

Spotlight on Local Government July 2025



Isabella County Board of Commissioners

- Approved the hiring of four on-call, parttime deputies to transport federal detainees to and from U.S. federal court, typically in Bay City. The U.S. Marshals Service fully funds these positions.
- Approved a Michigan's Public Safety
 Communications System Member Credit
 Offer of \$129,173. The credit offsets the
 programming costs for all agencies
 receiving new radios as part of the
 County's \$4.8 million public safety
 communications project, funded through
 state appropriation. The Saginaw
 Chippewa Tribal Police, Mt. Pleasant
 Police Department, Central Michigan
 University Police Department, Shepherd
 Police Department, and the Isabella
 County Sheriff's Office will receive radios.
- Approved the Fiscal Year 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement with the West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium. The \$18,144 grant will support the Emergency Management Planner's wages, breaching tools for law enforcement partners, and a hazardous materials decontamination tent.
- Approved a Grant Agreement with the Mt.
 Pleasant Area Community Foundation, accepting \$12,000 for the Deerfield Park Fishing Platform Renovation.

 Supplemented with \$15,000 from the County Parks budget, the existing fishing platform will be replaced with an ADA-accessible, cantilevered platform.
- Approved a Grant Agreement with the Mt.
 Pleasant Area Community Foundation for
 \$5,000 to purchase countertop
 biodigesters that transform household
 food waste into compostable material.
 The appliances will be used in a pilot
 program with the Saginaw Chippewa
 Indian Tribe.

Mt. Pleasant City Commission

- Approved the rezoning of vacant land at 221 West Michigan Street from General Urban Character District, with a maximum building height of two stories, to Urban Center Character District to enable construction of a five-story building with ground-floor commercial space and upper-floor apartments.
- Approved the rezoning of 12 acres of woodland on Crosslanes Street from Sub-Urban Character District, primarily singlefamily homes, to General Urban Character District to accommodate a variety of housing types. The City pursued this rezoning as a prerequisite for applying for infrastructure and housing development grants.
- Approved the rezoning of 1104 East
 Chippewa Street, a home on one acre of land, from Sub-Urban Character District to General Urban Character District to allow for the construction of five duplexes.
- Approved amendments to the city's traffic code concerning bicycles. The amendments detail traffic laws and operating regulations for riders of both traditional and electric bicycles, setting a 10 mile per hour speed limit on sidewalks and linear paved trails.
- Approved a two-year Sustainability
 Coordinator position, focused on
 implementing the city's Climate Change
 Preparedness Plan and advancing local
 environmental initiatives. Annual
 compensation for the position is capped
 at \$100,000.

Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission

 Approved a Special Use Permit for shortterm rental of the second-floor apartments at 120 South Main Street.