

**MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MARCH 2, 2023**

Chair Jerrilynn Strong 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: Jerrilynn Strong, Randy Vetter, Linda Howard, Ray Steinke, Tom O'Neil, Chris Jane and William Routley.

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

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

R. Steinke moved to approve the Agenda as presented. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

L. Howard moved to approve the February 16, 2023 Board Minutes as presented. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Rebecca Grant – appeared before the Board via Zoom – regarding a Special Use Permit. W. Routley advised the meeting for that issue will be the Planning & Zoning Meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m., with the same link for Zoom.

Keith Wood – Canadian Lakes resident – appeared before the Board regarding an incident that happened November 4<sup>th</sup> at Isabella Bank with the Sheriff Department; wanted to address concerns and see if the Board can assist with a Constitutional training for Sheriff Dept. employees.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**6.1 PARKS COMMISSION RESUBMISSION 2022 DNR TRUST FUND**

L. Howard moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2023-05 – MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application Approval. R. Vetter seconded; motion carried.

## **6.2 REAPPOINTMENT OF JURY BOARD MEMBER**

This matter is tabled to a future meeting to give time to find a replacement member for the Jury Board.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

### **SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:**

Vicki Sawicki – North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area – appeared before the Board and gave the 2022 Annual Report. Vicki noted 2 new YouTube videos on their website addressing Spongy Moth and Autumn Olive due to popular demand.

Ron McKean and Nicole Alexander - Our Brothers Keeper Shelter – appeared before the Board to give updates and changes at the Shelter. They are trying to only serve people in the Shelter from the counties served; 51% of intakes came from Mecosta County in 2022.

Ron also gave an update on where OBK is regarding a new facility (handout provided); working to pursue grants and discuss funding with other counties served.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

#### **Maps Proposal – Road Commission**

R. Steinke moved to approve a proposal to share the cost of new county maps with the Road Commission at a cost of up to \$926. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

#### **Proposed Amendment/Investment Policy – Finance Officer**

R. Steinke moved to approve an amendment to the Investment Policy that would add Local Governmental Investment Pools established by an interlocal agreement to Section 8.0 Authorized and Suitable Investments with immediate effect. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

#### **Recreational Marijuana Funding 2022 – Finance Officer**

R. Steinke moved that the Board take the next 2 months to consider possible community uses for the \$881,300.57 marijuana funding distribution, with a target for completion of May 18<sup>th</sup>.

C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

#### **Supplemental Secondary Road Patrol Allocation – Finance Officer**

R. Steinke moved that the Finance Officer be authorized to sign the acceptance of a supplemental SRP allocation of \$46,536. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

### **Listed Bills:**

R. Steinke moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$290,222.11 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$65,413.36. W. Routley seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

**Other Business:**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

W. Routley reported attending Dial-a-Ride Meeting, Finance Committee, AAAWM Meeting, Joint Dial-a-Ride/MOTA/MDOT Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

L. Howard reported attending DHHS Meeting, Central Michigan Community Mental Health Meeting, Sheriff & Jail Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

**Sheriff & Jail:**

L. Howard moved to approve a request from the Sheriff for 2 individuals to attend pilot and mechanic training at the Hovercraft manufacturer at a cost of \$5,150 from Special Revenue Fund 266 Dive. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

L. Howard moved to approve Sheriff Dept. grant applications to Walmart for \$3,500, AAA Traffic Safety for \$8,000 and Fremont Area Community Foundation for \$1,300. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

C. Jane reported attending State Rep/Senator Round Table Discussion, MAC HHS Committee Meeting, Sheriff & Jail Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

R. Vetter reported attending Building & Zoning Committee, Security Meeting, Sheriff & Jail Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

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

J. Strong reported attending Fork Township Meeting, Road Commission Meeting, Parks Meeting, Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Mindy Taylor reported on the following:

- On Monday a new Building Official will be starting – Mark Moss; last Monday, Annette Coles from the Register of Deeds office was hired as the Building & Zoning Administrator; did interviews for Permit Tech position yesterday and will probably offer a candidate the position tomorrow.
- Register of Deeds has requested to fill the vacancy in her office. R. Steinke so moved; C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

**PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:**

Debra Magnusson appeared before the Board and requested a list of all projects used with ARPA funds.

Keith Wood – appeared again before the Board to note he has evidence of the incident discussed earlier in the meeting if anyone would like to view.

**MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

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

C. Jane moved to accept and place on file Communications #1-3, Minutes & Reports #1-3 and Resolutions 1-5. L. Howard seconded; motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

J. Strong adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 10:59 A.M.

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

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Jerrilynn Strong, Chair  
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners