

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

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UNAPPROVED

Chair Ray Steinke 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: Ray Steinke, Randy Vetter, Jerrilynn Strong, Linda Howard, 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:

J. Strong moved to approve the Agenda as presented. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

L. Howard moved to approve the January 18, 2024 Board Minutes as presented. R. Vetter seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 MDOT SPECIALIZED SERVICES GRANT FY 25 COA

J. Strong moved that Commission on Aging be authorized to apply for the MDOT Specialized Services Annual award of \$40,308, which will provide \$21,325 for van operations and \$18,983 for volunteer mileage reimbursement for the transportation program. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

6.2 UNITED WAY - INCLUSION STATEMENT - COA

J. Strong moved to adopt the following Inclusion Statement, as requested by United Way, to enable the COA to participate in their grant funding: "The County of Mecosta recognizes the value of all individuals. We embrace the characteristics which make us unique and provide equal opportunities for all in regard to services and employment." C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 6 yeas, 1 nay [Howard]; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

Eric Karbowski – MSU Extension – appeared before the Board to give an update on current happenings and introduce Renee Sanders and Maribel Richards.

Renee Sanders – Snap Ed Program Director – appeared before the Board to introduce herself and report on current happenings with her program (provided handout).

Maribel Richards – Michigan Vaccine Program Instructor – appeared before the Board to introduce herself and report on current happenings with her program.

Chris Embery – Isabella County Commissioner – appeared before the Board to give an update on Materials Management. Isabella County wants to invite Mecosta to join together to develop a multi-county materials management regional facility. Chris shared an outline of ideas and accomplishments to date and benefits of collaboration.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:**Financial Reports – November 23 – Finance Officer**

W. Routley moved that the November 2023 Financial Reports be accepted and placed on file.

J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

Listed Bills:

W. Routley moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$820,162.81 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$82,221.51. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Other Business:**Opioid Settlement Funds**

W. Routley moved that the Administrator be authorized to work with the District Health Department #10 on a proposal for third-party administration of the funds. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

L. Howard reported attending Township Association Meeting, DHHS Meeting, Central Michigan Community Mental Health Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

C. Jane reported attending MAC Meeting, DHHS Meeting, Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

R. Vetter reported attending Township Association Meeting, Security Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

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

W. Routley reported attending Area Agency on Aging/Administrative Meeting, Finance Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

Bill gave a report on Area Agency on Aging.

J. Strong reported attending Mid-Michigan Community Action Meeting, Finance Committee, Fork Township Meeting and today's Commission Meeting.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paul Bullock reported on the following:

- Angels of Action and Hope House appropriations will be going out soon.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

R. Vetter moved to accept and place on file Communications #1-6 and Minutes & Reports #1-3.

C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

This afternoon is employee appreciation at 1:00 at the Courthouse in District Courtroom.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Steinke adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 10:44 A.M.



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

Ray Steinke, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners