

Spotlight on Local Government April 2024

Isabella County Board of Commissioners

- Approved funding for current law enforcement operation positions through 2024, contingent on passage of the County operating millage in August 2024.
- Agreed to place on the November 2024 ballot a millage request to support law enforcement operation positions beyond 2024.
- Approved millage renewal ballot questions for the August 2024 election: 0.35 mill for 6 years for Parks and Recreation, 6.61 mills for 4 years for County operations, 1 mill for 4 years for Township operations, 0.28 mill for 4 years for Intermediate School District operations, and 0.9929 mill for 4 years for the Isabella County Transportation Commission.
- Approved the FY 2023 Homeland Security
 Grant Program Intergovernmental
 Agreement with the West Michigan
 Regional Medical Consortium for a
 reimbursement grant of an estimated
 \$21,093 to improve emergency
 preparedness.
- Approved the purchase of an upgraded version of RapidSOS software, which provides critical information to 911 dispatchers and field responders. The new software will streamline the dispatch process and improve response times.
 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2% funding will cover the annual cost of \$9,121 for 3 years.
- Approved a contract with Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio for the Herrick Recreation Area Development Project. This project is confined to the campground side of Herrick and includes playground updates, bathhouse renovations, and an accessible pathway between the playground and bathhouse. The project is fully funded by a Michigan DNR Spark Grant of \$319,000.
- Approved the purchase of a new HVAC rooftop unit for the Courthouse at an approximate cost of \$191,141.

Mt. Pleasant City Commission

- Approved the purchase of one-year access
 to Placer.ai software, an aggregate cell
 phone tracking system, at a cost of \$18,000
 and approved an additional \$10,000 to hire
 Central Michigan University interns. The
 cost will be shared with other community
 partners. The system provides information
 on consumer behavior that is expected to
 aid economic development efforts. No data
 will be linked to individuals.
- Approved a contract with Bornor Restoration Inc. for \$39,095 to repair the masonry wall at the Public Safety building.
- Discussed a Managed Natural Landscaping Ordinance to regulate landscapes that support native plants, ornamental grasses and groundcovers, rain gardens, shrubs, and trees.
- Discussed replacing the current service for trash and recycling collection with a cartbased service. Granger submitted the lowest bid and offered single-stream recycling. It was not known whether the Isabella County Material Recovery Facility would receive the City's single-stream recycling.

Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission

- Supported the dissolution of a city contract that describes development plans for 144 acres at the southwest corner of Broomfield and Crawford Roads. The impetus for dissolution is the prospect of including a K-12 private school on the property. The Planning Commission discussed rezoning the 144 acres and an additional 12.5-acre parcel abutting the corner.
- Approved a special use permit and a site plan for a car wash and the expansion of Graff Cadillac Buick on N Mission Street.
- Approved a special use permit and a site plan for remodeling and new construction at Meekhof Tire on N Mission Street and E Pickard Street.



