

Spotlight on Local Government September 2024

Isabella County Board of Commissioners

- Approved an Agreement for Extension Services provided by Michigan State University (MSU) for FY 2025 at a cost of \$171,779. MSU Extension provides educational programs in agriculture and agribusiness, children and youth development, including 4-H, health and nutrition, and community environment.
- Approved the renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement to provide building inspection services to the City of Mt. Pleasant.
- Approved the renewal of On-Call Stipends for prosecuting attorneys at the rate of \$550 per week and an additional \$200 per county holiday for FY 2025. On-call prosecuting attorneys assist officers in after-hours search warrant review and prepare criminal complaints on weekends and holidays.
- Approved an agreement between the
 Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance
 Program (MMAP) and the Isabella County
 Commission on Aging (COA). Social workers
 at the COA assist older adults in
 understanding and applying for the
 Medicare Low Income Subsidy and the
 Medicare Savings Program. MMAP
 reimburses the COA for completed
 enrollment applications and Medicare
 Preventive/Wellness Benefits presentations.
- Approved a one-year contract with the Humane Animal Treatment Society (HATS) for \$155,000. HATS operates the County animal shelter and engages in fundraising to support services.

Mt. Pleasant City Commission

 Approved the termination of the Planned Residential Development (PRD) Agreement that details development of about 144 acres at the southwest corner of Broomfield and Crawford Roads. Termination of the PRD Agreement is contingent upon rezoning the

- affected acreage to specific zoning districts. The rezoning has not yet occurred.
- Approved an amendment to the City's Code
 of Ordinances that impacts rental properties
 of 20 or more units. If the landlord is
 responsible for paying the utilities and twice
 fails to pay them on time in a 12-month
 period, the landlord will be required to pay
 late fees and place a cash deposit with the
 Water Department equal to three months
 of the average utility bill for the property.
- Approved an amendment to the Housing Licensing Code that allows the City to remove a rental license from a landlord for failure to pay taxes or utility bills.
- Approved amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding Building Standards in Commercial Districts. The amendments affect principal frontage buildout rules, ceiling height and two-story requirements, and setbacks.
- Approved an ordinance about Vendors of non-food items and items not intended for immediate consumption and an ordinance about Transitory Food Service Units. Both ordinances describe permit requirements, the application process, fees, location of service, and other regulations.

Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission

- Approved a Special Use Permit for a ground floor dwelling unit within a mixed-use building located at 115 and 117 S. University Street. No residential uses are permitted within the first 50 feet of the ground level building depth, measured from the facade of the building along any frontage.
- Approved a one-year extension of Site Plan Approval for the construction of apartment buildings at 200 Walnut Street and 410 Mill Street. Both buildings are affordable housing projects. Spire Development will reapply to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for partial financing of the project's construction.

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