

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AFTERNOON SESSION – 3:00 P.M.

May 20, 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 – May 6, 2021

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

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Mecosta County Resolution #2021-12 – Extension of a State of Emergency for the County of Mecosta

6. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jury Board Member Term Renewal

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Pre-approved Bills: \$626,658.12
Non-approved Bills: \$56,319.94

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

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

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mecosta County Road Commission Letter – Dated April 29, 2021
2. Department of Treasury Letter – Dated May 4, 2021

12. MINUTES & REPORTS:

1. Sheriff & Jail – May 5, 2021
2. Finance

13. RESOLUTIONS:

1. Alpena County Resolution # 21-09
2. Livingston County Resolution # 2021-05-070

14. MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

15. ADJOURNMENT:

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE

3:15 – DHHS Annual Report 2020 – Jennifer Schmidt

UNAPPROVED

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**MAY 6, 2021**

Chair Marilynn Bradstrom called the morning session of the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners to order at 10:00 A.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: Marilynn Bradstrom, Jerrilynn Strong, Linda Howard, Ray Steinke, Tom O'Neil, Wendy Nystrom and William Routley.

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

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

R. Steinke moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of 6.3 to New Business – Mecosta County Resolution 2021-11 Supporting State of Michigan fulfilling its statutory obligation with regards to State Revenue Sharing payment amounts. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

W. Routley moved to approve the April 15, 2021 Board Minutes as presented. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**5.1 EMS STATION COORDINATOR APPOINTMENT**

Upon recommendation of Director Ladd and concurrence by the Administrator, Personnel Chair and EMS Chair, W. Routley moved to appoint Alan Brennan to the position of Station Coordinator. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

5.2 LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

The Administrator appeared before the Board regarding the local State of Emergency resolution that is currently through 5/31/21. The recommendation is to place a resolution on the 5/20/21 Agenda to extend the State of Emergency to 7/31/21, which will enable local boards to hold remote or hybrid meetings as they see fit. J. Strong so moved. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2021-09 – 2021 MILLAGE RATES FOR GENERAL FUND BUDGET

L. Howard moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2021-09 – 2021 Millage Rates for General Fund Budget. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.2 MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2021-10 – SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO ADOPT 4-YEAR TERMS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

R. Steinke moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2021-10 – Supporting passage of legislation to adopt 4-year terms for County Commissioners. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.3 MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2021-11 – SUPPORTING STATE OF MICHIGAN FULFILLING ITS STATUTORY OBLIGATION WITH REGARDS TO STATE REVENUE SHARING PAYMENT AMOUNTS

R. Steinke moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2021-11 – Supporting State of Michigan fulfilling its statutory obligation with regards to State Revenue Sharing payment amounts. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

None

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

MIDC Application FY 2022 – Administrator

R. Steinke moved to approve the 2022 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission FY 2022 grant application as presented. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

Budget Alteration/MSU Extension – Finance Officer

R. Steinke moved to approve the budget alteration request from MSU Extension moving funds from Personnel line items to Contractual Services line to account for the recently approved amendment to the annual agreement. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

Budget Amendment Request/FOC SR 215 – Finance Officer

R. Steinke moved to approve a budget amendment request from Unreserved Contingency thru Appropriations to SR 215 Friend of the Court to balance the budget. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Telephone Software Support/MOSS – IT Department

R. Steinke moved to approve a 3-year renewal of the MOSS contract for telephone services and software support and authorized Janet Langell to sign the agreement. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

Broomfield Trust Fund Update – Administrator

R. Steinke moved to approve requests for assistance from Angels of Action for \$4,213 for the purchase of milk to distribute through their agency and WISE for \$1,500 for children's activities and supplies. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Listed Bills:

R. Steinke moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$930,672.92 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$91,874.85. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

W. Nystrom reported attending Zoom Legislative Day/Human Services Collaborative Body, City of Big Rapids Meeting, AAW, Big Rapids Social Equity Initiative, Big Rapids City Special Meeting, DHHS Meeting, Finance Committee, Sheriff & Jail Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

L. Howard reported attending Zoom Legislative Day/Human Services Collaborative Body, Central Michigan Community Mental Health Finance & Regular Meetings, Morton Township Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

J. Strong reported attending Fork Township Meeting, Martiny Township Meeting, Security Committee, EMS Interviews, Area Agency on Aging West Michigan, Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

R. Steinke reported attending District 10 Health Meeting, Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

T. O'Neil reported attending District 10 Health Meeting, Sheriff & Jail Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

Sheriff & Jail:

T. O'Neil moved to approve a request from the Sheriff Dept. to purchase 20 transcription dictators @ \$3,000, 3 door access controls @ \$5,500, 4 scanners @ \$1,400, 3 laptops @ \$1,800, 1 desktop computer @ \$600, 1 printer/monitor @ \$500, 14 card readers for patrol cars @ \$1,000, Booking printer/scanner @ \$900 – for a total of \$14,700 from the ICS Grant. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

T. O'Neil moved to accept the 2021 Marine Safety Program Grant Agreement in the amount of \$14,700. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

T. O'Neil moved to accept the TC Energy Grant in the amount of \$10,000, and purchase spike strips at a cost of \$7,000. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

T. O'Neil moved to approve submittal of 3 grant requests to Great Lakes Energy for a K-9 doghouse and GPS tracker; VP Grant from Dept of Justice for a 50/50 Grant to purchase ballistic vests; and a local Community Grant from Walmart to purchase 2 mountain bikes for use at events. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

W. Routley reported attending Area Agency on Aging West Michigan, Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, Sheriff & Jail Committee, Dial a Ride Meeting/City and today's Commission Meeting.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paul Bullock reported on the following:

- Mecosta County Development Corporation Board – gave an update on different options the board is looking at with Jim Sandy's retirement. Hoping to team up with Osceola County to find someone dedicated to both counties; ad will go in the paper shortly.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

Jim Sandy – Mecosta County Development Corporation – appeared before the Board via Zoom and reported on another opportunity to support small business ... Small Business Administration has a 28-billion-dollar package for hospitality industry throughout the U.S – applications will be available on MCDC website; meeting with Congressman Moolenaar and businesses tomorrow re: Payroll Protection Plan and a tour of the airport for a potential grant of expanding the runway.

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:


None

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

J. Strong moved to accept and place on file Communications #1-7, Minutes & Reports #1-3 and Resolutions #1-8. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Steinke adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 10:49 A.M.



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

Marilynn Bradstrom, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners

MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2021-12

EXTENSION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF MECOSTA

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the County of Mecosta, Michigan was informed that in response to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a state of emergency was declared by the Governor of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the County of Mecosta, Michigan was informed that in response to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a national state of emergency was declared by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Mecosta County Emergency Operations Center was partially activated on March 13, 2020, in support of Public Health in acquiring resources to deal with the pandemic, and has since been demobilized; however, the Mecosta County Emergency Operations Center remains ready to assist and may be partially or fully activated consistent with the Emergency Operations Plan which has been functioning since March 13, 2020 as necessary; and

WHEREAS, any widespread outbreak within the County of Mecosta could hinder and/or cease most daily operations within the entire County and overwhelm Emergency Medical Services, hospitals and urgent care facilities; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the requirements placed on the local health department personnel (including, but not limited to, education, enforcement, contact tracing, planning, testing and vaccination deployment), additional staff, volunteers, services, supplies/equipment and afforded liability protection may be needed to continue to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) rules and orders exist requiring, or advising of, preventive measures to be in place to protect public health, including limitations on gatherings and use of remote technologies; and

WHEREAS, public bodies within Mecosta County have complied with orders or have voluntarily elected to meet virtually and may elect to continue such practice under this Declaration to protect public health consistent with the Open Meetings Act as amended; and

WHEREAS, the legislative approval for virtual and hybrid meetings in compliance with the State Open Meetings Act, in the absence of a declared State of Emergency, expired March 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the option to continue to hold virtual or hybrid meetings remains necessary in Mecosta County for the Board of Commissioners and other public bodies, to comply with the open meetings act while ensuring preventive measures to protect public health, including adequate social distancing, the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners did on March

18, 2021 declare a local State of Emergency running through May 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, the circumstances requiring the declaration of the Local State of Emergency have not significantly changed, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended. and the Open Meetings Act, as amended, hereby declares that a "local state of emergency" continues to exist within our jurisdiction as of May 20, 2021 and that local resources and funding are being utilized to the fullest possible extent, and the Emergency Operations Plan will be partially or fully implemented as this pandemic necessitates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration will expire on July 31, 2021, unless otherwise extended by the Board of Commissioners.

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 20th 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

FORTY-NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN

CP 6-1

COUNTIES OF MECOSTA AND OSCEOLA



Honorable Scott Hill-Kennedy
Circuit Judge

Kimberly L. Booher
Circuit Judge

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May 5, 2021

Mecosta County Board of Commissioners
400 Elm Street
Big Rapids MI 49307

RE: Jury Board Members Term Renewals

Dear Commissioners:

Michigan Compiled Laws require that a county the size of Mecosta have a jury board that consists of three qualified electors with no more than two members may be from the same political party. The statute also requires that the circuit judge for the county make recommendations to the county commissioners to fill vacancies on the jury board.

It has come to my attention that the term of service for one of our jury board members expired on 4-30-2021. I am recommending that you reappoint the following member to the Mecosta County Jury Board, Pete Kent-Republican, for a term to expire on April 30, 2027.

Sincerely,

Hon. Scott P. Hill-Kennedy
Circuit Judge

SPHK/tp

cc: Marcee Purcell, Mecosta County Clerk

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MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS:

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AMY KAILING
FINANCE DIRECTOR

April 29, 2021

Board of County Commissioners
400 Elm Street
Big Rapids, MI 49307

RE: American Rescue Plan Funds

Dear Board of Commissioners:

The Mecosta County Road Commission Board is requesting to be considered for the American Rescue Plan Funds once more information is available as to how it should be spent. In 2020 the Road Commissions budget was cut by \$413,877.47 and is still being impacted this year. The Road Commissions main income is made up of MTF funds, which consist of gas taxes and vehicle registration fees. Road Commissions are being told these are still down 10%.

The Road Commissions goal is to maintain all county roads in a condition reasonably safe and convenient for everyone traveling our roads. The decrease in our budget and increase in cost of material does not help the already deteriorating road system in Mecosta County.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Kailing". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

On behalf of the Board of Road Commissioners
Amy Kailing
Finance Director

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GRETCHEN WHITMER
5102 (Rev. 01-19) GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
LANSING

RACHAEL EUBANKS
STATE TREASURER

May 4, 2021

Mecosta County Board of Commissioners
400 Elm Street
Big Rapids, MI 49307

Dear Mecosta County Board of Commissioners,

Thank you for submitting an interlocal agreement and *Form 5697 State Tax Commission Petition for Approval of County Designated Assessor* for the Mecosta County Designated Assessor. All proposed Designated Assessors must be approved by the State Tax Commission.

A recommendation of approval of your proposed Designated Assessor, Seth Lattimore, will be made to the State Tax Commission at their meeting on May 24, 2021. The County is not required to attend or address the Commission at this meeting. You will receive written notification of the action taken by the Commission.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this process, please email AssessingReformQuestions@michigan.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Buick".

David A. Buick, Executive Director
State Tax Commission

Cc: Mecosta County Clerk
Mecosta County Equalization
Seth Lattimore, Proposed Designated Assessor

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BOARD OF
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SHERIFF AND JAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 5, 2021 10:00 AM
Conf Rm F & Virtual @ Zoom ID 608 971 9153

Call to Order: 10:00 AM

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PRESENT: Tom O'Neil – Chair, Bill Routley, Wendy Nystrom, Sheriff Miller, Undersheriff Williams, Capt. Wood, and Paul Bullock.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

- Inmate Phone Systems: Sheriff Miller presented a list of requests to utilize a portion of the ICS Grant of \$25,000 that was a result of the addition of Inmate Video and extension of the contract. The items are 20 transcription devices (\$3,000), adding door access controls to the evidence room and two other internal doors (\$5,500), 4 document scanners (\$1,400), 3 laptops for data entry and reporting (\$1,800), 1 desktop computer (\$600), 1 printer and monitor (\$500), 14 card readers for patrol cars (\$1,000) and a previously purchased booking printer and scanner (\$900). The total of \$14,700 will leave \$10,300 unexpended. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that the requests be approved.**
- Marine Grant: The Sheriff requested that the grant in the amount of \$14,700 be approved for acceptance. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that the marine grant be approved.**
- TC Energy Grant: The Sheriff requested that the TC Energy Grant be approved for acceptance in the amount of \$10,000, and purchase of Spike Strips at a cost of \$7,000 be approved from the grant. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that the grant be accepted and the purchase of stop/Spike Strips be approved at a cost of \$7,000.**
- Future Grants: The Sheriff requested permission to submit a grant request to Great Lakes Energy for \$1,600 for a K-9 dog house and GPS tracker, a VP Grant thru Dept. of Justice for a 50/50 grant to purchase ballistic vests that are expiring, and a local Community Grant through Walmart for purchase of 2 mountain bikes for use at events. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that the three grant requests be approved for submittal.**
- General Briefing: The Sheriff gave a verbal report on recent activity. Sgt. Mohr was integral in a multi county pursuit that resulted in the arrest of two suspects who are believed to be responsible for a rash of area break ins and thefts.

JAIL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- DOC Annual Inspection: The inspection was held and passed.

UNDERSHERIFF'S REPORT:

- Vehicle Fleet: Undersheriff Williams advised that he anticipates receiving a new proposal from Enterprise Fleet Management.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:43 AM

NEXT MEETING: June 2, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Location: Conf Rm F for members and Zoom 608 971 9153 for public



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RESOLUTION #21-09
County Revenue Sharing Fund

District #2
Chairman of the Board
Robert Adrian

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

District #7
Vice-Chairman
Marty Thomson

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

District #1
Commissioner
Don Gilmet

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

District #3
Commissioner
Dave Karschnick

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

District #4
Commissioner
Bill Peterson

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

District #5
Commissioner
Brenda Fournier

WHEREAS, Alpena County is one of those counties, experiencing a shortfall of \$494,016; and a cumulative shortfall of \$1,067,487 due to CPI increases being discounted after Alpena County's return to CRS; and

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

District #6
Commissioner
Kevin Osbourne

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

District #8
Commissioner
John Kozlowski

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

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

Executive Manager
Tammy Sumerix-Bates

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.

Board Assistant
Lynn Bunting
Board Admin Assistant
Kim Elkie

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Alpena 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.

Moved by Commissioner Gilmet and supported by Commissioner Thomson to adopt Resolution #21-09 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Gilmet, Karschnick, Peterson, Osbourne, Thomson, Kozlowski and Adrian. NAYS: None. Excused: Commissioner Fournier. Motion carried.



Robert Adrian, Chairman
Alpena County Board of Commissioners
April 27, 2021

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Alpena)



I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting Clerk of Alpena County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Alpena County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 27th day of April 2021, and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Alpena this 27th day of April 2021.



Bonnie Friedrichs, Alpena County Clerk

RESOLUTION

NO: 2021-05-070

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: May 10, 2021

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of FOIA Requests for documents supporting an extension of the MIOSHA COVID-19 Emergency Rules - Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2021 Governor Whitmer declared “the COVID-19 Emergency Rules shall remain effective until October 14, 2021”; and

WHEREAS, these MIOSHA COVID-19 Emergency Rules (henceforth referred to as “Rules”) impact all Michigan employers, including Livingston County; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the Rules are required to be based upon the Governor’s finding of a need for an extension based upon a Finding of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s certificate of need for extension is devoid of any factual basis and, rather, appears to be relying on assertions of Finding of Emergency in the original Rules, which includes an assertion that it was “based upon on the best available scientific evidence and public health guidance published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other public health authorities.” Further, the Finding of Emergency asserts, “There is currently no approved vaccine or proven effective antiviral treatment for COVID-19”; and

WHEREAS, clearly the Governor’s failing to provide a factual basis to extend the Rules (without following the procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act) and instead relying on outdated and wrong assertions that there is “currently no approved vaccine”, and the Governor’s apparent reliance on this blatantly incorrect information calls into question what other outdated or wrong information she is relying upon to support her Finding of Emergency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Livingston County Administrator to issue Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to the Governor and the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity to provide those records establishing what the Governor considers to be “the best available scientific evidence and public health guidance published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other public health authorities.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this FOIA request shall also ask for the records establishing what the Governor considers to be “the best available scientific evidence and public health guidance available regarding the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace,” which she relied upon when she asserted, “Based on the best available scientific evidence and public health guidance available regarding the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace, I find that these emergency rules are necessary to protect employees.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval by the Livingston County Board of Commissioners this resolution shall be distributed to the other eighty-two (82) Michigan Counties and Livingston County's three (3) State Legislators.

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MOVED: C. Reader
SECONDED: J. Gross
CARRIED: Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): C. Reader, W. Nakagiri, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, M. Zajac, J. Gross, and B. Plank; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON) §

I, **ELIZABETH HUNDLEY**, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Livingston, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on the 10th day of May 2021, the original of which is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed by official signature on this 11th day of May, 2021, A.D.



Elizabeth Hundley
ELIZABETH HUNDLEY, LIVINGSTON COUNTY CLERK



Mission Statement

MDHHS provides opportunities, services, and programs that promote a healthy, safe, and stable environment for residents to be self-sufficient.

MDHHS Vision

Develop and encourage measurable health, safety and self-sufficiency outcomes that reduce and prevent risks, promote equity, foster healthy habits, and transform the health and human services system to improve the lives of Michigan families.

Board Members:

Janice Covey, Chairperson

Susan Haut, Vice-Chairperson

Jan McBrien, Member

Linda Howard, Mecosta County Commissioner

Assistance Payments & Administrative Support

The primary programs within Assistance payments are the Family Independence Program (FIP or formerly cash assistance), Food Assistance Program (FAP), Medicaid and Affordable Health Care Act benefits (MA), State Emergency Relief (SER) and Child Development and Care (CDC). The programs are accessed and served by Eligibility Specialists and Family Independence Specialists. Administrative staff register all applications for assistance, scan and index documents, respond to customers and complete internal accounting tasks. In 2020 Mecosta/Osceola DHHS had 20 staff and two managers overseeing Assistance Payments programs. There are five Administrative Support staff. There were no changes to staffing allocations from 2019 to 2020.

Although we didn't see any significant changes in the number of clients served, we did see a significant increase in Food Assistance funds expended (\$3.23 million over 2019) and this is likely due to COVID.

Program Type	Clients Served	Timely Processing	Funds Expended
Family Independence Program	134	98.82%	\$256,211
Food Assistance	4502	97.77%	\$9,081,030
Child Day Care	148	99%	\$995,851
State Emergency Assistance	53	97.43%	\$387,124
Medicaid Programs	7492	96.29%	

http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_61179_10830---Y_2017,00.html

Adult Protective Services

Protective Services for adults are services designed to address conditions which cause neglect, abuse or exploitation of an adult who is vulnerable because of a mental or physical impairment or as a result of a competency determination by a health care provider. Independent living services are provided to adults who are vulnerable to assist them in maintaining continuity in placement or care. Mecosta/Osceola DHHS had four APS staff and one Program Manager overseen by the Business Service Center in 2020.

Program Type	Clients Served	Timely Processing
Home Help Services	139	100%
Protective Services Complaints	93	100%

Children's Protective Services

The Child Protection Law (Act 238) requires the agency to act upon any report of child abuse, child neglect or exploitation that is received by the agency, including any report on a child in foster care or a child without proper custody or care. Investigators determine if there is factual evidence to support a preponderance finding and are allowed a thirty-day period to do so. Ongoing CPS staff provide direct oversight and services in open cases where abuse or neglect has been established and the family needs intervention to safeguard the child(ren) in the home and maintain placement of the child(ren) in the home. Mecosta/Osceola DHHS had 11 CPS investigators and 6 CPS Ongoing workers in 2020, which was a decrease of 1 worker from 2019.

