

MECOSTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

UNAPPROVED

APRIL 4, 2024

CP 3-1

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 with the addition of Unfinished Business – 5.1 Tax Advisory Committee Appointment. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

L. Howard moved to approve the March 21, 2024 Board Minutes as presented. R. Vetter seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

5.1 TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

L. Howard moved to appoint Dave Hamelund to the Tax Advisory Committee as the County Representative. J. Strong seconded; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

**6.1 MECOSTA CONSOLIDATED CENTRAL DISPATCH AUTHORITY –
9-1-1 EMERGENCY DISPATCH SURCHARGE FUNDING PROPOSAL**

C. Jane moved to adopt and place on file Mecosta County Resolution #2024-06 – 9-1-1 Emergency Dispatch Surcharge Funding Proposal, which will appear on the August 6, 2024 Primary ballot. R. Vetter seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

6.2 PROPOSED LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING – TEAMSTERS

J. Strong moved to approve the Letter of Understanding between the County of Mecosta and Teamsters Local 214 in regard to uniforms for EMS medical staff. W. Routley seconded; motion carried.

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE:

None

FINANCIAL MATTERS:**Probate and Family Court Appointed Attorney Contract Proposal – Judge Thompson**

W. Routley moved that the Board concur with the new Schedule of Fees for all services rendered after April 14, 2024 in the Probate and Family Courts. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Prosecutor Request/Chief Asst Prosecutor – Prosecutor Petersen

W. Routley moved that the Board concur with the Prosecuting Attorney's request to start a new Chief Assistant Prosecutor at the Level 15 3-year step based on extensive experience in private practice. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Logo Apparel Policy – Administrator

W. Routley moved that the draft Logo Apparel Policy be placed on the April 18th Agenda. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

Dumpster Service/County Services Bldg – Building Superintendent

W. Routley moved to approve Bob Cassidy's request to not renew the Republic Services dumpster contract and switch to Sam's Disposal, without a contract, at \$165/month. C. Jane seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Listed Bills:

W. Routley moved to pay the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of \$1,134,741.67 and approve and pay non-approved vouchers in the amount of \$101,328.44. J. Strong seconded; roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried.

Other Business:**Marijuana Excise Tax**

W. Routley moved that a Committee of the Whole be held on May 14th at 2:30 p.m. in Conference Room F to determine a process for considering use of the marijuana excise tax funds. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

L. Howard reported attending Morton Township Meeting, Village of Mecosta Meeting, Morton Planning & Zoning Meeting, Central Michigan Community Mental Health Meeting, DHHS Meeting, Sheriff & Jail Committee and today's Commission Meeting.

Sheriff & Jail:

Linda gave a report on the Sheriff and Jail Committee Meeting; no action items.

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

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

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

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

J. Strong reported attending Mid-Michigan Community Action Meeting, Fork Township Meeting, Martiny Township Meeting, Martiny Annual Meeting, Finance Committee, Area Agency on Aging Meeting, Sheriff & Jail Committee, Chippewa Township Meeting, Sheridan 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:

- County Clerk's office vacancy – J. Strong moved that the County Clerk be authorized to fill the Chief Clerk vacancy within her office. L. Howard seconded; motion carried.
- Will be attending the Ferris legislative luncheon on 5/15 in Lansing.

PUBLIC MATTERS & COMMENTS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS, MINUTES & REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS:

J. Strong moved to accept and place on file Communications #1-6, Minutes & Reports #1-4, and Resolutions #1-4. C. Jane seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Steinke adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting or call of the Chair at 10:22 A.M.



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

Ray Steinke, Chair
Mecosta County Board of Commissioners