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Monthly News from the
Livingston County Commissioners



July 2018

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."

Draft 2018 Master Plan Available for Public Review

The draft 2018 Livingston County Master Plan will be available for public review and comment for a 63 day period. This non-traditional county-wide plan is fully interactive and will be web-based. You can find the Master Plan, along with information about how to read the Plan and how to submit comments at <https://www.livgov.com/plan/Pages/default.aspx>. Please take a look at the new Master Plan and let us know what you think!

A Master Plan is a policy document that guides the physical development of a community and describes what a community wants to look like in the future. This newly drafted Master Plan is intended to be a flexible guide for decision making that will keep Livingston County progressing towards its vision for an outstanding quality of life for all residents. The process for drafting the Master Plan began in May 2015. Over the last three years, numerous hours of hard-work and public participation has gone into the plan contents. The plan was developed through research and analysis of demographics, land use, current planning trends, best practices, and policy suggestions.

The purpose and importance of creating a Master Plan is to create a more collaborative planning and zoning environment. Planning and zoning strategies are not nearly effective if they are practiced in a piecemeal fashion, municipality by municipality, throughout our county. All municipalities in Livingston County have their own master plan and a zoning ordinance. The county-wide Master Plan is intended to guide the content for the local municipal plans. If all Livingston County municipalities collectively implement similar planning and zoning strategies, we will have a greater total impact on our county environment. All 20 Livingston County municipalities can implement and benefit from the Master Plan's planning and zoning strategies. Any information found in the Livingston County Master Plan is meant to be duplicated in local planning and zoning documents. The duration of the plan will be approximately 10 - 15 years, with periodic updates.

Monthly Meetings

7/9 - Construction Committee at
6:30 PM followed by General
Government & Health & Human
Services at 7:30 PM

7/11 - Finance Committee at 7:30
AM

7/16 - Work Session & Full Board
Meeting at 7:30 PM

7/18 - Personnel Committee at 8 AM

7/23 - Infrastructure &
Development & Public Safety at
7:30 PM

7/25 - Finance Committee at 7:30
AM

Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners & Appointments

- The Board has approved the levy of the 2018 Allocation Millage. The apportionment of taxes for County operating purposes will be levied on the summer tax billing against the Taxable Valuation of the County at the rate of 3.3283. The Ambulance Millage and Veterans Relief Millage will be levied on the winter tax billing at the rates of .2944 and .1127.
- Plante & Moran, PLLC prepared and completed the audit of Livingston County's financial statements for 2017 and presented the Board with the audit on June 18th.
- 2 Your Door Cleaning, LLC has been awarded a 3 year contract for uniform cleaning services for the EMS Department, 911 Central Dispatch, Sheriff's Office, and the Health Department.
- The Board has concurred with the Livingston County Aeronautical Facilities Board to lease the old airport terminal building to Dan's PC Solutions, LLC. Dan's PC Solutions will use the building for sales, service, and repair of computer equipment.
- The Board has received and approved the Livingston County 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan. The Capital Improvement Plan has undergone an extensive 4 week review process by the Capital Improvement Plan Review Subcommittee. The review process consisted of a thorough examination of each department proposed project, analysis of the cost-benefit of each project in relation to the departmental project ranking criteria, and short-term versus long-term project costs. The Livingston County Planning Committee approved of the Capital Improvement Plan at their June 20, 2018 meeting.
- Putnam Township has elected to renew their contract with the Livingston County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services for a 3 year period.
- The Ottawa County Juvenile Detention Center will provide bed rental services for 3 years at their detention center for the Livingston County Juvenile Court.
- The County has extended their agreement with Aon Hewitt for employee benefits broker and consulting services for an additional one year period. Livingston County spends approximately \$8 million annually for health care and other benefits for its employees and retirees. In order to ensure that the County receives the most sound advice for administering this valuable benefit, the County continues to have a need for employee benefits broker and consulting services.
- L.E.T.S. will apply for a grant under the State of Michigan's Eight Million Dollar Michigan Mobility Challenge in partnership with the software firm, Kevadiya, Inc. L.E.T.S. would like to replace their scheduling/dispatching software with software that could support on-demand scheduling and real-time route optimization. Updated software could greatly improve the efficiency of L.E.T.S. while also allowing L.E.T.S. to coordinate transportation services with other transportation providers in and around Livingston County. The State's grant program was created to fund innovative, technology-driven transportation projects that would solve mobility gaps for seniors, persons with disabilities, and veterans in communities throughout the state.
- Claire Stevens has been appointed to a representative seat on the Livingston County Planning Commission with a term expiring October 31, 2018.
- D'n'A will provide the Livingston County Courts with drug and alcohol testing services for the period of July 3, 2018 to September 30, 2019 with a one year renewal option.
- Heystek Contracting, Inc. received an award for construction services for the County's Phase 1 improvements for Fillmore County Park. Due to the increased cost of construction since the grant budget was approved in 2016, a supplemental appropriation to the 2018 budget was approved to cover the construction services. Thank you to Genoa Township for their additional contribution of \$8,730 for funding of construction services.