

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 3, 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:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

L. Howard moved to approve the May 20, 2021 Board Minutes as presented. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

Jim Sandy – Mecosta County Economic Development Corporation – appeared before the Board as his last official visit to the Commission. Thankful for the opportunity to come to Mecosta County and work with the Board, Paul and Mindy. Thinks Mecosta County is in great shape moving forward and on the right track; will be around to help in any way he can. The Board thanked Jim for all his work with the Development Corporation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 PROSECUTOR'S COST ALLOCATION PLAN

J. Strong moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Consulting Services Agreement between Mecosta County/Prosecuting Attorney's Office and MGT of America Consulting, LLC. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.2 WHITE PINE VALLEY RECREATION AREA (PARIS)

Jeff Abel - Parks Superintendent – appeared before the Board to request consideration of closing the White Pine Valley Recreation Area to camping and removing the structures currently on-site due to safety hazards and liability.

W. Routley moved that the matter be referred to Building & Grounds Committee for review.
L. Howard seconded; motion carried.

6.3 2020 AUDIT REVIEW & ADOPTION

Paul Matz with Rehmann Audit Firm appeared before the Board via Zoom to review the results of the 2020 Audit. Mr. Matz highlighted various pages from the audit and answered Board questions.

J. Strong moved to accept and place on file the Mecosta County 2020 Audit. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

None

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Jury Trials - Administrator

R. Steinke moved that the Administrator be authorized to approve contracts of up to \$100,000 for the special expenses required to utilize Williams Auditorium for off-site jury trials and jury picks. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 1 nay [L. Howard]; motion carried.

Listed Bills:

R. Steinke moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$2,815,990.21 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$58,739.82. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

R. Steinke reported attending Brady Lake Meeting, Central Dispatch Meeting, Millbrook Township Meeting, Aetna Township Meeting, Deerfield Township Meeting, 2 - Finance Committee Meetings and today's Commission Meeting.

W. Nystrom reported attending District 10 Health Meeting, DHHS Board Meeting, Finance Committee, Sheriff & Jail Committee, Michigan Works Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

L. Howard reported attending Central Michigan Community Mental Health Finance & Regular Meetings and today's Commission Meeting.

J. Strong reported attending Security Committee, Chippewa Township Meeting 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 that the County continue to purchase vehicles, the Administrator and Undersheriff be tasked with developing a 3-year plan to rotate the older vehicles out of the fleet, and develop a list of 2021 proposed purchases for presentation to the BOC in 2 weeks. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

T. O'Neil moved to approve Capt. Wood's request to seek proposals to convert the MPR room to a 20-bed minimum security cell and redo the ceiling in the kitchen for consideration in the 2022 budget. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

W. Routley reported attending Area Agency West Michigan Executive Meeting, Sheriff & Jail Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paul Bullock reported on the following:

- Started discussing the American Rescue Plan with townships.
- Meeting with the judges this afternoon for fine tuning and planning the Williams Auditorium trials.
- Discussed all county First Responders being trained for mental health interventions.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

J. Strong moved to accept and place on file Communications #1-7, Minutes & Reports #1-4 and Resolutions #1-5. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Steinke adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 11:04 A.M.



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

Marilynn Bradstrom, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners