

**MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MORNING SESSION – 10:00 A.M.**

**July 1, 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 – June 17, 2021

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

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment #21-002
2. Resolution Pledging Full Faith & Credit – Brady Lake Bonds #2021-14

**7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

Pre-approved Bills: \$527,200.10  
Non-approved Bills: \$53,017.69

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**9. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

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

**11. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Mecosta-Osceola DHHS Minutes – May 25, 2021
2. Mecosta County DHHS Minutes – May 25, 2021
3. Letter from Mary Vogt – Dated June 11, 2021
4. Mecosta County Parks Minutes – May 18, 2021

**12. MINUTES & REPORTS:**

1. Building and Zoning – June 17, 2021
2. EMS – June 17, 2021
3. Finance

**13. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Roscommon County Resolution # 2021-06-01
2. Oceana County Resolution
3. Lenawee County Resolution #2021-18
4. Kalamazoo County Resolution

**14. MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

**SCHEDULED APPEARANCE**

**MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****JUNE 17, 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; William Routley not present.

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

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS:**

R. Steinke moved to approve the Agenda as presented. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

L. Howard moved to approve the June 3, 2021 Board Minutes as presented. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

**PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:****6.1 BRADY LAKE DAM REPLACEMENT RESOLUTION**

J. Strong moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2021-13 – establishing a Special Assessment District for Brady Lake, located in Aetna Township, Mecosta County and the attached computation of costs and special assessment roll. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

**6.2 REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING – COA**

J. Strong moved to accept the additional funding for COA from Leprino Foods and The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and approve purchase of a booster heater for the dishwasher and needed equipment/fuel for T&E. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

### **6.3 NEW SUMMER FUNDRAISING EVENT REQUEST - COA**

L. Howard moved to approve a request from COA to hold a different fundraiser this year as an alternative to the Yard Sale. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

##### **Michigan Assoc. of Counties Dues - Administrator**

R. Steinke moved that the annual dues of \$8,329.61 to Michigan Association of Counties be approved and paid. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

##### **Sheriff's Vehicle Proposal – Administrator/Undersheriff**

R. Steinke moved to approve a proposal from the Administrator and Undersheriff for a 3-year purchasing program to update the fleet with 5 vehicles purchased in the 1<sup>st</sup> year, and the Administrator authorized to place purchase orders through the MiDeal Program. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

##### **Budget Amendment Request/GF Marine Patrol & GF Revenue – Finance Officer**

R. Steinke moved to approve a budget amendment request that will increase General Fund Revenue Refunds/Reimbursements and Marine Patrol Supplies to reflect a recent donation. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

##### **Budget Amendment Request/SR 274 COA – Finance Officer**

R. Steinke moved to approve a budget amendment request to SR 274 that will increase Federal Grants Welfare and Equipment/Furniture & Computers by \$17,680 to reflect additional funding received. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

##### **Budget Alteration Request/Various – Finance Officer**

R. Steinke moved to approve budget alteration requests from SR 273 COA Meals, SR 249 Building Dept., and SR 210 EMS, moving minor amounts within the budget to balance line items. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

##### **Veteran Service fund Grant Intent to Apply – Administrator**

R. Steinke moved that the Administrator be authorized to submit a Letter of Intent to apply for the 2022 VS Fund Grant. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

##### **Financial Reports – Finance Officer**

R. Steinke moved that the March Financial Reports be accepted and placed on file. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

##### **Other Business:**

None

##### **Listed Bills:**

R. Steinke moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$537,062.18 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$58,153.35. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

**SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

R. Steinke reported attending Millbrook Township Meeting, Aetna Township Meeting, Deerfield Township Meeting, Hinton Township Meeting, Central Dispatch Meeting, Finance Committee, 2 MOTA Meetings, EMS Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

T. O'Neil reported attending Building & Zoning Committee, EMS Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

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

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

J. Strong reported attending Jehnsen Lake Improvement Board Meeting, Area Agency on Aging Meeting, Road Commission Meeting, Martiny Township Meeting, Finance Committee, COA Meeting, Building & Zoning Committee, EMS/Emergency Management Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

**EMS:**

J. Strong moved to approve the May 2021 write-offs of \$130,598.08, non-contractual write-offs of \$3,340.04 and collections write-offs of \$11,653.14. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

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J. Strong moved to approve a request from Director Ladd to spend up to \$3,200 for polo shirts, as a summer uniform, from the uniform line item in the budget. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

J. Strong moved that the Chair be authorized to sign the FY 2020 Homeland Security Grant Planning Intergovernmental Agreement. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

M. Bradstrom reported attending MCDC Meeting, Finance Committee, Parks Meeting, City/County/Township/Ferris Meeting, Grant Township Meeting, Colfax Township Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

Marilynn gave an update on the Parks – teamed up with MOTA to help transport large groups of tubers from Paris Park.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Paul Bullock reported on the following:

- August – will be opening a new section of the Dragon Trail in Brower Park; watch for celebration of the expansion as it gets closer.

**PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

R. Steinke adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 3:39 P.M.



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

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Marilynn Bradstrom, Chair  
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners

MECOSTA COUNTY  
DRAIN COMMISSIONER/SOIL EROSION DEPT.  
KARLA MILLER, DRAIN COMMISSIONER/CEA  
NICOLE CLEMENTSHAW, DEPUTY DRAIN  
COMMISSIONER/CEA

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Mecosta County Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Karla Miller, Drain Commissioner

**SUBJECT:** Brady Lake – Lake Level District Resolution requesting Full Faith and Credit

**DATE:** June 23, 2021

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The Brady Lake dam is in the process of being replaced at a cost of \$155,000. This project will require financing. I am in the process of securing financing for this at an interest rate of 2% over a 10- year period. As part of the financing process, Bond Counsel has suggested that on behalf of the Brady Lake – Lake Level District, the County to pledge its Full Faith and Credit to this project for issuing bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$155,000.

The reason for obtaining this pledge allows the Lake Level District to take advantage of the County's exceptional bond rating to secure low interest rates and increased marketability of the bonds.

I am **not** requesting any funds from the County for the project. The special assessment to the Lake Level District will provide all funding of this project.

The County Board of Commissioners provided Full Faith and Credit to the Snow Drain for a 15-year loan for \$155,578.89 at 2.95% interest with the Resolution No. 2017-05.

Please review the attached Resolution No. 2021-14.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF MECOSTA  
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PROJECT COSTS AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT  
ROLL AND PLEDGING FULL FAITH AND CREDIT TO BRADY LAKE – LAKE  
LEVEL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mecosta held in the County on July 1, 2021, at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m., local time.

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 307 of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1994, as amended (“Part 307”), the Mecosta County Circuit Court, (i) by order dated September 30, 1982, established the normal lake level of Brady Lake in the Township of Aetna in the County of Mecosta to be 938.50 feet; and (ii) by order dated October 31, 1983 confirmed the boundaries of the special assessment district (the “Special Assessment District”) for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the lake level; and

WHEREAS, the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners (the “Board of Commissioners”) has appointed the Mecosta County Drain Commissioner (the “Drain Commissioner”) as the “delegated authority” within the meaning of Part 307 to take such actions as are necessary to maintain the normal level of Brady Lake; and

WHEREAS, acting as the delegated authority, the Drain Commissioner has caused to be prepared a computation of cost of the improvements (the “Computation of Costs”) necessary to maintain the normal level of Brady Lake (the “Project”) in the amount of \$155,000 and has

prepared a special assessment roll (the “Special Assessment Roll”) assessing such amount against public corporations, privately owned parcels of land and state owned lands as authorized in Part 307 in the Special Assessment District that benefit from the Project (the “Assessed Parties”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice given as required by Part 307, the Drain Commissioner has held a hearing on the cost of the Project and the special assessment roll on June 9, 2021, and, following the hearing, approved the cost of the Project and the special assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2021-13 on June 17, 2021 approving the Computation of Costs and the Special Assessment Roll; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has proposed that the Special Assessment District issue bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$155,000 (the “Bonds”) to pay all or part of the cost of the Project and that the County pledge its full faith and credit to the payment of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Part 307 requires that the Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of the Bonds by the Special Assessment District.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MECOSTA, as follows:

1. The Special Assessment District shall be designated and hereafter referred to as the “Brady Lake – Lake Level District.”
2. The appointment of the Drain Commissioner as the “delegated authority” within the meaning of Part 307 and the actions of the Drain Commissioner as delegated authority to date are all ratified and confirmed.
3. The Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the Bonds by the Special Assessment District pursuant to Part 307 to pay all or part of the cost of the Project, the Bonds to be payable from the special assessments for the Project, and authorizes the Drain Commissioner to take all actions on behalf of the Special Assessment District as are necessary to

issue and sell the Bonds as provided in Part 307. The special assessment roll shall be payable in one or more installments in amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

4. Pursuant to the authorization provided in Section 30705 of Part 307, provided that the Bonds are issued in a principal amount not to exceed \$155,000, the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members elect, does hereby irrevocably pledge the full faith and credit of the County of Mecosta for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and does agree that in the event that Assessed Parties shall fail or neglect to account to the County Treasurer of the County of Mecosta for the amount of any such special assessment installment and interest (in anticipation of which the Bonds are issued) when due, then the amount thereof shall be immediately advanced from County funds, and the County Treasurer is directed to immediately make such advancement to the extent necessary.

5. In the event that, pursuant to said pledge of full faith and credit, the County of Mecosta advances out of County funds, all or any part of the principal of and interest due on the Bonds, it shall be the duty of the County Treasurer, for and on behalf of the County of Mecosta, to take all actions and proceedings and pursue all remedies permitted or authorized by law for the reimbursement of such sums so paid.

6. The Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners, County Administrator, Clerk, Treasurer, or any other County official, or any one or more of them is authorized to take all actions and sign all agreements, documents and certificates necessary for the issuance of the Bonds, including the filing of an application for approval of the Bonds with the Michigan Department of Treasury.

7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded to the extent of the conflict.

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members elect of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mecosta at a regular meeting held on July 1, 2021, the original of which resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the provisions of the open meetings act.

Dated: July 1, 2021

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Marcee M. Purcell, Clerk  
County of Mecosta, Michigan

# Mecosta-Osceola County Department of Health & Human Services

## Joint Board Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2021

### PERSONS PRESENT:

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

### ABSENT:

Sally Momany, Osceola County Commissioner

The Meeting was called to order by Ms. Curtin at 9:03 am via teleconference.

Minutes from the April 27, 2021 meeting were reviewed and motion to approve made by Ms. Covey with support from Mr. Bluhm. Motion carried.

The Agenda was reviewed and motion to approve made by Ms. Covey with support from Ms. McBrien. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Nystrom provided update with COVID protocols at the County as it pertains to the recent directives coming from the State. Need to check with the individual Courts/Judges on their practices. Current County Declaration expires July 31<sup>st</sup>.

### LOCAL OFFICE ISSUES/Directors Report:

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

- Mecosta-Osceola County Program Manager, Monique Magee, introduced herself to the Boards.
- Closure of Muskegon River's Pathways.
- Volunteer Transportation Coordinator. Teaming with CMH to fund position.
- Continue to see positive results in the payments division with overdue-tasks.
- Redesign in Child Welfare. A local *Prevention Work Group* pilot started.  
[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)
- Commissioners Report presentation to the Mecosta and Osceola County Commissioners.
- Overview of Q2 Mecosta/Osceola county FY 21 goals.

### MCSSA:

- Ms. Covey updated Boards on Scholarship Award. Upcoming Conference in Traverse City in September. (details still developing)

### ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:46 a.m. Supported and carried. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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 Jennifer Schmidt, Acting-Director  
 Secretary to the Board

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 Carolyn Curtin, Osceola County Chairman

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 Janice Covey, Mecosta County Chairman

# **Mecosta County** Department of Health & Human Services

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## **Board Meeting Minutes**

May 25, 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 9:47 am via teleconference.

Minutes from the April 27, 2021 meeting were reviewed and motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Ms. McBrien with support by Ms. Haut. Motion Carried.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Nystrom provided update with COVID protocols at the County as it pertains to the recent directives coming from the State. Need to check with the individual Courts/Judges on their practices. Current County Declaration expires July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**FISCAL:**

**A. Financial Report:**

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

**COUNTY SPECIFIC BUSINESS:**

County Director Review completed. A motion was made by Ms. Haut for Recording Secretary, Darren Hengesbach, to sign review for members. Motion approved and carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Covey at 10:04 a.m. with support by Ms. Haut. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 10:00 am.

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Jennifer Schmidt, Director  
Secretary to the Board

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Janice Covey, Chairman

Darren Hengesbach, Recording Secretary



## Mecosta Osceola Transit Authority

18710 16 Mile Rd. P.O. Box 1116 Big Rapids, MI 49307

Phone 231-796-4896 Fax 231-796-4137 [www.motaonline.net](http://www.motaonline.net)

To Whom It May Concern,

June 11, 2021

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I submit my resignation as the City of Big Rapids representative of the Board of Directors for the Mecosta Osceola Transit Authority. It has been a pleasure to have served.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Mary J. Vogt', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Mary J. Vogt

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JUN 16 2021  
BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS

## Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The May 18, 2021 Commission Meeting of the Mecosta County Park Commission was called to order at the Mecosta County Services Building at 5:00 PM by the Commission Chairman, Mr. Stratton.

### Roll Call

**Members Present:** Mrs. Bradstrom, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Hatkowski, Ms. Miller, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Roels, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Stratton and Mr. Vogel. **Members Absent:** Mr. Johnson. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel - Superintendent, Mary Hansen - Assistant Operations Manager and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

### Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objection, the agenda stood approved with the addition of picnic table requests being added to Other Business.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to approve the minutes of the April 20th Park Commission meeting and May 13<sup>th</sup> Master Plan Committee meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

### Reports and Updates

#### Superintendent's Updates

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 15 current and completed projects, including:

**Phone VOIP Conversion** Our new provider will complete the porting of our numbers soon.

**FGC Septic** project has been completed.

**Brower Dragon Trail Parking Area** has been completed with the exception of directional signage and the kiosk installation.

**Randy's RV Pumping Contract** We have finalized a 2-year contract with Randy's Portables to provide pumping services to our camping guests in School Section Lake and Brower Parks weekly and Merrill-Gorrel Park, biweekly for a contract fee of \$750 annually.

**Unemployment Update** The unemployment agency has denied our initial request to be classified as a seasonal employer. We have submitted an appeal for re-evaluation after condensing the seasonal employment period by 2 days.

**Brower Water Level** We have been posting water condition updates each Monday. Some fishing boats and pontoons have been able to launch without issue this week.

**Benches, Grill and Handicap Ramp** installations at Brower Park have been completed. This includes 4 concrete pads for the Memorial Benches that were purchased this past winter.

**Year to Date Revenue Reports** - January 1<sup>st</sup> thru May 15<sup>th</sup> non-vehicle revenue is up almost \$300,000 and vehicle revenue \$40,000.

**Dragon Trail Updates** - Construction has resumed over the past 2 weeks. This year's trail build will connect Brower Park to Davis Bridge.

**Incident/Accident Reports** - 3 noise violations from Brower Park were reported.

**Correspondence** - Mr. and Mrs. Bakale have requested an exception to the refund policy. The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the request and resolved to remain consistent by following the cancellation policy as written.

## **Committee Actions**

### **Masterplan**

**Park Millage Results** - Review was completed, with Commissioners noting Townships with strong support or opposition. Necessary repairs and associated costs or costs for demolition need to be determined for un-maintained assets throughout the park system. An evaluation of current assets should be completed to determine which under-utilized assets can be sold to generate funds and reduce costs or be expanded to increase revenue.

**Parks Logo and Sign Color Scheme** - The Committee recommends the continued use of the parks millage logo to re-enforce the long-term goals of the Park Commission to offer residents enhanced day use park amenities. The Committee also recommends returning in-park signage colors to brown and white as they are stock colors with our vendors, fade less than the orange and green painted signs and require less overall maintenance time and costs. The commission members agreed with the committee recommendations.

**White Pine Valley Recreation Area** - The commission discussed the Master Plan Committee's recommendation to request that the County Board of Commissioners evaluate the condition of the cabin structure and vault toilet on parcel# 01 010 021 000 for proposed removal from the property due to safety concerns. The Commission would like to retain the current trail system on the property as available to the public, as it is currently being maintained by volunteers with minimal costs to the Park Commission. The Commission would like to close the group camping area of the property as other group and youth camping opportunities are available throughout the county parks system. The above recommendations were moved by Mrs. Bradstrom and supported by Mr. Vogel. The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

**Federal Aid Projects** - The Committee recommends completing a parks infrastructure analysis to develop a 5-year priorities list including cost estimates. It will be essential to include septic and drainage projects.

### **Personnel**

**Current Seasonal Staffing Update** - Currently 40 of 46 positions are filled.

**Assistant Operations Manager** - Mary Hansen was introduced to the Park Commissioners.

### **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 \$20,639.95, \$46,347.85, \$7,456.23 and \$14,900.68. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

**Public Comment:** None.

### **Other Business:**

**Next Meeting** - 5:00 PM, June 15, 2021 at the Mecosta County Services Building.

**Picnic Table Requests** – The commission evaluated the handling of requests by camping guests for extra picnic tables to be delivered to their campsites. It was determined that each campsite includes the use of one picnic table and that any additional picnic table's requested should be rented for a charge of \$10 per table for each day of use.

**Adjournment:** 6:25 PM

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
10:30 AM COUNTY BUILDING Conf Rm F and Zoom ID 608 471 9153  
June 17, 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:

- Building Permits are slowing down.

ZONING REPORT:

- Millbrook Township Special Use Permit: Ms. Stenger reviewed with the Committee a letter received from Millbrook Township in opposition to a sawmill SUP that had been approved by the Planning Commission. No formal appeal has been received and the permit for the sawmill was approved on June 7<sup>th</sup> following the Planning Commission approval on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The letter indicated they believed building had begun before a permit was issued. Ms. Stenger advised that a footing inspection was conducted on the pole holes for the building on June 8<sup>th</sup>. No building on the sawmill had been done to that point.
- Martiny Township Blight Complaint: Progress is being made on the matter.

FINANCIALS:

- Year to Date: The Committee reviewed the year to date financials and year to year for the month of April. Ms. Stenger noted that revenues continue to run significantly over 2020’s numbers.

MEMBER COMMENTS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jerrilynn Strong thanked Ms. Stenger for her work on blight enforcement.

Adjournment: 11:02 AM      Next regular meeting: August 19, 2021

EMS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
1:45 PM Conf Rm F and Zoom ID 608 471 9153  
June 17, 2021

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

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** The May 2021 billings, write-offs, and revenue were reviewed. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that contractual write-offs of \$130,598.08, non-contractual write-offs of \$3,340.04, and collections write-offs of \$11,653.14 be approved.**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Paramedic Program: Mr. Ladd advised that Great Lakes Paramedic Academy orientation will be conducted the last week in August and the classes will start in September. The program will run 14 months in a classroom provided by the Intermediate School District.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Paramedic Tuition Assistance Program: The Committee reviewed a proposal from the Director to implement a paramedic tuition assistance program. The program would allow for a grant of up to \$10,600 for tuition, in return for a commitment of 4 years of service as a paramedic. A grant of \$5,000 would require a commitment of 2 years of service. Failure to complete the program would require repayment to the County of the grant. If an employee who is granted the \$10,600 amount works two years the obligation for repayment upon leaving service would be reduced to \$5,600. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that a pilot program be authorized with up to 4 EMT's being granted tuition for the upcoming paramedic class with Great Lakes Paramedic Academy.**
- Uniform Request: Mr. Ladd requested permission to order polo type shirts for summer uniform wear. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that up to \$3,200 be approved from the uniform line item for polo shirts.**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

- FY 2020 Homeland Security Grant Planning Intergovernmental Agreement: Mr. Schroeder presented the agreement and requested that it be approved for Board signature. **The Committee will recommend to the Board that the agreement be approved for signature by the Chairperson.**

NEXT MEETING: 1:45 PM July 15, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: 2:28 PM

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners, held at the Roscommon County Municipal Bldg., 500 Lake St., Roscommon, Michigan on the 9th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Bob Schneider, Commissioner Dave Russo, Commissioner Marc Milburn and Commissioner Tim Muckenthaler

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Ken Melvin

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Milburn and seconded by Commissioner David Russo.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06-01**  
**OPPOSING MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE**  
**"BY APPOINTMENT ONLY"**

**WHEREAS**, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, recently stated Michigan residents will always need an appointment to conduct business at a Secretary of State branch office and suggested making this permanent change as an improvement in service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of State called walk in service at the branches an "antiquated, inefficient, take-a-number system that nobody liked"; the reality is that most people do want the option to walk into a branch office for service at *their* convenience; and

**WHEREAS**, not only Roscommon County residents but all residents of the State of Michigan should have the ability to renew and make changes to all necessary documentation timely and locally through services provided by the Michigan Secretary of State; that this change will significantly reduce the convenience of public services; and

**WHEREAS**, while some industry changes were positive during the Covid-19 pandemic and made sense, this will negatively impact rural counties, such as Roscommon, where residents are over fifty miles from kiosk services and a large majority of the population are over sixty years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, these changes have been established without input from constituents, who are directly affected by this sweeping change and web-based services, which completely replaces the need for walk in service at the branch offices, many older residents and those without computers or internet will simply be turned away at the Secretary of State door; and

**WHEREAS**, these changes will only continue to frustrate citizens who would just like their license renewed or to be able to sell a vehicle, without having to wait weeks or months for an appointment or even drive to a different service area to accomplish these simple tasks;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners hereby **STRONGLY** opposes 'By Appointment Only', but supports the value of BOTH online and walk in service and believes the best practice for flexibility and choice for the public is a hybrid model for Roscommon County residents and the entire State of Michigan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Senate and House leaders, and Michigan Association of Counties.

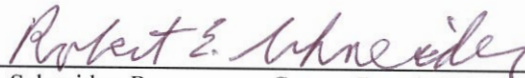
A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Bob Schneider, David Russo, Marc Milburn, Tim Muckenthaler

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**



Robert E. Schneider, Roscommon County Board of Commissioners Chairman



Michelle M. Stevenson, Roscommon County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN            )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF ROSCOMMON    )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Roscommon County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Michelle M. Stevenson, Roscommon County Clerk



## OFFICE OF THE OCEANA COUNTY CLERK

*Amy L. Anderson, County Clerk*

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### RESOLUTION OPPOSING COVID-19 VACCINE PASSPORTS

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Ms. Meyette to adopt the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, medical records and information are private and fall under protection provided by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, individual COVID-19 vaccination records are private health information which should not be shared by mandate; and

**WHEREAS**, so-called COVID-19 vaccine passports reduce individual freedom and will harm patient privacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food and Drug Administration has authorized the use of the COVID-19 vaccines under the "Emergency Use Authorization" (EAU), Section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and under this act the federal government cannot mandate (require) vaccination for people.

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) seeks to ensure that every resident in Oceana County who desires a COVID-19 vaccine can obtain one, but such vaccines are not mandated(required); and

**WHEREAS**, MDHHS acknowledges there are instances where an individual, along with their doctor, decide that being vaccinated may be unsafe; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan allows for medical, religious, and philosophical exemptions from vaccines; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to protect the fundamental rights and privacies of the residents of Oceana County.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Oceana County Board of Commissioners does not support or endorse COVID-19 vaccine passports.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, Senator Jon Bumstead, Representative Scott VanSingel, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

Roll call vote: Mr. Beggs - yes; Ms. Meyette - yes; Mr. Christians - yes; Mr. Morse - yes; Mr. Hardy - yes; Mr. Erickson - yes; and Mr. Walker - yes.

Motion carried.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by Oceana County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on June 10, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. in Oceana County, with a quorum present.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Amy L. Anderson".

Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

Dated: June 10, 2021

## LENAWEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RES#2021-18

**MICHIGAN SOCIAL WELFARE ACT  
Opposition to Gearing Towards Integration Proposal**

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shirkey's Gearing Towards Integration Proposal is not a public-private joint venture, but a wholly private managed care organization, leaving no role for the public management and oversight which is currently provided by our Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) system; and

**WHEREAS**, in the requirements for creating a new entity Senator Shirkey's proposal only outlines requirements to become a Medicaid Health Plan and is silent to all the roles and responsibilities of the current PIHP system (recipient rights, housing and employment supports, community collaboration, etc.) that are core to the social determinants of health, safety net role; and community collaborative work of the public system; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal does not eliminate any layers – Medicaid Health Plans will pick up the managed care functions from PIHPs at a much higher cost (15% versus 6%) and this money will be removed from the care our people are receiving today; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 116(b) of the Code (MCL 330.1116[b]) requires that the Department of Community Health shift primary responsibility for the direct delivery of public mental health services from the state to a community mental health services program whenever the community mental health services program has demonstrated a willingness and capacity to provide an adequate and appropriate system of mental health services for the citizens of that service area.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State Senate and House of Representatives to oppose Senator Shirkey's Gearing Towards Integration Proposal and subsequent changes proposed to the Michigan Social Welfare Act which would privatize the public mental health system and essentially eliminate the public safety net; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority as a public behavioral health system that provides necessary community safety net services and supports; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Dale Zorn (17<sup>th</sup> District), Representative Bronna Kahle (57<sup>th</sup> District), Representative Sarah Lightner (65<sup>th</sup> District), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration Senior Deputy Director Allen Jansen, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

**PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE** of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held Wednesday, June 9, 2021, in, Adrian, Michigan.

 A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Stimpson".
 

David Stimpson, Chair

 A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roxann Holloway".
 

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk



# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

## Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners RESOLUTION

### RESOLUTION OPPOSING GEARING TOWARDS PRIVATIZING MICHIGAN'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

WHEREAS, The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners has entered into an enabling resolution to create Kalamazoo County Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, dba Integrated Services of Kalamazoo, pursuant the Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, as amended (the Code), (MCL 330.1100 et seq.; MCL 330.12052); and

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, dba Integrated Services of Kalamazoo is a community mental health authority of the county of Kalamazoo, organized under terms of Section 204(a) of the Code, (MCL 300.1204(a)); and

WHEREAS, Section 116(b) of the Code (MCL330.1116(b)) requires the Department of Community Health shift primary responsibility for the direct delivery of public mental health services from the state to a community mental health services program (CMHSP) whenever the CMHSP has demonstrated a willingness and capacity to provide an adequate and appropriate system of mental health services for the residents of the service area; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Services of Kalamazoo as demonstrated such a willingness and capacity to provide a broad array of innovative, cutting edge, and community based mental health services for the over 30 years and is properly certified as a CMHSP under terms of Section 232(a) of the Code (MCL 300.1232(a)); and

WHEREAS, proposed state legislation known as 'gearing toward integration' would change the very nature of CMHSPs and make them simply another provider of a private managed care entity, which is a dramatic shift from what they do today; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes do not create a public-private joint venture, but a wholly private managed care organization, leaving no role for the public management/oversight, which is currently provided by our public Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) system, by eliminating the public PIHP system and dramatically reducing the role of the public CMHSP system; and

WHEREAS, proposed changes are silent to all the roles and responsibilities of the current PIHP system (recipient rights, housing and employment supports, community collaboration, etc.) that are core to health equity, the social determinants of health, community collaborative work, and the safety net role of the public system; and

WHEREAS, this proposal does not decrease complexity or improve efficiency in the mental health system as MHPs will pick up the managed care functions from PIHPs but at a much higher cost (MHPs have 15% administrative costs today vs 6% in PIHPs) these resources will be diverted from providing services to our people in need; and

WHEREAS, integration of physical and behavioral health care must begin and remain focused at the patient level rather than on financial integration, which will divert time, resources, and attention from current gaps in services and stabilizing the mental health workforce;



# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State Senator and House Representatives to oppose Senator Shirkey's Gearing Toward Integration Proposal and subsequent changes proposed to the Michigan Social Welfare Act which would privatize the public mental health system and essentially eliminate the public safety net; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners supports Integrated Services of Kalamazoo as a CMHP that provides the necessary community safety net, services and supports for youth, families, and adults with mental illnesses, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, State of Michigan, opposes moving our Community Mental Health System from publicly run to privately run; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Sean McCann (20<sup>th</sup> District), Representative Julie Rogers (60<sup>th</sup> District), Representative Christine Morse (61<sup>st</sup> District), Representative Matt Hall (63<sup>rd</sup> District), Representative Beth Griffin (66<sup>th</sup> District), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration Deputy Director Dr. George Mellos, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan Counties.

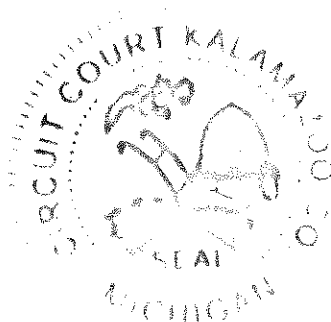
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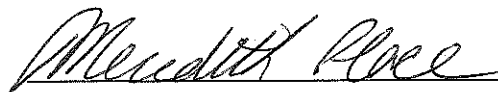
Moved            McKissak  
Seconded        Quinn  
Carried          Roll Call Vote: Yes (10): Bauer, Bruder-Melgar, Gisler, Hall, Heppler, McKissak, Quinn, Rey, Strebs, Tuinier; No (1): Shugars; Absent (0) None.

STATE OF MICHIGAN            )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO        )

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on June 15, 2021. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 17 day of June, 2021.



  
Meredith Place, County Clerk  
Kalamazoo County