



Liv.Co **UPDATE**

Monthly News from the
Livingston County Commissioners



November 2017

Livingston County Board of Commissioners



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(Board Chairwoman)

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(Board Vice-Chairwoman)

District 8 - Dennis L. Dolan

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."

Welcome Aimee Orn, New Animal Control Director



Livingston County welcomes Aimee Orn as the new Animal Control Director. Aimee comes to the County with a great deal of experience. She worked for 10 years at Macomb County's Animal Control, and 3 years at Lapeer County's Animal Control. She is a National and State certified Animal Control Officer and is a member of many professional organizations. Aimee says, "I am extremely excited to be here. The staff, administration and public has been very welcoming and it's nice to be working at a facility that has been progressive in its approach to animal care for so many years. While at Livingston Animal Control I look forward to working with the staff at improving the programs already in place that serve the community and the animals. In addition I hope to develop and implement community education programs, pet owner assistance programs, and continue to find new improved methods of adoptions and ways to improve animal care in our shelter." Aimee works with her dog, Perseus, to help children who have been bitten by dogs overcome their fears. Welcome, Aimee!

2018 Proposed Budget

Livingston County will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2018 Budget at its meeting on November 6th. The proposed budget is balanced and complies with Public Act 2 of 1968, as amended. We are proud to present a budget that does not require an increase in taxes nor a reduction in the levels of service provided in 2017. The 2018 budget for all funds totals \$86.7 million which includes approximately \$5.38 million in transfers to other funds. This is an increase of 1.8% over the prior year. Included in this total is the budget for all General Fund activity in the amount of \$47.3 million, special revenue funds totaling \$29.3 million, and enterprise funds totaling \$10.1 million. Wages and benefits are approximately 60% of operating costs and the 2018 budget includes a 2% increase in wage scales for non-union employees and a 1%-2% increase for union groups based on approved collective bargaining agreements. An appropriation of \$50,000 from the General Fund to L.E.T.S. will be used as local match and allow access to approximately \$315,000 in additional federal and state operating grant revenue. This will be used to expand transportation service to northern and southern townships as well as provide evening and weekend service. In response to security concerns expressed by the Judiciary, six full-time Bailiffs have been authorized for 2018. The proposed plan also includes a total of \$2.6 million in capital projects, that include planning for the County's long term facility needs; revisions to office space to provide increased security or better functionality; replacement of vehicles; two Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades; and an IT security upgrade. The annual budget process is a County wide effort. The proposed plan is a continuation of solid decisions made by County leadership and will allow the County to remain financially sound in the upcoming years.

Upcoming Meetings

11/6/2017 - Full Board Meeting at
7:30 PM

11/13/2017 - General
Government at 7:30 PM

11/15/17 - Finance Committee at
7:30 AM followed by the
Personnel and Parks and
Open Spaces Meetings

11/20/2017 - Full Board Meeting
at 7:30 PM

11/27/2017 - Infrastructure &
Development & Public Safety
at 7:30 PM

11/29/2017 - Finance Committee
at 7:30 AM

Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners & Appointments

- The Board opposes the reduction in federal funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.
- James Sparks has been reappointed to a representative seat on the Livingston County Planning Commission with term expiring October 31, 2020.
- The 2017 Apportionment Report has been approved.
- Erica Karfonta and Prezza Morrison were reappointed to representative seats on the Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body with terms expiring September 30, 2020.
- Judy Williams and Russ Spencer were appointed to the Livingston County Board of Canvassers with terms expiring October 31, 2021.
- A reduction in the Livingston County Building Department Fee Schedule has been approved. The multiplier used in the calculations for new construction permit fees will be lowered by 25% until December 31, 2020.
- A three year agreement with Windstream has been approved for redundant Internet services.
- An agreement with eSCRIBE Software Ltd. for Board Meeting Management and Board Membership Management software has been approved.
- A Memorandum of Understanding with the Livingston County Community Mental Health Service Board has been signed for the delivery of behavioral health services.
- The purchase of 115 air purifying respirators has been approved for Emergency Management. This purchase will build local law enforcement response capabilities.
- The Emergency Management Planner will attend the FEMA Instructor Training Course this December.
- Municipal Consulting Services, LLC. has completed a compensation study for four Court positions. The Board has accepted the Human Resources recommendations from the compensation studies.

Pending Resolutions

- The Board will consider modifications for the non-union employees, elected officials, and judges health plan, benefits, and wages for 2018. A 2% wage increase, that does not apply to Judges or County Commissioners, has been proposed. A new option for healthcare has been proposed in the form of a high deductible health plan and a health savings account for non-union employees.
- The Board will consider entering into an Interjurisdictional Agreement with Genesee County for a sewer use ordinance for Livingston County.
- Emergency Management will request that the Board accept and sign the 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement.
- The Courts are requesting to create and fill a new Resource Coordinator Position for the Adult Drug Court.
- Brian Prokuda will be considered for a representative seat on the Livingston County Planning Commission with a term to expire on October 31, 2020.
- A contract with Great Lakes Recovery Services Inc. and Personalized Nursing Light House Inc. for residential treatment services for Drug Court participants will be considered.

Please Note: The Liv.Co Update highlights a portion of resolutions and work completed by the Livingston County Board of Commissioners. Please refer to the Board's meeting minutes for more information regarding specific resolutions. To be redirected to the Board's Meeting Minutes, please click [here](#) or visit www.livgov.com.