



Liv.Co **UPDATE**

Monthly News from the
Livingston County Commissioners



October 2017

Livingston County Board of Commissioners



District 1 - Kate Lawrence
(Board Chairwoman)

District 2 - William Green

District 3 - David J. Domas

District 4 - Douglas G.
Helzerman

District 5 - Donald S. Parker

District 6 - Robert J. Bezotte

District 7 - Carol S. Griffith
(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.”

Reduction in Building Permit Fees

The Livingston County Building Department currently operates with approximately half the staffing level of the previous high growth year of 2005 / 2006. The current department permit activity and inspections have increased exponentially every year since 2010. Although the new construction permit fee multiplier was reduced by 25% in September 2015, due to higher efficiencies combined with increased activity, the department fund balance is still at an amount which justifies adjustment. The Building Official is recommending another 25% reduction in the multiplier used for building permit fee calculations in addition to other adjustments in the permit fees for the Building Department as outlined in the Livingston County Building Department Fee Schedule.

Upcoming Meetings

10/2/2017 - Full Board Meeting at
7:30 PM

10/10/2017 - General
Government at 7:30 PM

10/11/17 - Finance Committee at
7:30 AM

10/16/2017 - Full Board Meeting
at 7:30 PM

10/18/2017 - Personnel
Committee at 8:00 AM

10/23/2017 - Infrastructure &
Development & Public Safety
at 7:30 PM

10/25/2017 - Finance Committee
at 7:30 AM

2017 Communication Surveys

The County is conducting its annual Local Units and Public Communication Surveys to help identify effective communication efforts as well as areas that need additional attention. The goal of these surveys is to better “get the word out” about County issues and activities, to promote understanding of County government, and to encourage your local unit’s input, participation, and engagement in Livingston County.

The Local Units survey will be emailed to your Village, City, or Township Clerk or Supervisor and may be re-distributed as needed. Any employee of a Village, City, or Township within Livingston County is welcome to complete the survey. You can complete the Local Units Survey by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/livcolocalunitscommunication>.

A link to the Public Survey is posted on the www.livgov.com home page. All Livingston County residents are welcome to complete the survey, so please feel free to share this information with your friends, family, and any public members your local unit may serve. The results of the surveys will only be reported in aggregate form and all responses will be anonymous. All responses will be used in the analysis of the results to help the County keep you better informed. Livingston County appreciates your time and input to develop effective communication.

Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners & Appointments

- Dianne McCormick has been reappointed to a representative seat on the Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board with a term expiring October 1, 2019.
- An amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with MSU Extension has been approved. The amendment eliminates Livingston County's 2017 4th quarter payment obligation in regards to the Consumer Horticulture position that had remained vacant.
- The audio visual equipment that is used in the Livingston County Courts is in need of updating. A contract with Justice AV Solutions was approved for the purchase and installation of a digital audio and video recording system.
- The following individuals were appointed as Officer and Employee Delegates to the 2017 Municipal Employees' Retirement System annual conference.
 - Cindy Catanach - Officer Delegate
 - Barbara Ritchie - Alternate Officer Delegate
 - Roberta Bennett - Employee Delegate
 - Theresa St. John - Alternate Employee Delegate
- The Emergency Manager will be attending an Incident Command System Train The Trainer course at the Emergency Management Institute.
- The Sheriff's Office will apply for and enter into a contract with the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning to continue the operation of the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program for 2018. The Sheriff's Office will also enter into a contract with the State of Michigan to participate in the State Traffic Enforcement Grant for 2018.
- The Livingston County Jail provides a variety of education services such as high school completion, GED, life-skills and other specialized programs deemed appropriate. The previous teacher resigned, leaving a vacancy, but a teaching position for the Jail has been approved.
- The Board will offer support for House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 as they have been introduced. These bills would increase fees to replenish the State's 911 Technical funds to provide future 911 services.
- The Board approved of the elimination of one district judgeship and the creation of one circuit judgeship within the Livingston County Courts, as recommended by the State Court Administrative Office as part of their review of judicial needs. An addition of a third judgeship in the 44th Circuit Court would permit for the creation of a specialized business court docket that would enhance the timely resolution for business cases.

Pending Resolutions

- The terms of Democratic representative Ruth Munzel and Republican representative Russ Spencer on the Livingston County Board of Canvassers expire on October 31, 2017. The Board will vote by official ballot on candidates to represent the Democratic and Republican Parties for 4-year terms, expiring October 31, 2021.
- Emergency Management is seeking approval for the Emergency Manager to attend the FEMA Instructor Training Course offered by the Center of Domestic Preparedness.
- To build law enforcement response capabilities, Emergency Management is requesting approval to purchase 115 air purifying respirators for Livingston County's law enforcement representatives.

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.