

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 4, 2023

UNAPPROVED
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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: Paul Bullock, County Administrator, 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:

R. Vetter moved to approve the April 20, 2023 Board Minutes as presented. L. Howard seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Deb Magnussen – Green Township resident – appeared before the Board regarding the Gotion project; gave a handout with questions to Board members.

Debra Dygert – Mecosta Township resident – appeared before the Board regarding the Gotion project and concerns of misinformation spreading around.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 2024 TREATMENT COURT GRANT – 77TH DIST COURT PROBATION

C. Jane moved to approve the 2024 Treatment Court grant application and budget for 77th District Court Probation. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.2 AAAWM CONTINUATION OF FUNDING CONTRACT - COA

W. Routley moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the AAAWM Continuation of Funding contract FY 2024. L. Howard seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.3 MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2023-09 – 2023 MILLAGE RATES FOR GENERAL FUND BUDGET

R. Steinke moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2023-09 – 2023 Millage Rates for General Fund Budget. R. Vetter seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

None

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Listed Bills:

R. Steinke moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$1,067,283.02 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$91,136.74. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Other Business:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C. Jane reported attending MAC Conference, WCMCA Meeting, Sheriff & Jail Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

L. Howard reported attending MAC Conference, WCMCA Meeting, Sheriff & Jail Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

Sheriff & Jail:

L. Howard moved to approve the Sheriff's request to join the West Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium for \$2,400 annual membership fee. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

L. Howard moved to approve the Sheriff's request to apply for 2 grants from Consumers Energy for \$8,000 and TC Energy for \$10,000. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

L. Howard advised there will be a Sheriff Dept Employee Appreciation picnic on 5/17/23 and all Commissioners are invited to stop by between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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

W. Routley reported attending MAC Conference, Dial-A-Ride Meeting, Finance Committee, WCMCA Meeting, AAA West Michigan Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

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

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

J. Strong reported attending MAC Conference, WCMCA Meeting, Finance Committee, Board of Review, AAA Annual Meeting, Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency Meeting, AAA Meeting, Chippewa Township and today's Commission Meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paul Bullock reported on the following:

- Requesting permission, on behalf of Bob Cassidy, to post a Maintenance Asst Supervisor vacancy at the COA Building. R. Steinke so moved. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.
- Gotion has withdrawn the request for rezoning, so that will not be on the Planning Commission's agenda tonight. They will be pursuing the project with the current zoning, concentrating on finalizing ownership of the land and construction.
- Provided the Board with a list of requests for the 2022 marijuana excise tax money; how would you like to proceed? The Board is looking for further descriptions and dollar amounts from requestors. Committee of the Whole workshop to review requests will be scheduled for 6/21/23 at 1:00 p.m. in Conf. Rm F/Services Building.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

Patti Downey – Big Rapids Township resident – addressed the Board regarding the Gotion project; requesting they consider what is happening to the community over this project.

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

C. Jane moved to accept and place on file Communications #1-6, Minutes & Reports #1-3 and Resolutions 1-3. R. Vetter seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Strong adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 10:40 A.M.



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

Jerrilynn Strong, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners