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Monthly News from the
Livingston County Commissioners



December 2019

Livingston County Board of Commissioners



District 1 - Kate Lawrence

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District 4 - Douglas G. Helzerman

District 5 - Donald S. Parker
(Board Chairman)

District 6 - Robert J. Bezotte

District 7 - Carol S. Griffith

District 8 - Dennis L. Dolan
(Board Vice-Chairman)

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."

The Board Adopts the 2020 Livingston County Budget

The Livingston County Board of Commissioners recently approved the 2020 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$51,531,388. The County was allocated 5.0 mills by the County Tax Allocation Board and on the 5th of June, 2019, the Livingston County Board of Commissioners approved the Headlee rolled back millage rate of 3.3073 to support the 2020 General Fund Operations; .2925 to support Ambulance and; .1127 to support Veterans Services. Pursuant to state statute, the 2020 Budget was filed with the County Clerk for public viewing on November 15th. Along with the 2020 Budget, projected revenues and expenditures for Internal Service Funds, and authorized position changes were approved. A total of 9.38 positions will be authorized as of January 1, 2020. Finally, transfers of funds from the Capital Improvement Fund to departments for approved projects were authorized.

The Board Will Apply For Grant Funds To Assist Senior Nutrition

Community Outreach Services Corporation (COSC) has been operating the Meals On Wheels (MOW) program for the County since 1991, and is the sole provider of MOW for both Livingston and Western Oakland County. COSC currently operates out of Hartland Educational Support Service Center to administer, prepare, pack, and distribute the meals in the school's hallways. They have recently been informed that their space will be reduced, which will negatively impact the already over-capacity operation of the program. COSC has a need for a new permanent facility to operate the MOW program to the Livingston County community and has identified land in Hartland, Michigan to be owned by COSC for the operation of the MOW Program, and in the event of an emergency, to use the facility as a crisis center for food service. COSC has proposed a plan for the purchase of land and construction of a new facility for COSC to operate the MOW program and requires a financial commitment from Livingston County to be able to move forward with the project. The Board has authorized the County to apply for CDBG grant funds from Michigan Economic Development in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of constructing a new facility for COSC to administer MOW.

Monthly Meetings

12/9/2019 - Full Board Meeting at
7:30 PM

12/11/2019 - Personnel
Committee at 8:30 AM

12/16/2019 - Infrastructure &
Development & Public Safety
at 7:30 PM

12/18/2019 - Finance Committee
at 7:30 AM

12/23/2019 - Full Board Meeting
at 7:30 PM

1/2/2020 - Full Board Meeting at
7:30 PM

Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners & Appointments

- Significant changes in Federal rules and best practices have occurred since the last update of LETS' Drug and Alcohol policy, so the policy has been revised to remain in compliance. The Federal Transit Administration requires all transit systems to maintain a Drug and Alcohol Policy consistent with 49 CFR Part 655, as amended, as a condition of receiving Federal funding. The updated policy was distributed to all LETS employees and took effect on December 1st, 2019.
- Livingston County's current Medical Director is planning on retiring in early 2020. It has been determined that shared Medical Director services would be mutually beneficial for Washtenaw and Livingston County Health Departments. Expanding the responsibilities of Medical Director services to include both Livingston and Washtenaw Counties will result in a savings of overall expense for both counties, without sacrificing quality of service for either county. Livingston County is entering into an agreement to reimburse Washtenaw County our portion of the costs including salary and fringes.
- Resolution #2013-11-345 established the dog licensing fee structure for Livingston County, which included a \$20 late fee. The collection of this fee has been inconsistent over the years across the 18 local units and 2 county offices issuing dog licenses. The recent implementation of new licensing software in October 2018 included functionality that automatically assesses the late fee. This has added burden to our local unit Treasurers of enforcing a "County Policy" and upset several dog owners trying to comply with the law. Resolution #2013-11-345 has been amended to remove the dog licensing late fee from the County's fee structure.
- Resolution 2019-08-118 authorized entering into an agreement with Selectron Technologies to implement the Relay IVR upgrade and SelectTXT module to enhance the Building Inspection Department's customer service. An amendment was made to the original resolution correcting the initial upgrade cost and subsequent 5 year usage costs.
- The Courts have determined that adding and replacing cameras to the current system for additional video surveillance is a top priority. The Board authorized the purchase and installation of a camera system for the Judicial Center and Brighton Court from Identify, Inc. The project includes adding 21 cameras throughout the interior and exterior of the Judicial Center and 2 cameras in the Courtroom at Brighton District Court.
- Livingston County Central Dispatch, as a county-governed department operating as a 911 emergency dispatch center, is required per the E911 Service Plan to establish an Advocacy Oversight Board (AOB) with the purpose of providing input and advice as needed to the Central Dispatch Director on topics related to public-safety operations as they coincide with 911 policies and procedures. A committee was established by the AOB to review and update the existing AOB Bylaws. The Board has approved the revised AOB Bylaws and authorized the Bylaws to be implemented.
- The Board has appointed David Feldpausch as the new Livingston County EMS Director. This appointment came after the top two candidates were interviewed by the Acting County Administrator, the Sheriff, The County Public Health Officer, the Hartland/Deerfield Fire Chief, and the Human Resources Director.