

Isabella County Board of Commissioners

- Adopted a resolution declaring official intent to issue tax-exempt bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 to finance a portion or all of the costs for the Isabella County Administration Building Complex Rehabilitation Project, which was precipitated by asbestos abatement. The resolution allows for a future bond issue to reimburse some of the advanced costs to the County for the project.
- Approved the Inmate Communications General Service Agreement with Combined Public Communications for inmate communication devices, video conferencing equipment, software, installation and maintenance for the new Criminal Justice Center. The company will install and provide equipment to the new facility at no charge as they derive revenue from inmate use of their products and equipment.
- Approved the County Clerk's recommendation to change one full-time Deputy County Clerk position to a part-time status, effective immediately.

Mt. Pleasant City Commission

- Scheduled a public hearing for July 8, 2024, on proposed amendments to the city's solid waste ordinance. The amendments would eliminate the current bag/tag system for refuse collection and the recycling fee on water bills as of January 2025. If commissioners approve the amendments, they plan to authorize a five-year

agreement with Granger Waste Services to provide trash and recycling collection for occupants of residential properties with three or fewer connected dwellings. Residents would need to sign up for service.

- Appointed a Passenger Rail Service Advisory Committee that will collaborate with representatives of other communities to determine the feasibility of a future passenger rail service that would connect Ann Arbor to Traverse City and run through Mt. Pleasant. The service is a component of a north-south passenger rail project spearheaded by the Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities in Traverse City.
- Discussed utility billing policies that could prevent mass water shut offs when management companies fail to pay delinquent utility bills by the shut off date. With regard to apartment complexes of 20 or more units, commissioners considered increasing fees and requiring a three-month deposit for companies that repeatedly fail to pay on time.

Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission

- Scheduled a public hearing for July 11, 2024, on proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance concerning building standards in commercial districts CD-4 and CD-5. The amendments would affect the percentage of the principal frontage that a building facade must occupy, minimum ceiling height and minimum two-story requirements, and building setbacks.

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