffpsa).aspx)
- Continue to see improvements in UCL overdue tasks. Assistance from other UCL counties is in the works.
- Local Quarterly goal update will be emailed to Board members with discussion at the County Joint-Board meeting in May.
- Discussion on virtual activities regarding next week's annual Public Service Recognition Week.

MCSSA:

- Ms. Curtin stated the recent Listen and Learn session went well. Ms. Covey shared information on this year's Scholarship Awards. Deadline for applying is June 15th. Ms. Schmidt asked to assist in determining the awards.

Mecosta-Osceola County DHHS

Board Minutes

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ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:41 a.m. Supported and carried. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 25, 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

April 27, 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 9:43 am via teleconference.

Minutes from the March 23, 2021 meeting were reviewed and motion to approve made by Ms. Haut with support by Ms. McBrien. Motion Carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Nystrom stated Mecosta County Commissioners continue to explore whether to commence with Jury Trials beginning in May at FSU Williams Auditorium.

FISCAL:**A. Financial Report:**

The March Financial Report reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Ms. McBrien. Motion supported and carried.

COUNTY SPECIFIC BUSINESS:

Please see Joint-Meeting minutes

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Covey at 9:49 a.m. with support by Ms. Haut. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Jennifer Schmidt, Director
Secretary to the Board

Janice Covey, Chairman

Darren Hengesbach, Recording Secretary

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES
10:30 AM COUNTY BUILDING Conf Rm F and Zoom ID 608 471 9153
April 15, 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:

- Rental Inspections: The City has terminated the Rental Inspection Agreement as of April 9th.
- Morton Township: The Township is now doing their own inspections. They were charged for a total of 43 inspections (\$3,225).
- Building Permit Refund Request: A resident has asked for a refund on a remodel and addition permit in the amount of \$627. However, they tore down 95% of the structure making it impossible to have it be a remodel. They then sought and received a new building permit. Ms. Stenger advised that plan review and two inspections were done on the original permit. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that a refund of \$412 be approved due to the work done on the original permit.**

ZONING REPORT:

- Zoning Variance Refund Request: Ms. Stenger advised that a resident applied for a Zoning Variance, permit fee \$225, and then decided to cancel the request. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that a refund of \$200 be approved due to the work done on the original permit.**

FINANCIALS:

- Year to Date: The Committee reviewed the year to date financials and year to year for the month of March. Ms. Stenger noted that revenues are up over 2020.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Adjournment: 10:46 AM Next regular meeting: May 20, 2021

EMS COMMITTEE MINUTES
1:45 PM Conf Rm F and Zoom ID 608 471 9153
April 15, 2021

PRESENT: Jerrilynn Strong, Tom O'Neil, and Ray Steinke.
Others Present: Tim Ladd, and Paul Bullock.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The March 2021 billings, write-offs, and revenue were reviewed. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that contractual write-offs of \$132,458.38, non-contractual write-offs of \$2,661.58, and collections write-offs of \$10,520.01 be approved.**

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Station Coordinator: Mr. Ladd requested permission to conduct interviews for the three station coordinator candidates and to fill the vacancy following the interviews. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that the request be approved.**
- Regular Part Time EMT/MERS: Mr. Ladd and the Administrator presented the Letter of Understanding, that the Union has approved, to bring the regular EMT's into MERS. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that the Letter of Understanding be approved for signature by the Chair.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ambulance: The new ambulance is expected to be delivered in May.
- Sale of Ambulance: Mr. Ladd advised that Osceola County is interested in purchasing the ambulance that will be taken from service when the new one enters service. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that the ambulance being taken from service be offered to Osceola County for \$5,000. If they do not purchase it the Committee will recommend that the Director be authorized to authorize it locally for \$5,000.**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: NO REPORT

NEXT MEETING: 1:45 PM May 20, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: 2:06PM



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CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION #2021-09 SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO ADOPT 4-YEAR TERMS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the county Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

WHEREAS Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new county commissioners shall be concurrent with that of state representatives, as specified in Article IV, section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS the scope of duties of a county commissioner has greatly increased in the last century – road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programming, solid waste pick-up and disposal, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts, emergency management and response; and

WHEREAS Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for county commissioners; and

WHEREAS all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

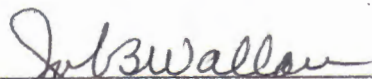
WHEREAS the position of county commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

WHEREAS legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms has been filed in the form of Senate Bills 242 and 245; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Association of Counties support the legislation as introduced;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CHEBOYGAN COUNTY supports Senate Bills 242 and 245 to enact four-year terms for County Commissioners.

Adopted this 13th day of April, 2021


John B. Wallace, Chairperson
Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners

District 1
Mary Ellen Tryban

District 2
Richard B. Sangster
Vice-Chairman

District 3
Michael Newman

District 4
Ron Williams

District 5
Roberta Matelski

District 6
John B. Wallace
Chair

District 7
Steve Warfield

I, Karen L. Brewster the undersigned, the Clerk of the County of Cheboygan, Cheboygan County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Cheboygan County Board of commissioners at its regular or reconvened meeting held on April 13, 2021, relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, this 13th day of April, 2021.



Karen L. Brewster
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register



**IRON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2 SOUTH SIXTH ST. SUITE 7 CRYSTAL FALLS, MI 49920**

COMMISSIONERS:
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MIKE STAFFORD
MARK STAUBER

**RESOLUTION
TO SUPPORT THE RELEASE OF FEDERAL COVID FUNDS**

Whereas; it has been three months since the Federal Government allocated nearly \$5 billion dollars in COVID relief funds to the State of Michigan; and

Whereas; these funds were intended to provide crucial relief to small businesses, public health and education in our state; and

Whereas; the state legislature passed legislation appropriating \$3.5 billion towards these priorities, including nearly \$555 million in small business relief funds; and

Whereas; despite bipartisan support for the small business relief proposals, the Governor vetoes all \$555 million, citing "key points of difference" between her administration and the state legislature; and

Whereas; these proposals were promptly repackaged into subsequent legislation and sent back to the Governor's desk, and

Whereas; on Friday, March 26, 2021, these proposals were vetoed by Governor Whitmer for a second time; and

Whereas; the State of Michigan is due to receive another \$10 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act, and;

Whereas; Lansing still has not found a path forward on fully appropriating the \$5 billion it already received; and

Whereas; if there is one thing state leaders should agree on, it is getting help to the struggling small businesses in our state; and

Whereas; it is imperative these funds be disbursed to job providers who are still fighting for solvency and survival; and

No. 2021-004

Whereas; passing state budgets are a shared responsibility between both branches and both political parties.

Now, Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved; that the Iron County Board of Commissioners urges Governor Whitmer's Administration and the Michigan Legislature to reach a compromise on their recommended relief initiatives, in the very near future, and release these funds into the hands of the businesses and communities that need it most.

Be It Further Resolved; that the Board of Commissioners directs staff to forward this resolution to all Michigan counties, our State Legislatures, the Governor's office and the Michigan Association of Counties.

At the April 13, 2021 meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners the Resolution was offered for approval by:


Commissioner Stauber with support by Commissioner Ofsdahl

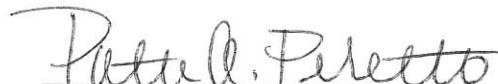
Ayes: Conery, Peretto, Ofsdahl, Stafford, Stauber

Nays: none

Absent: none

MOTION PASSED


Julie Kezerle, It's Clerk


Patti A. Peretto, It's Chair



No. 2021-005

**IRON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2 SOUTH SIXTH ST. SUITE 7 CRYSTAL FALLS, MI 49920**

COMMISSIONERS:
JACOB CONERY
JEFF OFSDAHL

PATTI PERETTO, CHAIR
MIKE STAFFORD
MARK STAUBER

**RESOLUTION
TO SUPPORT DELTA COUNTY'S RESOLUTION OF
MANAGEMENT OF WOLVES IN MICHIGAN**

Whereas; On March 16, 2021, the Delta County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution in support of having a sound scientific managed wolf harvest in the U.P. in 2021, and

Whereas; a history of the Michigan Gray Wolf Recovery Plan of 1997 was presented in their resolution along with a large volume of statistical data on the Plan management through the years; and

Whereas; The Iron County Board of Commissioners wishes to echo the content and message as presented by the Delta County Resolution and of which a copy is attached; and

Be It Resolved; that the Iron County Board of Commissioners directs staff to forward this resolution to all Michigan counties, our State Legislatures, the Governor's office and the Michigan Association of Counties as a gesture of our full support on this resolution.

At the April 13, 2021 meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners the Resolution was offered for approval by:

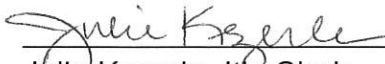
Commissioner Stafford with support by Commissioner Conery


Ayes: Conery, Ofsdahl, Peretto, Stafford, Stauber

Nays: none

Absent: none

MOTION PASSED


Julie Kezerle, It's Clerk


Patti A. Peretto, It's Chair



DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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RESOLUTION #21-07

Resolution (Management of Wolves in Michigan)

Resolution in favor of having a sound scientific managed wolf harvest in the U.P. in 2021

Background History

WHEREAS, in 1989 according to MDNR figures there were 3 wolves in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. That number would increase to 509 by 2007, 636 by 2014 and 695 in 2020. These numbers of wild wolves in the U.P. are the result of natural immigration and reproduction according to MDNR officials.

WHEREAS, in 1997 the MDNR finalized the Michigan Gray Wolf Recovery Plan. That plan was used to assist in the removal of the Gray Wolf from the federally Endangered Species Act. To address changes and to continue to manage the wolf population based on the best available scientific information, the MDNR revised its original wolf plan and created the 2008 Michigan Wolf Management Plan. MDNR convened 20 individuals to represent agencies and organizations to develop the "Michigan Wolf Management Plan" signed complete by MDNR Director Rebecca Humphries on July 10, 2008 and updated the plan signed complete by MDNR Director Keith Creagh on June 11, 2015 (see attached certification list of members of the "Wolf Management Roundtable").

WHEREAS, the Wolf Management Plan was developed and updated to provide strategic guidance for the management of wolves in Michigan. It was developed to help: 1) maintain a viable Michigan wolf population above a level that would warrant its classification as threatened or endangered; 2) facilitate wolf-related benefits; 3) minimize wolf-related conflicts; and 4) conduct science-based wolf management with socially acceptable methods.

WHEREAS, all plans adopted this definition of a viable population – "A population of at least 200 wolves is believed to be large enough to be viable, as well as to have sufficient genetic diversity, to exist indefinitely in total isolation from any other wolf population". When the winter population maintained a minimum level of 200 animals for 5 consecutive years and the species was federally de-listed, wolves could be removed from the state list of threatened and endangered species. The minimum criterion of 200 wolves does not reflect the maximum number of wolves the available habitat in Michigan can support. Based on density of the deer population in 2003, one model estimated the U.P. could sustain a population of 1,330. All

indicators now point to a much decreased herd and a 2020-2021 deer population close to or at a historic low.

WHEREAS, most Michigan residents recognize the importance of addressing wolf-related conflicts in a public-attitude survey conducted by MSU. According to the report 73% of respondents approve of having wolves in the State (52% in the U.P.; 71% in the northern L.P.; and 74% in the southern L.P.). Also 76% of respondents would support some type of active wolf management. At least 75% of respondents would support active management in areas experiencing wolf depredation of livestock, hunting dogs and other pets. At least 65% of respondents would support active management if wolves lowered the number of deer available for hunting.

WHEREAS, maintaining prey populations required to sustain a viable wolf population is also highlighted in the Wolf Plan, wolves prey on a variety of wildlife species, and the importance of particular species as wolf food sources often varies seasonally. In the Upper Peninsula, the primary prey for wolves is the White-tailed Deer and maintenance of an adequate deer herd is necessary for the long-term persistence of a viable wolf population. Other prey, such as beaver, snowshoe hare and other small animals, are an important complement to deer in the diet of U.P. wolves. Several studies have estimated the average number of deer killed per year by individual wolves. Studies done by (Mech, Keith & Fuller) indicate that an individual wolf kills roughly 15-19 deer per year, whereas other research indicates a single wolf kills as many as 37-50 deer per year (Pimlott & Huntzinger). It is logical to assume that wolf predation is dependent on geographic conditions, prey populations and effort needed during the kill. The wolf is an apex predator (top of the food chain) so it is logical to assume that the wolf is opportunistic (unscrupulous, resourceful, unprincipled) in hunting for food.

WHEREAS, Proposal G was passed in 1996 and is a referendum on Public Act 377 which amended the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to grant the Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC) exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game in Michigan. The NRC has exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game and sportfish, and is authorized to designate game species and authorize the establishment of open harvest seasons for game through the issuance of orders. The NRC is also required to use principles of sound scientific management in making decisions regarding the taking of game.

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2012 the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service removed Gray Wolves in the Lake States (Michigan, Wisconsin & Minnesota) from the federal Threatened and Endangered Species list. The Michigan legislature then enacted Public Act 520, which designated the wolf as a game animal. The organization "Keep Michigan Wolves Protected" then collected enough signatures to stop the 2012 harvest of wolves and a spot on the ballot for 2014 to stop all wolf harvests in Michigan. Then in May of 2013 Public Act 20 was signed into law which gave the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) the authority to designate the wolf a game species and re-established a 2013 wolf harvest. On November 15, 2013 Michigan had its first wolf hunt. The NRC authorized one area in the U.P. to conduct this hunt only season on a recommendation by the MDNR. A quota of 43 wolves was set and 23 wolves were killed during the entire season

because of location and targeting of certain packs because of agriculture predation. 1,200 licenses were sold at a cost of \$100 per resident and \$150 per non-resident.

Current

WHEREAS, On January 3, 2021 wolves were delisted again in the Lake States turning management control over to the states. Michigan (really the U.P.) reached its goal of a viable population of 200 wolves for 5 consecutive years in 2004 and ever since. Currently according to the MDNR the minimum winter population (lowest during the year) is 695 divided among 143 packs.

WHEREAS, the MDNR has recommended to the NRC to not hold a wolf harvest in 2021 and instead is moving ahead with updating its current wolf management plan with one year remaining on the current plan. The MDNR has identified 5 targets they want to achieve before they will recommend any harvest. (1) Federal wolf de-listing – Done; (2) select Wolf Management Advisory Council – Done; only 5 individuals & MDNR representative (see attached list); Note: only 1 individual from the U.P. representing agriculture (Farm Bureau); (3) Wolf Management Plan Update with public attitudes survey state-wide; (4) post-delisting monitoring; and (5) lethal control options. The NRC has stated they will not authorize a harvest in 2021 and only indicated that the completion date for the MDNR identified targets was moved sooner to June 2022.

WHEREAS, Michigan's wolf population is not Michigan's, it is the Upper Peninsula's. Those against a wolf harvest in the U.P. use state-wide data for deer herd numbers. All indicators point to an extreme decrease in the U.P. deer herd over the last 3 years. One of the most used data information sources from the U.P. that the MDNR post is the camp survey. This document was just released for 2020 and shows a 62% decrease in hunter participation due to low deer numbers. Eastern U.P. buck harvest success – 18%; Western U.P. buck harvest success – 24%. Hunters rating the 2020 deer season 81% - not good (sightings and harvest). MDNR harvest data for 2019 shows antlered and antlerless deer in most of the U.P. to be 1 to 2 deer per square mile and 2020 season rating data by hunters shows that 63% say there was less deer. Also for the first time in the history of the U.P. hunters saw more wolves than coyotes. U.P. estimated deer population data has for years been nonexistent from the MDNR; historic data showed the highest population to be estimated at around 800,000 around 1994 and has been decreasing ever since with a current population estimated by former MDNR personal to be 150,000 - 200,000. Severe winters and wolves are the cause. Winters cannot be controlled but wolf numbers can.

WHEREAS, the MDNR/NRC seems to believe that there isn't enough science to make intelligent decisions on harvest regulations for wolves. They would rather make harvest decisions by bringing together stake holder groups (currently 5 people) and use that body to make management decisions based on opinion (wolf lovers vs non-lovers) and public surveys as to how people feel. There is plenty of science and/or harvest data from other states or countries to prove exactly what should be done.

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has the best data available on the internet for easy access (WDNR). Other states include Minnesota, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Alaska, and our neighbor where the wolves in the Lake States originated from - Canada. Interested individuals should not only look at population and harvest data but should also research each state or country to determine what that data is based on. Wisconsin's data shows that wolves are responsible for more than 31% of deer killed in 17 northern counties. Also, they kill more than gun-deer hunters in the four-county area of Iron, Ashland, Douglas and Forest. Wisconsin state law sets a wolf season to begin the first Saturday in November through the last day of February except if the wolf is listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. Wisconsin just had a 2021 harvest (hunting & trapping) with a quota set at 200 wolves and had to close the season after 2 days because the quota was achieved. They will have another season in 2021 according to state law that opens on Nov. 6, 2021 until February 28, 2022 or until their quota is reached. Wisconsin also has mandatory registration for deer and their population figures are excellent. Wisconsin manages their game species and predator species because of sportsmen and women who will tolerate nothing else. That is why Wisconsin can boast that they are the White-Tail deer capital of the U.S. based on Boone-Crockett deer scored for typical and/or non-typical.

WHEREAS, Minnesota legislators passed a state goal of 1,600 wolves; current population 3,000. Idaho is allowing each resident to kill 30 wolves per person – was 20; population – 1,000. Alaska minimum harvest goal each year 1,500; population - 7,000 to 11,000. Montana legislator allows aggressive harvest; getting ready to declare the wolf a state pest. Canada allows aggressive harvest from residents and non-residents; population – 60,000.

WHEREAS, Reproduction rates, immigration and emigration are the factors in a wolf populations ability to compensate for human-induced mortality. Harvest studies conducted in Canada, Alaska, Minnesota, Montana, Wisconsin and Idaho have set the benchmark for wolf management. Social and biological science relevant to wolf harvest is generally agreed that a 30% harvest will have NO impact on a free-ranging wolf population. Studies also show that historically in the Great Lakes area declining numbers of prey (bison, elk, deer, caribou and beaver) caused wolf populations to decline prior to bounties being established in the 1800's, not regular hunting or trapping. Trapping must be a part of any harvest strategy as research also shows that the first season will be approx. 50%/50% taken by hunting/trapping. After the first season trapping will outweigh the harvest by 70% to 80% (wolves learn quick).

WHEREAS, Wolves do have an impact on deer and moose populations, and this impact, in combination with factors such as severe winters have reduced U.P. populations to historic low levels. Studies in other states also show that wolves kill 8 to 9 moose for every 10 they attack (that is because they wound first and keep after the animal until killed; may take 2 to 3 days). Michigan (DNR-NRC) now has the ability to influence this system by reducing the wolf population and allowing the deer and moose populations to recover from multiple severe winters.

WHEREAS, Wolves need to be managed not just for limiting game species but for many other important reasons which included, but not limited to: livestock predation and pet predation.

From 1996-2020, 142 dogs were attacked and killed or injured by wolves in the U.P. Those that were documented by the MDNR. Local farmers have had cattle and other livestock killed by wolves with many not reported because of lack of belief by the MDNR who investigate agriculture attacks.

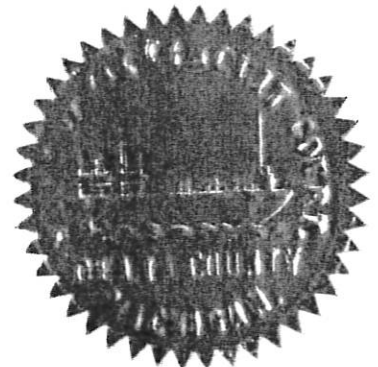
WHEREAS, Wolves need to be managed for local economic revenue (hunting seasons), property values (camps), wildlife viewing opportunities (tourism). According to local real-estate agents hunting camp and hunting property sales are down 40% beginning in 2001 because of the deer population decreasing. A study conducted for the State of Michigan on economic impact of hunting estimated a total impact effect for both residents and non-residents of \$538,026,148.00 and 8,800 employment (jobs created) in the U.P. Not anymore.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delta County Commissioners on behalf of their county residents, landowners and businesses encourage the DNR/NRC to initiate a 2021 wolf harvest season across the entire U.P. using scientific data from other states and following the mandate given to the NRC under Proposal G, in so stating, a wolf harvest season should be set beginning on Nov. 15th, 2021 (hunting & trapping) and ending the last day of Feb. or until the quota is met (200 – 28% reduction). Tracking the quota should be done by mandatory registration within 48 hrs. of the kill and upon reaching the goal the season would be shut down (other states do this with all kinds of game). Also, be it further resolved that other County Commissions in the U.P. be encouraged to sign on to this resolution and State Senators and Representatives sponsor bills to put into State law a wolf harvest season in the U.P. with the dates as mentioned above (quota goals would change and be set where appropriate each year). Also, be it further resolved that the Michigan Association of Counties ("MAC") be encouraged to lobby for such a harvest season.

I, Nancy J. Przewrocki, Delta County Clerk and Clerk of the Delta County Board of Commissioners do hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy from the minutes of the regular meeting of the Delta County Board of Commissioners held on March 16, 2021.

I, Nancy J. Przewrocki, Delta County Clerk do hereby set my hand and seal this 16th day of March, 2021.


Nancy J. Przewrocki, Delta County Clerk



Minutes of a regular meeting of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners, held at the Wexford County Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan on the twenty-first day of April, at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Hurlburt, Musta, Townsend, Bengelink, Bush, Theobald, Nichols, Potter, & Taylor.

ABSENT: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Bush
and supported by Commissioner Potter.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-13

SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO ADOPT 4-YEAR TERMS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the county Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

WHEREAS Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new county commissioners shall be concurrent with that of state representatives, as specified in Article IV, section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS the scope of duties of a county commissioner has greatly increased in the last century - road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programming, solid waste pick-up and disposal, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts, emergency management and response; and

WHEREAS Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for county commissioners; and

WHEREAS all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

WHEREAS the position of county commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

WHEREAS legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms has been filed in the form of Senate Bills 242 and 245; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Association of Counties support the legislation as introduced.

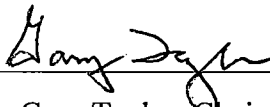
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that WEXFORD COUNTY supports Senate Bills 242 and 245 to enact four-year terms for County Commissioners.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

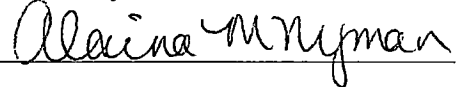
AYES: Theobald, Nichols, Potter, Hurlburt, Musta, Townsend, Bengelink, Bush, and Taylor.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



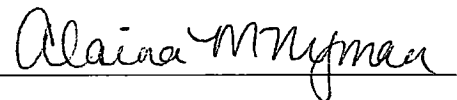
Gary Taylor, Chairman, Wexford County Board of Commissioners



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss
COUNTY OF WEXFORD)

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of the Resolution 21-13 adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Wexford County at a regular meeting held on April 21, 2021 and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk



Resolution 38-2021

Date: April 21, 2021

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
DENOUNCING THREATS OF VIOLENCE AND AFFIRMING EQUAL PROTECTION FOR ALL
CITIZENS.**

WHEREAS, every elected official serving Grand Traverse County swears an oath to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, while free speech is a fundamental right in a free society, and is protected by both the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and by the Michigan Constitution, and entitles every individual to express their opinions in public, the issuance of threats is both illegal and unacceptable, and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge our community including our County staff has endured more than a year of an unprecedented time of global pandemic and economic distress; and further acknowledge that in times of stress, changes, or challenges, there is extra need for patience, civility and support of one another as neighbors and fellow Americans who have come through every other crisis our nation has faced, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners absolutely and unequivocally denounces, condemns, and rejects intimidation, threats, and calls for violence or the unlawful abridgment of rights, liberties, privileges, or immunities, directed at any County employee for any reason whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners wish to affirm their constitutional responsibility to treat every Grand Traverse County employee and every citizen of Grand Traverse County fairly and as equals in the eyes the law; and

WHEREAS, in light of current events, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners wish to confirm and state with emphasis that all of these rights of protection, and due process of the law, fully extend to all Grand Traverse County Departments and all County employees; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners wish to express their appreciation and thanks to the personnel of Grand Traverse County for their continued professionalism and outstanding work in serving ALL citizens of Grand Traverse County to the extent possible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS: The Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners hereby denounces threats of violence and affirms its support for its employees, and for equal protection for all citizens of Grand Traverse County.



THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN ADOPTS
THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, as the State of Michigan faced the great recession, they looked to find creative ways to save money in the State's general fund; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, a deal between county governments and the State of Michigan, created a property tax collection shift which would provide for revenue sharing funds to the Counties while not relying on the State's general fund for that; and

WHEREAS, during this time, the proceeds from the property tax collection shift was put in a County Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund whereby a county could obtain funds from there; and

WHEREAS, once a county exhausted their reserve fund, they re-entered the state revenue system where they should be receiving their full funding amount; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties has done extensive research into county revenue sharing and the impact the county revenue sharing fund has had on county allocations and indicates that the State of Michigan has cumulatively shorted 60 counties of more than \$110 million between 2009 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County is one of those counties, experiencing a shortfall of \$1,590,495; and

WHEREAS, it is time for those funds to be restored in full this year; and

WHEREAS, despite receiving federal funds through the state as part of the American Rescue Plan, the use of the federal funds is tied to COVID/pandemic related expenses; and

WHEREAS, while Berrien County has exhausted thousands of dollars related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have budgeted services to provide to our citizens which is not related to COVID-19; and


WHEREAS, services provided by the Berrien County Courts, Prosecutor, Sheriff/Jail, County Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, Administration and Animal Control are all funded in part by County Revenue Sharing and would be impacted by a restriction of the funds for COVID only; and

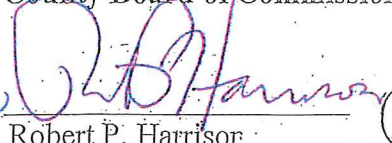
WHEREAS, a portion of the revenue sharing also goes to support operations of other functions that requires an investment of local county matching funds to accept federal or state funded programs.

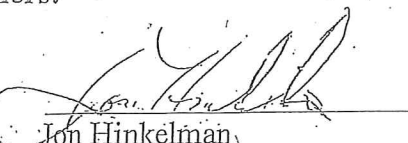
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners calls upon state leaders to restore the County Revenue Sharing Fund and to provide a one-time payment of the cumulative shortfall.


THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN ADOPTS RESOLUTION B2104213:


Respectfully submitted,
Berrien County Board of Commissioners:


Mamie L. Yarbrough

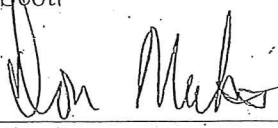

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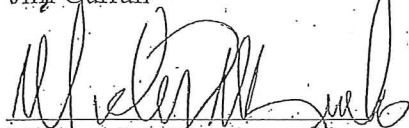

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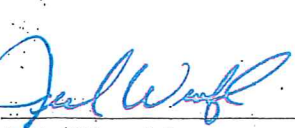

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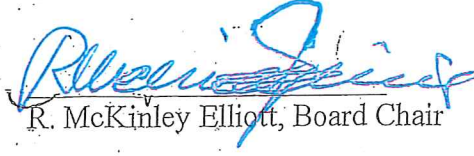

Don Meeks


Michael J. Majerek


Julie Wuerfel


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David Vollrath


R. McKinley Elliott, Board Chair

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 13, 2021

RESOLUTION

BY: BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- WHEREAS, The 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the county Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today's Board of Commissioners; and
- WHEREAS, The Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and
- WHEREAS, Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new county commissioners shall be concurrent with that of state representatives, as specified in Article IV, section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, The scope of duties of a county commissioner has greatly increased in the last century - road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programming, solid waste pick-up and disposal, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts, emergency management and response; and
- WHEREAS, Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for county commissioners; and
- WHEREAS, All other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and
- WHEREAS, The position of county commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and
- WHEREAS, Legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms has been filed in the form of Senate Bills 242 and 245; and
- WHEREAS, The Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced; Therefore, Be It
- RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners supports Senate Bills 242 and 245 to enact four-year terms for county commissioners; Be It Further
- RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be sent to Bay County's state legislators, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other Michigan counties.

ERNIE KRYGIER, CHAIR
BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners - Four Year Terms
Sponsored by Commissioner Vaughn J. Begick, 3rd District

MOVED BY COMM. BEGICK

SUPPORTED BY COMM. HEREK

COMMISSIONER	N	E	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	E	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	E	Y	N	E
MARIE FOX			X			KIM J. COONAN		X			JAYME A. JOHNSON			X	
ERNIE KRYGIER			X			THOMAS M. HEREK		X							
VAUGHN J. BEGICK			X			KAYSEY L. RADTKE		X							

VOTE TOTALS:

ROLL CALL: X YEAS 6 NAYS 1 EXCUSED 0
VOICE: YEAS _____ NAYS _____ EXCUSED _____

DISPOSITION: ADOPTED XX DEFEATED _____ WITHDRAWN _____
AMENDED _____ CORRECTED _____ REFERRED _____ NO ACTION TAKEN _____

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ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

RESOLUTION #2021-03**IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the Alger County Board of Commissioners recognizes that COVID-19 is having direct impacts on all County residents, impacts which include, but are not limited to, physical and mental health care difficulties, educational constraints, and financial strains; and

WHEREAS, the Alger County Board of Commissioners understands that many local businesses have suffered and continue to suffer economic harm due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Alger County Board of Commissioners furthermore recognizes that the local hospitality industry is being hit particularly hard with financial losses due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Alger County Board of Commissioners believes that the ability of County residents and visitors to patronize local restaurants, hotels, recreation venues, etc., contributes substantially to the overall well-being of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Alger County Board of Commissioners is aware of many options to support Alger County small businesses, such as ordering takeout food, making advance reservations, and purchasing gift cards.

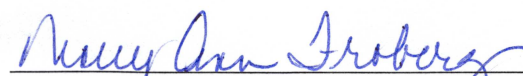
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners encourages County residents to support local businesses at all times, but particularly during this global pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Whitmer, both Speakers of the House of Representative and the Senate, along with the Michigan Association of Counties and all Counties within Michigan.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk

Dated: April 19, 2021

