

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 16, 2023

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UNAPPROVED

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, Randy Vetter, Linda Howard, Ray Steinke, Tom O'Neil and Chris Jane; William Routley not present.

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 as presented. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

R. Vetter moved to approve the March 2, 2023 Board Minutes as presented. L. Howard seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

5.1 JURY BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

C. Jane moved to appoint Lynn Anderson to the Mecosta County Jury Board for a 6-year term.

R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

5.2 BOARD VACANCIES

R. Steinke moved to appoint Ronald Kaledas to the Building Board of Appeals for a 2-year term.

R. Vetter seconded; motion carried.

5.3 UNION POSITION TRANSFER – POAM CLERICAL STAFF TO TPOAM

R. Vetter moved to approve the Letter of Understanding between Mecosta County Board of Commissioners/Mecosta County Sheriff the Police Officers Association of Michigan Mecosta County Sheriff Dept Corrections Unit and the Technical, Professional, and Officeworkers Association of MI Mecosta County Public Employees with regard to moving Sheriff Dept Clerical positions from POAM to TPOAM Unit and authorized the Chair to sign. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 DRAIN COMMISSIONER 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Karla Miller - Drain Commissioner - appeared before the Board and gave highlights on the 2022 Annual Report.

R. Steinke moved to accept and place on file Mecosta County Drain Commissioner 2022 Annual Report. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

6.2 DNR TRUST FUND GRANT – MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2023-06

Jeff Abel - Parks Superintendent - appeared before the Board to answer questions on the MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application for Mecosta County Parks/School Section Lake Bathhouse & Playground Renovation project.

R. Vetter moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2023-06 – MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application Approval. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.3 MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION 2023-07 IVES DRAIN

L. Howard moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution 2023-07 – Resolution Pledging Full Faith and Credit for the Ives Drain Drainage District Drainage District Bonds, Series 2023 (General Obligation Limited Tax). R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Sheriff Vehicle Purchase - Administrator

R. Steinke moved to approve the bid from Berger Chevrolet for 2 Tahoe patrol vehicles at a cost of \$39,807/vehicle. T. O'Neil seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Juvenile Court Basic Grant Amendment – Juvenile Officer

R. Steinke moved to approve an increase in the State Basic Grant allocation from \$15,000 to \$56,520 for FY23 and the Chair authorized to sign the amended summary. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Deferred Comp 457 Options – Finance Officer

R. Steinke moved that effective January 1, 2024 the County no longer offer Deferred Compensation Plans with Lincoln National and Mass Mutual, due to low participation, and the MERS Deferred Compensation Plan be the sole employer-offered plan. T. O’Neil seconded; motion carried.

Listed Bills:

R. Steinke moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$738,560.37 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$224,628.49. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Other:

R. Steinke moved that Mr. MacKersie be authorized to submit a Letter of Intent to apply for the FY24 MVAA grant. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

R. Steinke moved that mileage reimbursement be allowed for meetings held in County buildings by other agencies to which a Commissioner has been appointed, as they are additional obligations and if held in any other building would result in mileage reimbursement. R. Vetter seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

R. Steinke moved that requests for funding from Marijuana Funds received from the State be accepted through May 1st, then a Committee of the Whole scheduled to review those requests. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

L. Howard reported attending Mecosta Village Meeting, Human Services Collaborative Meeting, Drain Committee and today’s Commission Meeting.

C. Jane reported attending today’s Commission Meeting.

R. Vetter reported attending Grant Township Meeting, Colfax Township Meeting, Green Township Meeting, Building & Zoning Committee and today’s Commission Meeting.

T. O’Neil reported attending Rogers Dam Meeting, Drain Committee, Aetna Township Meeting, Finance Committee, Mecosta Township Meeting, Austin Township Meeting, Building & Zoning Committee, EMS Committee and today’s Commission Meeting.

R. Steinke reported attending Millbrook Township Meeting, LEPT Meeting, Deerfield Township Meeting, 2 – MOTA Meetings, Hinton Township Meeting, Central Dispatch Meeting, Finance Committee, EMS Committee, Building & Zoning Committee and today’s Commission Meeting.

R. Steinke moved to re-appoint Marilyn Bradstrom to the MOTA Board for a 3-year term beginning 6/1/2023. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

EMS:

R. Steinke moved to approve the February 2023 write-offs of \$115,715.19, non-contractual write-offs of \$1,882.24 and collections write-offs of \$3,176.69. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

R. Steinke moved that Mr. Johnson's request to re-issue sealed bid proposals for one remount be approved. R. Vetter seconded; motion carried.

R. Steinke moved to approve Mr. Johnson's request to purchase replacement computer/monitor for each Station at a total cost of \$1,857. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

R. Steinke moved to approve Mr. Johnson's request to sign-up with the current credit card vendor to accept payments online at an additional cost of \$10/month and \$0.05/transaction. L. Howard seconded; motion carried.

J. Strong reported attending Maps Meeting, Finance Committee, COA Meeting, Parks/Master Plan, EMS/Emergency Management Committee, Rogers Dam Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

P. Bullock reported on the following:

- Probate Court hired a Court Recorder position and would like to start at the 1-year rate based on experience; requesting the Board concur with Judge's recommendation. C. Jane so moved. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.
- Attorney General's Office is working on the next 4 Opioid settlements; requesting permission to file as Designated Representative for the County to participate in all 4 settlements and any subsequent as approved by the Attorney General. C. Jane so moved. R. Vetter seconded; motion carried.
- MAC Conference is April 24, 25, 26 in Lansing at the Radisson; is the Board going to approve participation? R. Steinke moved to approve Board participation at the MAC Conference in Lansing at the above-mentioned dates. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.
- Noted meetings attended in the last month.
- Discussions with Karen Moore, Indigent Defense, advised Standard 8 states attorneys must be paid on an hourly basis. MIDC has asked State for additional funding, and it has been granted; State is covering mandates to this point.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

C. Jane moved to accept and place on file Communications #1-4, Minutes & Reports #1-3 and Resolutions #1-7. R. Vetter seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Strong adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 3:51 P.M.



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

Jerrilynn Strong, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners