

Spotlight on Local Government December 2024

Isabella County Board of Commissioners

- Approved a request from the Emergency
 Management Director to restructure Central
 Dispatch by eliminating one Operations
 Manager position and adding a Dispatcher
 from the Police Officers Association of
 Michigan. This change will generate annual
 savings of approximately \$48,259.
- Approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024
 Emergency Management Performance
 Grant Agreement in the amount of \$8,937,
 which supports the Emergency
 Management Director's salary and benefits.
- Approved a three-year Renewal Contract with GovOS for the records management and imaging system used by the Register of Deeds office. The updated contract terms will reduce annual expenditures for these services.
- Approved the FY 2025 Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program grant contract in the amount of \$228,000. The Swift and Sure Program is designed for probationers who have been unsuccessful in complying with traditional probation conditions.
- Approved the FY 2025 Adult DWI/Drug
 Court grant contract in the amount of
 \$110,000 and the FY 2025 Juvenile Drug
 Court grant contract in the amount of
 \$102,000. The Drug Court program assists
 nonviolent substance abusers with
 comprehensive drug, alcohol, and
 rehabilitation services while under court
 supervision.
- Approved an amendment to the Medical Examiner Services Agreement with University of Michigan Health – Sparrow Lansing. Medical Examiner services for 2025 will cost \$196,026. Michigan law mandates that each county have a Medical Examiner.
- Approved the FY 2025 Grant Agreement between the County, the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency for enhanced veteran service operations, in the amount of \$78,578.

- Approved a four-year Lease Agreement with the Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD). CMDHD will lease 19,837 square feet of the County's building at 2012 East Preston Street for a fixed annual rate of \$138,633. CMDHD has been at that location since 1997.
- Approved the Administrator/Controller Employment Agreement with Brian A.
 Smith, effective December 5, 2024, through December 4, 2025, at an annual base salary of \$125,000.
- Adopted a violations enforcement policy and modified watercraft permit fees for Isabella County Parks, effective immediately.

Mt. Pleasant City Commission

- Committed the remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, \$1,467,885, to revenue replacement. This action increased the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund and permits the ARPA funds to be allocated to a future City project. Mt. Pleasant received \$2.6 million in ARPA funding, of which \$1,138,000 was used for the Town Center.
- Approved the 2025 Operating Budget, which will expend \$54 million dollars. The budget maintains the current 16.25 millage rate
- Approved fees and charges that support the 2025 Operating Budget. This includes a 7% increase for water service fees and various fees related to public works services.
- Rejected the rezoning of five properties, totaling 157 acres, at the southwest corner of Broomfield and Crawford Roads.

Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission

- Approved a Special Use Permit (SUP) and a site plan for 1600 and 1604 West High Street. The SUP allows detailing, washing, and servicing of vehicles. The site includes a vehicle dealership.
- Approved a SUP for short-term rental of the house at 701 East Bellows Street.

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