



# Liv.Co **UPDATE**

Monthly News from the  
Livingston County Commissioners



September 2019

## Livingston County Board of Commissioners



- District 1 - Kate Lawrence
- District 2 - William Green
- District 3 - Wes Nakagiri
- 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

## Monthly Meetings

- 9/9/2019 - General Government & Health & Human Services Meeting at 7:30 PM
- 9/11/2019 - Finance Committee at 7:30 AM
- 9/16/2019 - Full Board Meeting at 7:30 PM
- 9/18/2019 - Personnel Committee at 8:30 AM
- 9/23/2019 - Infrastructure & Development & Public Safety at 7:30 PM
- 9/25/2019 - Finance Committee at 7:30 AM
- 9/30/2019 - Full Board Meeting at 7:30 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."*

## Census 2020 Complete Count Committee

The County is looking forward to establishing a Census 2020 Complete Count Committee to inform residents about the importance of the upcoming census. An accurate census is essential for the allocation of representation to serve in legislative bodies and is critical to planning for future growth, development, and social needs of the County. The more informed residents become about the 2020 Census, the better their understanding of the census process becomes, thus increasing their willingness to participate. The Complete Count Committee will advise and assist the County in obtaining the most accurate and complete population count for the census by increasing the number of County responses through a focused, structured neighbor-to-neighbor program. The Committee will utilize the local knowledge, expertise, and influence of each committee member to design and implement a census awareness campaign targeted to the Livingston County Community. The awareness campaign will include conducting local educational initiatives and creating posters, flyers, public service announcements, and social media content. Members of the Committee will be individuals representing local government, education, faith-based organizations, media, business, community-based organizations, and other philanthropic organizations.

## Karen Groenhout Appointed Livingston County's Public Defender

Livingston County welcomes Karen Groenhout as the new Public Defender. Karen comes to the County with extensive experience from serving as an Attorney at Law and an Assistant Public Defender—Chief of the Family Division for Muskegon County. Karen was instrumental in helping establish the Muskegon County Public Defender's Office where she managed the day to day operations of the office and had an active criminal and civil case load. We are proud to have Karen join the Livingston County team.

## Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners & Appointments

- LACASA has been awarded a contract to provide Court Appointed Special Advocate services for one year. Special Advocates advocate for abused and neglected children in child protective proceedings until children are in safe, permanent homes.
- Juvenile Court will be applying for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice's Racial and Ethnic Disparities Data Collection Grant. Funding will be allocated to develop a comprehensive, integrated data system used to assess whether minority youth are treated equally within the juvenile justice system.
- Building Inspection will be updating their IVR System and purchasing the SelectTXT module to allow customers to text to schedule or cancel appointments, and inquire on inspection results.
- Subject to successful negotiation of terms and legal approval, the Board has approved entering into a contract with Indian Trails, Inc. to provide route service from Livingston County to Detroit Metro Airport.
- Car Pool will be replacing a Dodge Charger from the Field Services Division.
- A second quarter supplemental appropriation has been approved for the 2019 budget.
- The Sheriff's Office will be applying for the 2020 Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant, The State Traffic Enforcement Grant, and Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. The Byrne Justice Assistance Grant provides funding to make technology enhancements through the purchase of new equipment and software.
- Livingston County will terminate elective abortion coverage in County health plans provided to non-union employees.
- Dennis Bowdoin and William Call have been appointed to the Livingston County Planning Commission with terms expiring October 31, 2021.
- Dianne McCormick and William Green have been appointed to the Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board. McCormick's term will expire October 1, 2022, while Green's will expire October 1, 2021.
- Juvenile Court will be submitting their 2019/2020 Child Care Fund Budget to the State of Michigan.

## Pending Resolutions

- The Board will consider an Agreement with Outfront Media, Inc. to provide billboard lease management services for the County's West Complex billboard.
- LETS has been awarded \$91,085 in capital grant funding for the purchase of a replacement van. LETS will ask the Board to authorize a grant contract and capital expenditure authorization for the purchase of the van.
- The following individuals will be considered for appointments to the Livingston County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee with terms expiring March 31, 2020:
 

Martha Haglund	Michael Powers
Chris Folts	Brian Jonckheere
Jan Lobur	Michael Arens
Gary Edwards	Bill Call
Bill Rubin	