

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 5, 2023

UNAPPROVED

CP 3-1

Chair Jerrilynn Strong called the morning session of the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners to order at 10:00 A.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, Linda Howard, Ray Steinke, Tom O'Neil, and Chris Jane.

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 the addition of 3.2 – September 21, 2023 Closed Executive Session Minutes. P. Bullock informed the Board of the need to go into Closed Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss contract negotiations. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

R. Steinke moved to approve the September 21, 2023 Board Minutes as presented. L. Howard seconded; motion carried.

L. Howard moved to approve the September 21, 2023 Closed Executive Session Minutes as presented. R. Steinke seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

R. Vetter arrived at 10:03 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

**6.1 MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2023-13 – OPPOSING LEGISLATION
PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENT**

C. Jane moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2023-13 – Opposing any Legislation Preempting Local Control for Solar and Wind Developments. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

**6.2 MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2023-14 – APPRECIATION OF SERVICE
SCOTT SCHROEDER – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

C. Jane moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2023-14 – Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Schroeder in Appreciation for Service. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.3 MICHIGAN DRUG COURT GRANT PROGRAM AWARD FY24 – SOBRIETY COURT
Jacob Buse and Chip Whaley appeared at the Board Meeting to answer any questions regarding the FY24 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program [Sobriety Court].

R. Steinke moved to accept and approve the \$98,000 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program award for FY24. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

None

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Housing Rehab Program Income – Administrator

R. Steinke moved that the Administrator be authorized to submit the Program Income Certification to the State along with the unused amount of \$86,745.08. R. Vetter seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Budget Alteration Requests/Various – Finance Officer

R. Steinke moved to approve the various budget alteration requests for Probate Court 101-148, Elections 101-262, Sheriff's Admin and Corrections 101-301, Dare SR 258, Township Law Enforcement SR 261 and Jail Maintenance SR 264. R. Vetter seconded; motion carried.

Budget Amendment Request Animal Control – Finance Officer

R. Steinke moved to approve a budget amendment request from 101-430, requesting an additional \$4,600 from Unreserved Contingency to cover vacation payoff. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Budget Amendment Request SR 265 Drug Law Enforcement – Finance Officer

R. Steinke moved to approve the budget amendment request from SR 265 Drug Enforcement to account for a \$6,000 donation and purchase of optical sights. R. Vetter seconded; motion carried.

Listed Bills:

R. Steinke moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$1,798,980.82 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$81,711.37. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

L. Howard reported attending Tri Lakes Meeting, DHHS Meeting, Central Michigan Community Mental Health Meeting, Economic Development Corporation Meeting, MAC Conference, Michigan Works Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

Linda noted a presentation of Axon car and body recording system from the Sheriff & Jail Committee.

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

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

J. Strong reported attending Mid Michigan Community Action Meeting, Compensation/Regular AAA Meeting, Finance Committee, Chippewa Township Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paul Bullock reported on the following:

- Newaygo County will be hosting WCMCA Meeting on 10/30 at the Pavilion at Waters Edge; needs to know who will be attending.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

C. Jane moved to accept and place on file Communications #1-2, Minutes & Reports #1-3 and Resolutions #1-2. R. Vetter seconded; motion carried.

At 10:31 a.m. C. Jane moved to go into Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

10:48 a.m. – return to regular meeting.

R. Vetter moved to approve the Letters of Understanding for the POAM, TPOAM and Teamsters Union contracts regarding changes for the healthcare policies offered to employees for calendar year 2024 and the negotiated addition to the Bereavement Leave language. R. Steinke seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

R. Steinke moved that P. Bullock be authorized to extend the addition to the Bereavement language to Non-Union employees. R. Vetter seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Steinke moved to adjourn to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 10:52 A.M.



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

Jerrilynn Strong, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners