

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**OCTOBER 20, 2022****UNAPPROVED**

Chair William Routley 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: William Routley, Jerrilynn Strong, Marilynn Bradstrom, Linda Howard, Ray Steinke, Tom O'Neil and Wendy Nystrom.

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

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS:

R. Steinke moved to approve the Agenda with an addition to Miscellaneous & Announcements – Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing on-going Union Negotiations. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

L. Howard moved to approve the October 6, 2022 Board Minutes as presented. M. Bradstrom seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**5.1 PROSECUTOR BY KARPEL CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

M. Bradstrom moved to approve the Addendum to Agreement between County of Mecosta and Karpel Solutions for Software Products, which will represent an additional \$4,000 per year (for 2 years) for two new interfaces. W. Nystrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:**6.1 PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #22-003**

Michelle Stenger, Zoning Administrator, appeared before the Board to present proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment #22-003, which will amend the Zoning Ordinance Map from R-1 (Rural Residential) to AG (Agricultural) per petition #PPC-039.

J. Strong moved to adopt Zoning Ordinance Amendment #22-003. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.2 2022 APPORTIONMENT LETTER & L-4022 COMBINED - EQUALIZATION

Shila Kiander, Equalization Director, appeared before the Board and gave highlights on the 2022 Apportionment Letter & L-4022. Shila noted they may need to revise the L-4022 due to a library proposal on the November ballot.

J. Strong moved to accept the 2022 Apportionment Letter and L-4022. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

Bryan Krogman & Emily Bongard – Central Michigan Community Mental Health - appeared before the Board and gave highlights from the 2021 Annual Report.

Emily Bongard – Supervisor at the CCMH - discussed the local efforts and collaboration between their office and the County of Mecosta and ended her report with a success story.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Parks Request for Resolution to DNR - Administrator

R. Steinke moved to adopt Mecosta County Resolution #2022-13 – MDNR Trust Fund Development Project Agreement. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Workers Comp Refund - Administrator

R. Steinke moved to approve the distribution of a Workers Comp refund as follows: \$59,890 to the General Fund and pro rata refunds of \$31,187 to Fund 210 EMS, \$494 to Fund 249 Building Dept. and \$7,536 to Fund 508 Parks. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Federal Revenue Sharing - Administrator

R. Steinke moved that the Administrator be authorized to complete the documentation to apply for funding through the Federal Revenue Sharing Program. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

Listed Bills:

R. Steinke moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$4,095,218.07 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$91,806.46. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Other Business:

R. Steinke moved to approve the Administrator's request to offer 3 Healthy Blue Living Plans with deductibles of \$250, \$500 and \$1,000 for 2023. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

L. Howard reported attending Wheatland Township Meeting, Central Michigan Community Mental Health Meeting, Substance Abuse Advisory Meeting/Lansing, Building & Zoning Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

J. Strong reported attending Road Commission Meeting, Sheridan Township Meeting, Finance Committee, Fork Township Meeting, Martiny Township Meeting, COA Meeting, Building & Zoning Committee, EMS Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

EMS:

J. Strong moved to approve the September 2022 contractual write-offs of \$37,328.12, non-contractual write-offs of \$1,742.54, and collections write-offs of \$8,446.66. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

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

M. Bradstrom reported attending Mecosta Development Corporation Meeting, POAM & TPOAM Negotiations, Parks Meeting, Finance Committee, Green Township Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

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

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

W. Routley reported attending Finance Committee, COA Meeting, City/County/Ferris Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paul Bullock reported on the following:

- Landfill testing was conducted in August on 3 wells. Well 1 had a detectable low level of zinc and a low level of arsenic – this is a monitoring well, not drinking water, but the number continues to come down when tested; the other 2 wells are pristine. No results for PFAS yet as those are taking longer; offered testing for next door neighbor and it was declined.
- Requesting changes in health insurance and benefits scheme for 2023: terminate option of AFLAC, instead offering Mutual of Omaha; change the vision benefits to EyeMed; and increase Flexible Spending to \$3,050 max for the year, with up to \$610 rollover. J. Strong so moved. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

None

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

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

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

L. Howard moved to go into Closed Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Return to regular Board Meeting at 4:52 p.m.

R. Steinke moved to ratify the contract with POAM Road Patrol Unit as presented in the tentative agreement discussed in Closed Executive Session. M. Bradstrom seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Mindy Taylor reminded all of the Budget Hearing Wednesday October 26th at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Steinke adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 4:58 P.M.



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

William Routley, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners