



# Liv.Co UPDATE

Monthly News from the  
Livingston County Commissioners



August 2020

## Livingston County Board of Commissioners

District 1 - Kate Lawrence  
*(Board Vice-Chairwoman)*

District 2 - William Green

District 3 - Wes Nakagiri

District 4 - Douglas G. Helzerman

District 5 - Vacant

District 6 - Robert J. Bezotte

District 7 - Carol S. Griffith  
*(Board Chairwoman)*

District 8 - Jay Gross

District 9 - Gary Childs

*"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."*

## Livingston County Welcomes Nathan Burd, County Administrator



We are proud to welcome Nathan Burd to our Livingston County team as County Administrator. Nathan joined the County on July 27, 2020 after previously working as the City Administrator at the City of Adrian and Village Administrator in Wolverine Lake. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from The Ohio State University and a Master's Degree in Management from Mount Vernon

Nazarene University. Before relocating to Michigan, he held various positions in state, county, and municipal government in his home state of Ohio, including serving as Director of Public Service for the City of Reynoldsburg.

Nathan found his way to government work through his interest in his local community. Back in 2003, he attended a City Council meeting with no agenda other than to find out more about his local government. Over the next few years, he would go on to chair that city's Charter Review Commission and serve as a volunteer on several other city boards. In 2009, he was elected to an at-large City Council position and was appointed by his colleagues to the position of President Pro Tempore in 2012. Whether as a volunteer, Elected Official, or staff member, he has found working in local government to be immensely rewarding and impactful. He particularly enjoys partnering with other to improve his community, while placing a strong emphasis on ethical leadership, transparency, and collaboration.

Nathan recently moved to Hartland with his wife, Jolene, and their four children. In his free time, he enjoys being with his family, reading, being outdoors, and following sports, especially college football! Livingston County warmly welcomes Nathan and looks forward to working with him to accomplish great things for our community.

## Monthly Meetings

All meetings will be held via Zoom. The public may attend:

- Via Zoom (on-line meetings):  
<https://zoom.us/j/3997000062?pwd=SUdLVVFFcmozWnFxbm0vcHRjWkVIZz09>
- Via the Zoom app - **join a meeting**, with 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 US (New York)  
Meeting ID: **399 700 0062**  
Password: **886752**

8/5- Finance Committee at 7:30 AM,  
Full Board Meeting after Finance

8/10 - Full Board Meeting at 7:30 PM

8/11 - Census 2020 Complete Count  
Committee at 1PM

8/17- Infrastructure & Development  
& Public Safety at 7:30 PM

8/19 - Finance Committee at 7:30  
AM, Personnel Committee after  
Finance followed by Full Board  
Meeting

8/24 - Full Board Meeting at 7:30 PM

## Census Enumerators To Start Visiting Homes August 11th

Livingston County continues to have a great response rate for the 2020 Census. At 80.3%, the county is #1 in the state and #12 in the nation for our number of responses. Starting August 11th, Census Enumerators will be visiting homes that haven't responded to the Census. The Enumerators will ask the household to respond to the Census at the time of the visit. The questions are easy, quick, and all answers are protected by law. Residents can avoid a home visit by completing the Census online at [www.my2020.census.gov](http://www.my2020.census.gov) or calling 844-330-2020.



## Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners

- A Full-Time QI/Education Specialist and Full-Time Road Supervisor position were approved for the Emergency Medical Services Department.
- The Treasurer will close out the Michigan Works Special Revenue Fund 277, utilizing a portion to pay back a General Fund loan and transferring the rest to the General Fund. Residual funds are the result of years of accumulated charges for services.
- A 2019 Fiscal Year Deficit Elimination Plan has been created and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury. The deficit in funding was the result of a timing difference between recognition of expenditures incurred and actual transfer in of funds to cover the expenditures.
- The Board approved the Health Department's 2020 Plan of Organization. A Plan submission is required for the state accreditation process for local public health agencies.
- The Airport has been awarded a grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation under the FAA CARES Act to fund operation expenses in the amount of \$30,000.
- The Michigan Aeronautics Commission awarded a grant to the Airport for crack sealing and the rehabilitation of Taxiway A, B, C, and Terminal Apron.
- Dan's PC Solutions LLC has agreed to an additional two year lease of the old Airport Terminal Building.
- Gartner, Inc will provide Information Technology with one year of assistance and advisement of technical projects, polices, and procedures.
- Information Technology will apply for Microsoft Partner Investment Engine funding, which would allow the County to assess and try a proof of concept of Microsoft's Azure Cloud infrastructure.
- Livingston County Courts will apply for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program to receive reimbursement funds.
- The Livingston County 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan, which compiles department project requests and allows the Board to prioritize needs and plan for fiscal requirements, has been approved.
- The Board approved a Revised Livingston County Survey and Remonumentation Plan to continue the Survey and Remonumentation program with the State of Michigan.
- In order to ensure the County receives sound advice for administering employee health care and benefits, the current agreement with Aon Hewitt has been extended until the end of the year.
- For the August 4th Primary Election, the Livingston County Clerk entered an agreement with Iosco Township and Unadilla Township to establish an absent voter counting board to count the absent voter ballots for their respective jurisdiction.
- The County will be applying for the First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program Grant and the Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program Grant for compensation for work and payroll expenditures related to COVID-19.
- Juvenile Court will apply for Michigan Department of Health and Human Services grant funding to enhance legal representation in child protective proceedings and to support court data system enhancements.
- The Livingston County Community Mental Health Service will provide behavioral health services through a joint pooling of resources from local providers for children who are residents of Livingston County.
- The Juvenile Drug Treatment Court has entered into a temporary contract for attorney services with William Livingston until September 30, 2020 due to resignation of the previous contract holder.
- Emergency Management applied for and received a federal grant award for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program to support the Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- The Deerfield Tower VHF fire paging system is one of the main fire paging mechanisms in the Northeast portion of the county. It was destroyed when an A/C waterline ruptured. The paging system will be rebuilt and repaired.
- The Keefe Group will provide the Jail with inmate commissary and inmate banking services for 5 years, starting August 31, 2020.
- The Sheriff's Office has applied for the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning's 2021 State Traffic Enforcement Grant.