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Monthly News from the
Livingston County Commissioners



January 2019

Livingston County Board of Commissioners

District 1 - Kate Lawrence

District 2 - William Green

District 3 - Wes Nakagiri

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."

2019 Board Of Commissioner Updates

Elections for Board Chair and Vice Chair were held at the January 2nd Board meeting. Donald Parker has been elected Board Chair and Dennis Dolan has been elected Board Vice Chair for 2019. The Board also welcomed new Commissioner Wes Nakagiri, who represents District 3. Livingston County wishes the best in retirement to Dave Domas, who served 22 years as a County Commissioner. You will find the 2019 Livingston County Board Meeting Calendar and Committee Distribution list attached with this newsletter.

2019 Operating Budget Approved

The 2019 Operating Budget has been approved by the Board. The budget is balanced and was prepared using conservative, yet reasonable estimates and assumptions. The \$50 million General Fund budget includes an estimated 4% increase in tax revenue and a 1% increase in State Share Revenue. The 2019 Operating Budget includes a 2% adjustment to the salary scale for most employee groups, step increases for eligible employees, as well as a 7.6% increase in employee benefit costs. There is \$500,000 budgeted specifically for an additional payment to pension in 2019. Also new in the 2019 Budget is the transfer of the oversight of Public Defender services from the Courts to the County.

Monthly Meetings

1/7/2019 - General Government &
Health & Human Services
Meeting at 7:30 PM

1/14/2019 - Full Board Meeting at
7:30 PM

1/16/2019 - Personnel
Committee at 8:00 AM

1/22/2019 - Infrastructure &
Development & Public Safety
at 7:30 PM

1/23/2019 - Finance Committee
at 7:30 AM

1/28/2019 - Full Board Meeting at
7:30 PM

New County Employee Recognition Program

A new county Employee Recognition Program has been established to recognize all of the hard work county employees contribute to the county's vital public services. Livingston County residents, employees, and department leadership can recognize employees that provide outstanding customer service by submitting a nomination form either online or a paper form. An Employee Recognition Committee will review all nominations and select an employee as the top nominee in each calendar quarter. The selected employee will be recognized at the annual State of the County Address, be featured in a county newsletter and website, and receive a certificate and token of appreciation.

Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners & Appointments

- 3-month extensions of substance abuse treatment services have been granted for the Specialty Courts Programs.
- The Board approved a contract with AvFuel Corporation to supply aviation fuel and services.
- Grant funding from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - Bureau of Medical Marihuana for education, communication and outreach has been approved.
- The 2019 State Grant Agreement, Grant Administrator, GPS Facilitator, and Surveyor contracts for the Remonumentation and State Plan Coordinate Determination of the Public Land Survey Corners in Livingston County has been approved.
- 9 month extensions for Felony Public Defender Contracts with a 25% increase have been authorized by the Board.
- The 2019 Memorandum of Agreement with MSU Extension was authorized.
- The Livingston County Employee Drug-Free Work Place Policy Statement and Personnel Manual have been amended due to the Passage of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act.
- The Livingston County Commissioners have taken a wage freeze since 2009 and have decided to continue to waive any increases for the years 2019 and 2020.
- A renewal agreement with ACC Business/AT&T for internet services has been authorized.
- Software maintenance renewals for 2019 have been approved to ensure continuity of technical support services and software upgrades.
- Renewal of software support for Fidlar Technologies has been approved.
- The Board signed a 2019 Administrative Services Agreement, Schedules, and Exhibits with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. The county contracts with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to administer health and dental benefits to its employees and retirees.
- A 4th quarter supplemental appropriation to the fiscal year 2018 budget was approved.
- The following appointments have been made to Livingston County Boards and Committees:
 - Stephan Crane has been appointed to the Livingston County Road Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2024
 - Barbra Spalding, Roxanne Garber, and Sharon Slaton have been appointed to the Community Mental Health Authority Board with terms expiring December 31, 2021
 - Tom Boylan, Tim Parks, Kurt Weiland, George Kilpatrick, John Hamlin, and Mike Kennedy have been appointed to the Building Construction Appeals Board with terms expiring December 31, 2020
 - Bob Bezotte and Joe Riker have been appointed to the Livingston County Veterans' Affairs Committee with terms expiring December 31, 2022

Pending Resolutions

- The Drain Commissioner is seeking approval to prepay and purchase notes issued by the Livingston No. 29 Drainage District.
- Car Pool will be requesting authorization to replace 11 vehicles, purchase 2 additional vehicles, and complete a budget amendment.
- The County Administrator will make a recommendation to the Board for the appointment of the Livingston County Public Defender Administrator.