Program Type	Cases	Timely Report Completion
Investigation	328	100%
Ongoing	75	99%

Licensing

Our mission is to ensure protection of children who are receiving care from licensed agencies and facilities by enforcing rules and laws such as the Child Care Organizations Act (1973 PA 116). Mecosta/Osceola has two licensing workers.

We have maintained our focus on increasing the number of licensed foster homes in our community. During 2020, we licensed 12 new homes plus multiple relative placements.

We continue to focus on placing youth with relatives upon removal whenever possible. In 2020, we placed approximately 20% of youth with relatives. This is consistent with our percentage of relative placements in 2019.

Licensed Homes	Homes Pending Licensure	Timely Processing
31 – Mecosta & Osceola	2	90%

Foster Care & Juvenile Justice

Foster care programming is provided to families to assist in the reunification efforts when a child(ren) is placed in care as a result of imminent safety risks. Reunification efforts are maintained for nine months after placement and then goal changes are evaluated based on legal standards and the progress of the case. Workers in these roles assist families in addressing barriers such as housing, substance abuse, domestic violence and lack of employment. The primary goal of Juvenile Justice Services under the Youth Rehabilitation Act (P.A. 150 of 1974) is to promote productive behavior on the part of high-risk youth, to prevent them from becoming delinquent, and to prevent them from moving further into the system. Objectives include maintaining youth in school, work or training. Mecosta/Osceola had four

foster care workers for 2020, which was no change from 2019. We are not allocated a juvenile justice worker, so these cases are absorbed into our foster care caseload.

Program Type	Cases	Timely Report Completion
General Foster Care	31	100%
Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care	6	100%

Volunteer Services

This program is intended to provide services and resources where gaps are evident. The volunteer services program continues to coordinate the Gifts for Kids program annually and has facilitated a golf outing annually to assist with expenditures for this program. The program also assists with a grant application for a student clothing program for Evert Elementary and oversees the distribution of these funds. All volunteer transportation is scheduled, monitored and paid under the scope of this program. Last year approximately 7800 transports were provided through DHHS. This year that amount decreased by roughly 23%. The number of volunteer drivers decreased from 24 in 2019 to 16 in 2020. These are both impacts of COVID.

Volunteers	Volunteer Trips Provided	Other Services offered
16	6,054	Winter clothing giveaway

Annual Highlights

COVID has impacted all programs at Mecosta/Osceola DHHS and was the focus of 2020. All our staff transitioned to working from home in March 2020 and will continue working remotely until at least July 2021. We saw hundreds of policy changes in 2020 focused on safety and increased access to benefits in response to this health crisis. Despite the barriers presented by COVID, Mecosta/Osceola continued to ensure child safety and provide much needed benefits to the community in a timely manner.

Staff from multiple programs provided outreach support to clients of Adult Services throughout the COVID crisis as these clients could not be seen in person. We received positive feedback from clients about these contacts and many have developed ongoing supportive relationships with the worker who contacted them.

Additional outreach was made by Child Welfare staff to all families who had recent contact with the department to ensure they had all the necessary services and resources during COVID. This was completed twice throughout 2020.

Mecosta/Osceola DHHS continued its partnership with the Open Arms Child Advocacy Center (OACAC) throughout 2020. During the pandemic, DHHS provided back up forensic interviewing coverage when OACAC staff were required to quarantine.

Mecosta/Osceola DHHS has experienced a steady decrease in the number of foster children in care in both Mecosta and Osceola Counties over the last six years. There are currently 26 children in care in Mecosta County. In 2013 there were 63 children in care. This is a 59% reduction in the number of children in care. This continues to result in savings for the county due to decreased placement and court costs, as well as provided increased stability for families due to the department's efforts to maintain children within their homes.