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Monthly News from the
Livingston County Commissioners



August 2022

Livingston County Board of Commissioners



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"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 County Welcomes Veterans Services Director, Ramon Baca



Livingston County is honored to introduce our local partners to Ramon Baca, our new Veterans Services Director. After serving 25 years as an Infantryman in the US Army, Ramon stepped into the Director position in mid-June this year. From Fire Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major, he served in every leadership position during his tenure. He was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) from 2005 - 2006 and 2007 - 2008, then to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) from 2010 - 2011, and finally to

Afghanistan again for Operation Freedom's Sentinel (OFS) in 2018. Ramon and his wife, Jennifer, call Howell home and have a daughter, Lillian, and son, Zachary. Please join us in wishing a warm welcome to Ramon and make a plan to visit the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new Veterans Services location on September 8th at 5 p.m. where you can meet Ramon and his hard-working team. The new Veterans Services Office is located at 1420 Lawson Dr.

Monthly Meetings

All meetings will be held in person and via Zoom

- Via Zoom (on-line meetings):
<https://zoom.us/j/3997000062?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**

9/6/2022 - General Government & Health & Human Services Meeting at 6:00 PM followed by the Asset Management Committee

9/12/2022 - Full Board Meeting at 6 PM

9/19/2022 - Courts, Public Safety, Infrastructure Development Committee at 6 PM followed by the Personnel Committee

9/26/2022 - Full Board Meeting at 6 PM

Kevin Eggleston Appointed As Facility Services Director



After spending 25 years with the County, Chris Folts, former Facility Services Director, retired earlier this month and the County wishes him well. Kevin Eggleston, Chris' former Deputy Director, has been appointed to the Director position and the County is honored to have his leadership. Kevin has worked for Livingston County since 2011, when he began as a Custodian/Mechanics Assistant. He's received two associate's degrees from Lansing Community College; one in HVAC and one in Energy Management. To round

out his education, he earned a bachelor's degree in Executive Management from Cleary University. When he's not in the office, Kevin enjoys traveling, scuba diving, snowboarding, turkey hunting, working on cars and home projects, and spending time with friends and family. He and his wife Stephanie live in Fowlerville with their dog and two cats. "I am honored to be chosen as a leader of such an astonishing and hardworking Facility Services team and look forward to creating an even higher standard of service that will be seen from this department. Our main goal is to continue ensuring safe, clean, and well-maintained parks and buildings which support all County departments and provide the highest quality of service for the public we serve," said Kevin.

Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners

- The Equalization Department will host an intern who will work part-time on a rotating basis between the County's Equalization Department and the assessing units of Genoa Township, Hartland Township, and Brighton City.
- Sparrow Hospital's Department of Pathology will provide medical examiner and forensic pathology services for the County for a period of three years at an estimated cost of \$459,071.
- Facility Services has identified the East Complex building's roof as being past its useful life expectancy and needing to be replaced. Bloom Roofing Inc. will complete the replacement for a total project cost not to exceed \$997,758. The new EPDM rubber roofing system will include new insulation to improve the thermal capacity of the building, which will reduce the operating cost and is more environmentally friendly.
- To move forward with the initial steps of considering moving the Brighton Court to the Judicial Center, Lindhout Associates will assess the Center's current space, recommend renovation strategies, and develop a cost estimate and feasibility study. The total cost of the study is \$24,250.
- The County has allowed the Livingston County Road Commission to provide a temporary compensating cut location on the County's West Complex Property to offset the fill that will be placed in the floodplain for Mason Road as the bridge on the road that crosses the Shiawassee River is replaced.
- The Prosecutor's Office has accepted the 2023 Crime Victim Rights Grant, which will fund 100% of the Crime Victim Rights Division.
- The Public Defender has accepted \$2,467,725.37 in funding from the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDF) to provide indigent criminal defense services for a year. \$1,523,536 was provided by the MIDF and \$944,190 was contributed by Livingston County.
- The Board of Commissioners have authorized the continuance of the non-union employees, Elected Officials, and Judges health plans and other benefits for 2023.
- The Board has amended a resolution regarding the selection and termination of non-elected Department Directors.
- The Sheriff's Office will receive \$63,984 in reimbursement funds from the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning for participating in the 2023 Secondary Road Patrol and Accident Prevention Program.
- The Sheriff's Office will participate in the State of Michigan - Office of Highway Safety Planning's State Traffic Enforcement Grant for year 2023 and will receive a maximum of \$28,541 in reimbursement funds.
- Mitch Dempsey, Environmental Project Manager, and Scott Barb, Principal Planner, have been reappointed for two year representative terms on the Huron River Watershed Council with expiration dates of August 31, 2024.
- Ottawa County Juvenile Detention Center will provide juvenile detention services for a year for Livingston County Courts at a cost of \$250 a day for detention bed rental, \$325 a day for residential treatment bed rental, and \$400 per psychological assessment.
- Emergency Management has submitted their 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant application to the Michigan State Police to be eligible for supplemental funding.
- EMS, the Sheriff's Office, and Central Dispatch have the need to provide uniforms and accessories for their personnel. Huron Valley Guns LLC will provide uniform outfitting services for new personnel or replacements for these departments for the term of five years.
- The Sheriff's Office will reorganize how their Central Records' staff are supervised by creating a Central Records Supervisor. Three part-time Office Assistant positions will be eliminated and one Central Records Supervisor will be created. The current Inmate & Jail Billing Specialist/Central Records Supervisor position will be changed to a Inmate & Jail Billing Specialist.
- Hartland Township has contracted with the Sheriff's Office for four years of law enforcement services, with the end date of December 31, 2025.
- Tyrone Township has extended their agreement with the Sheriff's Office for three years of law enforcement services with an end date of March 31, 2025.