

# **Spotlight on Local Government June 2025**



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

- Approved a Co-location License Agreement
  with the State of Michigan for the
  installation of Isabella County's
  communications equipment on the
  Michigan Public Safety Communication
  System Tower Site 3104 Pleasant Valley and
  6306 Beal. The site is part of the new loop
  system that guarantees redundancy for
  public safety communications and increases
  emergency response capacity.
- Approved the purchase of a Whole-Body Security Scanning System for the new jail at a cost not to exceed \$142,999. The Commissary Fund will support the purchase, with additional funds expected from the sale of five decommissioned patrol vehicles and a grant application the sheriff will prepare.
- Approved an updated Agreement with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for recycling services. The Isabella County Material Recovery Facility (ICMRF) and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe received a collaborative grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. ICMRFs award of \$1,149,038 will be used for equipment purchases.
- Approved a resolution opposing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' plan to implement a competitive procurement process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans, indicating concern that privatization would negatively impact Medicaid behavioral health services.

#### Mt. Pleasant City Commission

- Authorized a contract extension with The Mannik Smith Group (MSG) for up to \$41,525 for environmental consulting services at the former Mt. Pleasant Landfill. MSG will identify groundwater contamination exposure routes and evaluate remedial options to prevent groundwater impacts from venting to the Chippewa River. Half the funding for the contract extension will be provided by a grant from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.
- Awarded the contract for Water Treatment Plant Improvements to RCL Construction for \$12,002,910. The improvements include critical infrastructure upgrades to improve

- system reliability and meet current and future water demands. Financing for the project comes from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and includes \$2.287 million in principal loan forgiveness.
- Approved the extension of the Central Business District Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) for 10 years, capturing 75% of eligible taxes. The funds will be used for infrastructure and for grant programs. This TIFA captures not only a portion of property taxes levied by the city but also taxes that would otherwise be directed to Isabella County and Mid Michigan College.
- Approved a Police Services Agreement with the Village of Lake Isabella, under which the city will provide law enforcement and public safety services at a rate of \$250 per hour.
- Set a public hearing on July 28 for an ordinance that amends the city traffic code regarding bicycles. The ordinance establishes a speed limit of 10 miles per hour for traditional bicycles and electric bicycles on sidewalks, linear trails, and shared-use pathways.

## Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission

- Approved a Special Use Permit and a site plan for a gas station and convenience store at 111 Palmer Street, formerly 802 North Main Street.
- Recommended that the City Commission rezone 1104 East Chippewa Street, a oneacre parcel, from CD-3, single-family housing, to CD-4 with a residential use requirement to enable construction of five fourplexes.
- Recommended that the City Commission rezone 12 acres of woodland on Crosslanes Street from CD-3 to CD-4 with a residential use requirement. The city is the applicant for the rezoning with the aim of pursuing grant funding for dense housing development.

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

- Approved the Puberty: The Wonder Years
   2021 curriculum for students in Grades 4-6.
- Ratified a one-year agreement with the Mt.
   Pleasant Education Association and three-year agreements with the Mt. Pleasant
   Support Personnel Association and the Mt.
   Pleasant Community Education Association.