



Liv.Co **UPDATE**

Monthly News from the
Livingston County Commissioners



September 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.”

Circuit and District Court Judgeship Changes

The State Court Administrative Office conducts a biennial review of the judicial needs of the State of Michigan and publishes their findings in the Judicial Resources Report (JRR.) The Michigan Supreme Court released the JRR this July that recommended the elimination of one district judgeship and the creation of one circuit judgeship for Livingston County. The Livingston County Courts will be seeking support for these recommended changes at the September 5th Board Meeting. Currently there is an expected vacancy of a district court judgeship on December 31, 2018 due to a mandatory retirement age for judges. The Livingston County 44th Circuit Court currently has two judgeships, but an addition of a third judgeship would permit for the creation of a specialized business court docket to enhance the timely resolution for business cases.

Upcoming Meetings

9/5/2017 - Full Board Meeting at
7:30 PM

9/11/2017 - Work Session at 6:00
PM followed by General
Government at 7:30 PM

9/13/17 - Finance Committee at
7:30 AM followed by Parks &
Open Spaces at 9:00 AM

9/18/2017 - Full Board Meeting at
7:30 PM

9/20/2017 - Personnel
Committee at 8:00 AM

9/25/2017 - Infrastructure &
Development & Public Safety
at 7:30 PM

9/27/2017 - Finance Committee
at 7:30 AM

Getting to the Heart of the Matter Grant Expansion

The Health Department will be partnering with Washtenaw County Public Health to expand Getting to the Heart of the Matter grant activities into Livingston County through September 30, 2018. This collaboration will help address the shared community health goal of addressing chronic disease through worksite wellness activities. The goals of this program are to partner with local worksites to increase healthy behaviors, decrease obesity and other chronic diseases, and decrease tobacco use. Worksites will be supported to create a culture of well-being to improve the quality of life for their employees. Examples of workplace improvement strategies could include implementing a ‘Use The Stairs’ campaign, offering healthy vending options, or making the worksite tobacco free, but each strategy will be tailor-made to best fit each worksite. Costs associated with program implementation and maintenance will be fully covered by grant funds at no cost to the county.



Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners & Appointments

- The Building Department, Drain Commissioner's Office, and the Environmental Health Division will purchase mobile tablets to use in the field with permitting software.
- An agreement for funding from Washtenaw County Public Health for the purpose of expanding the Building Health Communities Grant was approved.
- L.E.T.S. was granted MDOT project authorization for preventative maintenance, the purchase of 4 replacement buses, and the purchase of a garage floor sweeper.
- The Board Chairwoman will sign a Letter of Understanding between Livingston County and the Michigan Association of Police regarding increasing the starting wages for a newly promoted sergeant.
- SoundQue Multimedia has been granted a 6-month agreement for video recording, storage, and access services to record Board Meetings and make them available to the public for viewing.
- A Partial Final Release of Property Damage Claims has been approved for the aircraft accident that occurred on January 16, 2017. The Property Damage Claims will allow Livingston County to recover the cost of fence repair and soil remediation.
- The Sheriff's Department will purchase a new scheduling, time, and attendance system software from Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. for use by their department and Central Dispatch.
- The University of Michigan Department of Pathology will provide Medical Examiner and Forensic Pathology services for the county for three years. Livingston County's contract with the Sparrow Hospital Association expired August 31, 2017.
- Concierge Corrections will provide medical billing asset recovery and management for the jail for a two year period.
- 50 individuals have been appointed to two year terms to the Livingston County Local Emergency Planning Committee with terms ending December 31, 2019.
- An agreement with Lindhout Associates for architectural and engineering services has been approved for the planning of a new 911 Central Dispatch facility.
- The public safety fiber network will be extended from the Village of Pinckney to Putnam Township. Amcomm Telecommunications will complete the fiber work.
- The use of the County grounds has been approved for a wedding on October 21st.
- The Airport will update its Airport Layout Plan through a contract with C&S Companies of Livonia, Michigan.
- The Board authorized the Board Chair or Vice Chair to act as the Grant Administrator for the Community Development Block Grant Housing Program.

Pending Resolutions

- The Sheriff's Department wants to participate in the State Traffic Enforcement Grant and continue the operation of the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program for 2018. The department will seek authorization to enter into a contract with the State of Michigan for financial assistance.
- The Board will consider approving the reappointment of Diane McCormick to the Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board with a term ending October 1, 2019.
- The Jail is asking for approval of a teaching position within the Livingston County Jail following a vacancy.
- The Board will consider appointing Officer and Employee Delegates to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System 2017 annual conference.
- Emergency Management is requesting authorization for the Emergency Manager to attend an Incident Command System Train The Trainer course at the Emergency Management Institute in October.
- Central Dispatch will ask the Board to offer support for House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 as they have been introduced. The bills would increase fees to replenish the State's 911 Technical funds to provide future 911 services.

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.