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Monthly News from the
Livingston County Commissioners



March 2022

Livingston County Board of Commissioners



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(Board Chairman)

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(Board Vice-Chairwoman)

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District 9 - Brenda Plank

Monthly Meetings

All meetings will be held in person and via Zoom.

- Via Zoom (on-line meetings):
<https://zoom.us/j/3997000062?pwd=SUdLVVFFcmozWnFxbm0vcHRjWkVlZz09>
- 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**

3/28/2022 - Full Board Meeting at
6:00 PM

4/4/2022 - General Government &
Health & Human Services
Meeting at 6:00 PM followed by
the Asset Management
Committee

4/12/2022 - Full Board Meeting at
6:00 PM

4/18/2022 - Courts, Public Safety,
Infrastructure Development
Meeting at 6:00 PM

"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 New 911 Director & Undersheriff

Livingston County is honored to welcome Kecia Williams as our Central Dispatch Director and Jason Pless as our Undersheriff. We are pleased to introduce them to the community and look forward to all they will accomplish for our residents. Kecia comes to the County with an impressive 34 years of public safety experience. She grew up in South Carolina and after graduating high school, she entered the United States Army with a military occupational specialty of a single channel radio teletype operator. Kecia hold many certifications, including a B.S. in Technology Management from Eastern Michigan University, Michigan's Professional Emergency Manager Certification, and is a member of the Oakland County Crisis Response Team. During her tenure in the public safety industry, she's held many dispatch positions, such as Dispatch Manager, Operations Manger, and Training Supervisor. In her words, Kecia knows well the highs and lows of working in Central Dispatch. She says, "I understand the highs of assisting in the delivery of a baby or being ever vigilant to assist responders in their time of need. I understand the stress that comes with the job." In her personal time, Kecia enjoys spending time with her two adult children to catch up on each other's lives.

Undersheriff Jason Pless is a life-long resident of Livingston County and has been serving it's residents as a sworn Law Enforcement Officer for over 30 years. He began his career in law enforcement in 1991 after graduating from the Mid-Michigan Policy Academy and becoming a part-time Police Officer for the Village of Pinckney Police Department. Two years later, Undersheriff Pless was hired by the Green Oak Charter Township Police Department. To continue his education, he earned his B.S. in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University in 1994 and then graduated from the 351st Session of the Northwestern University School of Public Safety and Staff Command in 2014. Over the years, Undersheriff Pless worked his way though the ranks at Green Oak Charter Township Police Department to retire in February 2022 as Chief of Police. From 1988 -2004, he also served with the Putnam Township Fire Department and Howell Area Fire Department as a paid-on-call Firefighter, eventually rising to the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. Howell Township is where Undersheriff Pless, his wife of 26 years Jessica, and his two children Jon-Connor and Jacob call home.

Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners

- EMS will apply for the St. Joe Livingston Community Investing grant for an amount up to \$76,000. If awarded, EMS would use the funding to reestablish their Community Paramedic program that was ended in 2019 due to fiscal constraints. The program has great potential to fill gaps in the medic community and has been proven in several different models to reduce overall healthcare costs by providing proactive care.
- A new full-time Administrative Aide position has been added to Veterans Services. The office has experienced an increase in requests for services and visits to their new building, resulting in the need of an Administrative Aide to provide timely, quality, and consistent care for all who seek services. Funding for this position will be provided by the 2022 MVA grant through September 30, 2022 and then millage monies.
- Information Technology will be purchasing advanced backup, storage, and logging systems along with three years of support and maintenance from Access Interactive for the cost of \$685,000. According to 2021 and 2022 U.S. Department of Homeland Security CISA briefings, cyberattacks have increased exponentially. These systems will prove invaluable for disaster restoration.
- At the Livingston County Airport, a hangar building on airport property was owned by Avenue LLC, which had a lease agreement with the County. The hangar building has recently been sold to 3540 W. Grand River LLC. With the sale, the lease with Avenue LLC was terminated. A new ground lease agreement with 3540 W. Grand River LLC has been approved for a twenty year term.
- The County will be redeeming bonds as requested by Handy Township. The bonds were issued back in 2002 and amended in 2005 through the Board of Public Works.
- The County's Microsoft Enterprise Agreement has been renewed for three years at a total cost of \$917,869.95. This agreement ensures that the County's Microsoft desktop and server software is adequately licensed and supported.
- The County will continue to lease the old Airport terminal building at 3480 W. Grand River to Dan's PC Solutions LLC for a period of two years. The monthly rent of the building will be \$955.67 for the first year and will include a CPI adjustment for the second year.
- An agreement with C&S Companies of Livonia for site improvement designs and preliminary design services of the Airport's future Snow Removal Equipment Building has been approved. The amount of the agreement for the site improvement design services is \$45,538.82, while the amount for the preliminary design services is \$35,634.33.
- LETS will be applying for state financial assistance under provisions of Act 51. Director Greg Kellogg was appointed as the Transportation Coordinator for all public transportation matters and is authorized to provide necessary information to the State Transportation Commission.
- The County has adopted a Vision Tour for the strategic use of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding. The Board of Commissioners intends to utilize ARPA funding strategically in order to have the largest impact and benefit to Livingston County citizens and Livingston County as an organization. The following strategic-initiative categories and potential spending allocations will guide project selections and use of ARPA funds:
 - \$5 Million in Community Funding Initiatives
 - \$4 Million in Organizational Funding Initiatives
 - \$10 Million in Lost-Revenue Funding Initiatives
 - \$12 Million in Rural Broadband Funding Initiatives
 - \$4 Million in Expense Reallocation Initiatives for reclassing of general fund budgeted and/or incurred expenses, as well as expenses within other funds, that may be returned to the general fund, that have been budgeted and/or incurred that are determined to be eligible for ARPA funding
 - \$2.2 Million in additional ARPA-fund-eligible Funding Initiatives