

UNAPPROVED

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**JANUARY 20, 2022**

Vice-Chair Jerrilynn Strong called the afternoon session of the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners to order at 3:00 P.M. 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: Jerrilynn Strong, Marilyn Bradstrom, Linda Howard, Ray Steinke, Tom O'Neil and Wendy Nystrom; William Routley present via Zoom.

Others present: Mindy Taylor, Finance Officer and Marcee Purcell, Mecosta County Clerk.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS:

R. Steinke moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of New Business 6.3 – Mecosta County Resolution 2022-02 Amending EMS Fee Schedule. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

R. Steinke moved to approve the January 6, 2022 Board Minutes as presented. L. Howard seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

William Routley, addressed the Board via Zoom, that he is in support of the candidate chosen to be the EMS Director.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**6.1 P.A. 116 – PARTIAL TERMINATION – RUSSELL ECKERT**

R. Steinke moved to approve the PA 116 Farmland Partial Termination request for Russell Eckert. L. Howard seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.2 2022 MECOSTA COUNTY COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS

M. Bradstrom moved to approve the 2022 Mecosta County Commissioner Appointments. L. Howard seconded; motion carried.

6.3 MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2022-02 AMENDING EMS FEE SCHEDULE

R. Steinke moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2022-02 – Amending EMS Fee Schedule. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Financial Reports/November 2021 – Finance Officer

R. Steinke moved that the November 2021 Financial Reports be accepted and placed on file. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

Other Business:

Sheriff Dept 2020 Tahoe

R. Steinke moved that the Administrator be authorized to sign any necessary paperwork with MMRMA for the insurance claim to total the 2020 Tahoe that was in an accident. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Listed Bills:

R. Steinke moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$1,210,857.57 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$93,306.23. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

R. Steinke reported attending Central Dispatch Meeting, Deerfield Township Meeting, Region 8 Meeting, MOTA Meeting, Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

EMS:

R. Steinke moved to approve the January 2022 write-offs of \$198,534.34, non-contractual write-offs of \$4,179.26 and collections write-offs of \$12,628.10. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

T. O'Neil reported attending Mecosta Township Meeting, Austin Township Meeting, Personnel Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

Personnel:

T. O'Neil moved to approve the Sheriff's request to bring a 5-year law enforcement veteran into the Sheriff's Department at the 3-year pay step per the previously approved Letter of Understanding. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

L. Howard reported attending Wheatland Township Meeting, Central Michigan Community Mental Health/Executive Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

W. Nystrom reported attending City of Big Rapids Meeting, MOTA Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

M. Bradstrom reported attending Green Township Meeting, Dragon Trail Executive Meeting, Finance Committee, Parks Meeting, EMS Interviews and today's Commission Meeting.

M. Bradstrom moved that the Administrator be authorized to offer Craig Johnson the position of EMS Director at the 4-year pay step, based on experience. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

J. Strong reported attending Road Commission Meeting, 2 Personnel Committee Meetings, Finance Committee, Fork Township Meeting, Martiny Township Meeting, Chippewa Township Meeting, Sheridan Township Meeting, Assessors Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Mindy Taylor reported that Round 2 of the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding was awarded to the 77th District Court in the amount of \$22,400. Requesting to accept the funding and authorize the Magistrate to sign any necessary paperwork. L. Howard so moved. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

Deb Magnussen – appeared before the Board – expressed her appreciation for their service. Has questions re: the company COA uses for travel groups and a resolution that she previously requested the Board to adopt re: the county being a free county.

Brian Harrison – AdvisaCare Home Health Care – appeared before the Board – and spoke regarding the effect the auto industry reform has had on home health care. Advocating for awareness of the crises that home health is not going to be available to those who need it; requesting the County adopt a resolution that urges the state to look at this issue and adopt/change what they may have overlooked in the 2019 legislation.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

Brook Baumann and Vicki Sawicki – Mecosta Conservation District – appeared before the Board to report on the Household Hazardous Waste Program and Invasive Species Program. Next year the collection will be held at Chippewa Hills Intermediate School.

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Linda Howard relayed to the Board that the Township Association Meeting is Monday night at Wheatland Township Hall – 6:00 potluck and 7:00 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

M. Bradstrom moved to accept and place on file Communications #1-2 and Minutes & Reports #1-3. W. Nystrom seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Steinke adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 3:33 P.M.



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

Jerrilynn Strong, Vice-Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners