

Isabella County Board of Commissioners

- Approved a Community Development Department Fee Schedule update. Fees have increased for Land Use and House Numbering, Residential Projects, Industrial and Commercial Projects, and Geographic Information System data.
- Approved an amendment to a Coe Township Intergovernmental Agreement that increases the county's fee for providing planning and zoning administration and enforcement services to the township.
- Approved an addendum to the Preston Community Services contract to include coverage of the Equalization Coordinator and Deed Entry positions beginning June 2024. The previous Equalization Coordinator was a county employee.
- Approved the purchase of an unmanned aerial vehicle. Its GPS and mapping software can be used to locate missing persons, search for dangerous individuals, and investigate automobile crash scenes more efficiently. Donors funded about half of the \$12,064 cost. The remainder will be funded by a reimbursement grant from Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.
- Approved an 11-week internship program for the Public Defender's Office with a compensation of \$8,800 to be paid out of the contractual services line item in the Public Defender's Office budget.
- Ratified a three-year contract with the Police Officers Association of Michigan Deputies Unit. The contract includes a first year (2024) base wage increase of 3% and wage, defined contribution pension plan (contribution amount), and sick leave payout reopens for each of the two remaining years.

Mt. Pleasant City Commission

- Decided to maintain the city's millage rate of 16.25 mills through 2024. The millage rate has remained unchanged since 2014.
- Held a public hearing on a Managed Natural Landscaping Ordinance to regulate

landscapes that support native plants, ornamental grasses and groundcovers, rain gardens, shrubs, and trees. Commissioners postponed a decision on the ordinance.

- Discussed whether to dissolve or continue the Central Business District Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program. TIF allows municipalities to capture the increase in property taxes resulting from new development in a district, diverting that revenue to subsidize the district's development. In addition to city taxes, the Central Business District TIF permits the capture of taxes that would otherwise be directed to Isabella County. The County has no ability to opt out of the program.
- Approved a Development District Liquor License for Ponder Coffee at 110 E Broadway Street. This type of liquor license cannot be transferred to another location once issued, nor is it subject to population-based quotas.
- Approved an amendment to the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program to conform with changes in Michigan law. The PACE program can be used by commercial, industrial, and multifamily property owners to borrow from financial institutions for energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy systems, water usage improvements, or environmental hazard mitigation. Repayment is made through a special assessment.

Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission

- Approved a special use permit for a Class I Restaurant, a restaurant with a liquor license, at Ponder Coffee, 110 E Broadway Street.
- Reviewed the proposed 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Plan and recommended its adoption to the City Commission. The plan includes projects that have a useful life of at least 10 years and cost more than \$20,000.

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