

# **Spotlight on Local Government May 2025**



#### **Isabella County Board of Commissioners**

- Approved the 2025 State Remonumentation Grant for \$52,145. The grant funds the establishment and maintenance of public land survey corners and property controlling corners.
- Approved an amendment to the Agreement for Inmate Health Care Services provided by Wellpath LLC that extends the original contract from January 2025 through September 2025 for \$448,565, a 3% increase.
- Approved an agreement between the Isabella County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Lake Isabella for marine patrol services from May 23, 2025, to September 2, 2025.
- Approved the initial Synario Software Subscription Agreement for a three-year term at an annual cost of \$20,295. The subscription provides a robust financial forecasting tool.
- Approved an amendment to the Michigan
  Department of Natural Resources Spark
  Grant Agreement for the Herrick Recreation
  Area Development Project. The amendment
  reduces the scope of the project to the
  restroom/bathhouse, sidewalk, and ADA
  parking space and pathway. The County
  must provide \$105,850 in match funds to
  secure the \$319,000 grant.
- Approved Building Inspections Fee
  Adjustments, including new fees and fee
  increases, effective June 1, 2025.
- Approved the State of Michigan Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA) Multi-Year Plans 2026-2028 and Fiscal Year 2026 Funding Agreements for the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs. The programs are supported by the AASA and the Commission on Aging administrative budget, which is solely funded by millage.

## **Mt. Pleasant City Commission**

 Approved a Professional Engineering Services Contract with Mead & Hunt in an amount not to exceed \$54,655 for geotechnical and field survey work associated with the main runway subbase at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport. The Federal Aviation Administration requires confirmation that the existing runway

- subbase is adequate to support the city's proposed improvements.
- Authorized the Director of Public Safety to work with the City Attorney to draft a contract to provide limited police services for the Village of Lake Isabella.
- Awarded the contract for the Community
   Development Block Grant Housing
   Improving Local Livability Projects 2025 to
   Kihn Heating and Cooling for \$143,950.
   Twenty-three homeowners will receive
   furnace and/or water heater upgrades
   through the \$499,730 grant awarded to the
   city.
- Approved a six-month extension for Haze MP LLC to operate an Adult-Use Marijuana Retail Establishment at 914 East Pickard Street. Conditional Authorization was issued in December 2023.
- Rejected Bicycle Ordinance Amendments
  that would have permitted only humanpowered bicycles and Class 1 electric
  bicycles on paved city trails. Commissioners
  will revisit the question of regulating
  motorized bicycles and scooters.
- Directed staff to remove references to a paved path through Veit's Woods from the proposed 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan.

## Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission

 Approved Special Use Permits for shortterm rental of 617 South Main Street, 813 & 815 Whitney Street, and 817 & 819 Whitney Street. This brings the total number of short-term rental units in Mt. Pleasant to 15.

#### Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Board of Education

- Approved the Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District 2025-26 General Fund Budget.
- Discussed the Sex Education Advisory
   Board's final recommendation to adopt the
   updated Puberty: The Wonder Years
   Curriculum for students in Grades 4-6. A
   vote is scheduled for June 16.
- Received year-end progress reports on strategic plan initiatives that include creating an engaging and supportive learning environment, communication, transportation, and employee onboarding and development.