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Monthly News from the
Livingston County Commissioners



May 2022

Livingston County Board of Commissioners



- District 1 - Martin Smith
- District 2 - Carol Sue Reader
- District 3 - Wes Nakagiri
(Board Chairman)
- District 4 - Douglas G. Helzerman
- District 5 - Jay R. Drick
- District 6 - Mitchell Zajac
- District 7 - Carol S. Griffith
(Board Vice-Chairwoman)
- District 8 - Jerome Gross
- 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**

5/23/2022 - Full Board Meeting at
6:00 PM

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

6/13/2022 - Full Board Meeting at
6:00 PM

6/20/2022 - 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."

Power Loading Equipment Project For Livingston County's EMS Will Be Considered For Federal Funding



After submitting a proposal for funding that would allow for the purchase of power loading ambulance equipment, EMS was encouraged to receive notification that the project will be advocated by Representative Elissa Slotkin to receive federal funding. EMS' proposal was one of fifteen projects in Michigan's 8th district selected by Representative Slotkin to move

forward for consideration from the Appropriations Committee in the House and the Senate. To preserve the wellbeing of the County's EMS employees, avoid a 25% reduction in staff due to preventable injuries, and increase patient safety, Livingston County is requesting \$1,169,949.86 in grant funding to purchase nineteen Stryker powered cots and cot lifts. In their proposal for funding, EMS described the importance of power lifting equipment and the overwhelming benefit it would provide to their Paramedics and EMTs. Being an EMS worker is both emotionally and physically demanding. Loading and unloading patients in and out of an ambulance day after day ends up taking a toll on the body. Unfortunately, statistics have shown that one in four EMS workers suffers a career-ending back injury within the first four years of their employment. Lifting accounts for more than 70% of back injuries for EMTs. EMS workers typically perform five patient transports during a shift, each requiring an initial patient transfer onto a cot and load into the ambulance and an eventual ambulance unloading and final patient transfer. A conservative estimate of the total pounds lifted by an EMS worker during a shift without power loading equipment is 4,200. By introducing power loading equipment, the total pounds lifted during a shift drops to 1,000; a 143% decrease. Multiple medical facilities, local fire and police agencies, skilled nursing facilities, and adult foster care homes have acknowledged the importance of this equipment for their patients and reached out to Livingston County to affirm their support for the purchase of this equipment. EMS is grateful for the consideration for funding this much needed equipment and awaits the Appropriation Committee's final decision.

Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners

- The Courts submitted their Community Corrections Plan and Application for Fiscal Year 2023 to the Michigan Department of Corrections for \$118,506 of grant funding. The funding will be utilized for group programming such as cognitive behavioral therapy and outpatient treatment.
- Two generator systems will be purchased to replace equipment at two 911 dispatch tower locations. The purchase will be completed with Ancona Controls for a cost not to exceed \$30,000.
- LETS has applied for the 2022 Federal Transit Administration's Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant program for an amount of \$8 million with a State match of \$2 million for a total of \$10 million. If awarded, the funding has been proposed to be used for the purchase of land and the construction of a bus facility in the Brighton area.
- A Full-Time Veterans Benefits Counselor, Claims III position has been added to the Veteran Services Office. This position was needed due to an increased amount of claims the Office is handling from the success of their new location.
- The County Treasurer will establish the 2021 Delinquent Tax Fund in the amount of \$8,026,563.66. As a result of establishing the fund, school districts and other local governments have been able to better plan and provide for necessary expenditures, often avoiding the necessity to borrow for operational needs.
- The 2023 annual budget process and calendar has been established. Months of work go into the preparation of the annual budget book with steps such as a Revenue Forecast Committee report, budget priority meetings, department requests, Capital Improvement requests, and more.
- The County has contracted PFM Consulting Group to provide financial analysis services of the potential impact of offering a voluntary conversion to a Defined Contribution retirement plan for existing nonunion employees currently enrolled in other retirement plans for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.
- EMS will purchase one new and three remounted ambulances from Emergency Vehicles Plus at the contracted cost of \$630,938.

Pending Resolutions

- The Board will consider reclassifying the Veterans Services Administrative Specialist to an Officer Manager position.
- The replacement purchase of HVAC equipment for the East Complex will be presented for consideration. If approved, the current HVAC contract with William E. Walter would be used for the purchase and installation for a cost not to exceed \$158,450.
- The Sheriff's Office has entered into contracts for dedicated services with Tyrone Township, Putnam Township, Pinckney Community Schools, Brighton Area Schools, and LESA and has identified the need for additional personnel. The office will ask the Board to approve the addition of two Deputies in 2022 and a minimum of one additional Deputy by the end of 2023.
- The County's Specialty Courts and Programs will seek approval to apply for the State Court Administrative Office Grants for 2023 for approximately \$790,000. If awarded, the grants would be used to fund the Adult Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Treatment Court, Swift & Sure Sanctions Probation Program, Intensive Mental Health Court, and the Veterans Treatment Court.
- Emergency Management has applied for and received a federal grant award for the fiscal year 2021-2022 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program. The total of the grant is \$2,810 and requires a 25% match from the County for the amount of \$703. Funds for the grant would be used to support the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The Board will consider approving the award agreement.