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Monthly News from the
Livingston County Commissioners



December 2021

Livingston County Board of Commissioners



- District 1 - Martin Smith
- District 2 - Carol Sue Reader
- District 3 - Wes Nakagiri
(Board Chairman)
- District 4 - Douglas G. Helzerman
- District 5 - Jay R. Drick
- District 6 - Mitchell Zajac
- District 7 - Carol S. Griffith
(Board Vice-Chairwoman)
- District 8 - Jerome Gross
- District 9 - Brenda Plank

Monthly Meetings

All meetings are in-person, but have a Zoom participation option.

- Via Zoom (on-line meetings):
<https://zoom.us/j/399700062?pwd=SUdLYVFFcmozWnFxbm0vcHRjWkVlZz09>
- Via the Zoom app - **join a meeting**,
meeting number: **399 700 0062**
Enter the password: **LCBOC**
(ensure there are no spaces before or after the password)
- Dial by your location: +1 929 205 6099
Meeting ID: **399 700 0062**
Password: **886752**

- 12/20/2021 - Infrastructure and Development & Public Safety Meeting at 5:30 PM
- 12/22/2021 - Finance Committee Meeting at 7:30 AM
- 12/27/2021 - Full Board Meeting at 5:30 PM

"The mission of Livingston County is to be an effective and efficient steward in delivering quality services within the constraints of sound fiscal policy. Our priority is to provide mandated services which may be enhanced and supplemented to improve the quality of life for all who work, reside, and recreate in Livingston County."

The Board Adopts The 2022 Livingston County Budget

The Board of Commissioners approved the 2022 Fiscal Year Budget on December 13th. The General Fund budget comprises \$53.6 million of a \$102.4 million total budget. Just over \$792,000 in capital improvements is planned for 2022 and \$650,000 is appropriated for an additional payment to MERS for the County's pension plan. Livingston County will continue to operate with the lowest County millage rate in the state and the County's AAA bond rating was reaffirmed by Moody's. Only 3% of all counties in the United States have earned this designation! The County will enter 2022 on solid financial footing and we will continue to act prudently on behalf of our citizens. The creation of the County budget is truly a collaborative effort. Thank you to all the County employees that worked hard to assist in the creation of a balanced and responsible 2022 budget.

Final Call For Broadband Survey Responses

The County's Resident Broadband Survey is only open for two more weeks and we need your help to improve our number of resident responses. "Our broadband survey is still open and we continue to receive helpful planning responses from our residents and businesses. We have been very successful so far, but the more responses we get, the greater the accuracy for future planning phases," said Chief Information Officer Kristoffer Tobbe. We hope to receive as many resident responses as possible to ensure we have a clear picture of service in our area. Some areas that would benefit from additional resident responses include Cohoctah, Deerfield, Conway, Putnam, Marion, and Hamburg Townships. Municipalities and local organizations in these areas can make a large impact by encouraging their residents to participate. The survey is open until January 1, 2022 at <https://www.merit.edu/livgov/>. All organizations are welcome to use the materials at <https://www.livgov.com/communications/Pages/Resident-Broadband-Survey.aspx> to spread the word about the survey. Thank you to all of our local partners who have so consistently shared this message. Your help is deeply appreciated and has definitely contributed to the County's high response rate, which is setting records. Over 4,500 households in our community have taken the survey, which made the responses the County received statistically significant earlier on in the survey timeline than expected.

Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners

- The Courts will be submitting an application for the 2022 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant, which is administered by the Michigan State Police, in the amount of \$150,000.
- The Airport's grant agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation under the FAA 2021 CRRSAA Act has been approved. The Airport will receive \$23,000 from the grant for operation expenses.
- The Health Department's agreement with The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to conduct environmental health related services has been approved. EGLE will reimburse the Health Department \$138,063 for the covered services.
- EMS will be utilizing the MITN contract with Boundtree Medical for medical supplies for an amount not to exceed \$153,000 for 2022.
- EMS will also utilize contracts with Henry Schein, McKesson Medical-Surgical, and Medline Industries to purchase medical supplies.
- A contract for janitorial, maintenance, and lawn care for Community Mental Health at a cost of \$8,018.42 a month has been approved.
- The Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court have both accepted \$50,000 through the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant for operation and expansion costs.
- The Board of Commissioners have reauthorized temporary COVID-19 leave benefits for eligible County employees in 2022. The leave grants up to fourteen calendar days of leave. The benefits will automatically terminate on December 31, 2022, or upon action by the Board of Commissioners, whatever date is soonest.
- Livingston County has retained the law firm of Cohl, Stoker & Toskey as civil counsel for the County and its various departments since 1980. A contract amendment with the law firm has been authorized for a fixed fee increase of 4%.
- Renovations to the Historical Courthouse will be made as the County Clerk's Election Division will utilize a workspace in the ground floor. The renovations will result in increased workflow productivity and security for Elections. Facility Services and the County Clerk have worked in conjunction to design a highly functioning and secure space to be completed utilizing existing contracts for construction services and furniture through John Stewart General Contractors and MarxModa. Facility Services and County Clerk Elections Division would like to move forward with the project to renovate the space at a cost not to exceed \$110,299 which includes a 10% contingency.
- Livingston County has adopted the Municipal Employee's Retirement System of Michigan Define Contribution Retirement Plan to be applicable to all eligible non-union employees hired on or after January 1, 2022. The County will contribute 4% of MERS includable wages for the Plan Year. If a Participant contributes a percentage of includable wages for the Plan Year, the Employer shall make a matching contribution of up to 4% of includable wages for the Plan Year on behalf of that Participant.
- The removal and replacement of the foam agent used in the foam fire suppression system in EMS' hanger will be completed soon. The estimated cost of the repairs is \$39,900 and will be billed to The University of Michigan per the current lease agreement.
- Jason Schrock has been appointed to the Livingston County Planning Commission with a term expiring October 31, 2024.
- The Board of Commissioners have granted a property easement to the City of Howell for the purpose of constructing restroom facilities. The property is located at the corner of Clinton Street and Court Street in downtown Howell. The City of Howell will be responsible for all construction cost associated with the project as well as ongoing maintenance to the facility.