

# **Spotlight on Local Government August 2025**



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

- Approved Fiscal Year 2026 budget millages that will remain unchanged from the previous fiscal year: Commission on Aging -1 mill, Isabella County Transportation Commission (ICTC) - 0.862 mill, Medical Care Facility - 1 mill, and Parks and Recreation - 0.35 mill.
- Approved a rate increase for fee-based services used by county residents at the Material Recovery Facility, including disposal of oil, oil filters, antifreeze, tires, yard waste, and Christmas trees.
- Approved the Isabella County Opioid
   Advisory Committee Bylaws in preparation
   for the receipt of funds from the
   nationwide settlement agreements with
   pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors,
   and pharmacies.
- Approved the Sixth District Regional Mutual Aid Agreement with the State of Michigan, which facilitates efficient sharing of personnel, equipment, and resources during emergencies and natural disasters that exceed the capacity of an individual county.
- Approved Isabella County undertaking the role of the Administrative Unit for the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works. The county will serve as fiscal agent, execute contracts, submit grant applications, and provide clerical staff support to the Consortium Board. This new role is expected to result in a net financial gain for the county.
- Approved a new Information Security Policy that establishes requirements for protecting data, systems, and IT infrastructure. The policy supports and formalizes current cybersecurity practices and provides a framework for cybersecurity controls and audit readiness.

## Mt. Pleasant City Commission

 Adopted a Wellhead Protection Resolution establishing administrative procedures to safeguard the city's drinking water sources. The City of Mt. Pleasant will not issue land use, zoning, building or occupancy permits until all federal, state, county and/or local environmental authorizations have been obtained, and/or application to the responsible municipal, county, state, or federal agencies has been submitted and

- issues affecting the Wellhead Protection Area have been addressed.
- Awarded a contract for roof replacement at the Nelson Park/North Island Park restroom and at Chipp-A-Waters Park restroom and pavilion to Greenwald & B.C. General Contractors for \$46,730.
- Approved a budget amendment of \$44,843 for completion of the women's locker room and furnishing of the living quarters on the second floor of the Public Safety Building. The city recently hired its first full-time female firefighter.
- Adopted a Resolution of Intent to renew the Mission-Pickard Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA). In addition to a share of city taxes, the TIFA captures a percentage of taxes levied by Isabella County, ICTC, the Gratiot-Isabella Intermediate School District, and Mt. Pleasant Public Schools.
- Discussed whether the raising of chickens and ducks should be permitted within city limits and, if so, what regulations would be needed.
- Discussed bike route options for the Mid-Michigan/GKB Pathway South Connection to the intersection of Broomfield Road and West Campus Drive. As an alternative to paving a trail through Veit's Woods, the city is exploring a route that would connect High Street and Broomfield Road via West Campus Drive.

# **Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission**

 Recommended that the City Commission adopt the 2050 Master Plan, last updated in 2020. Revisions to the document focus on the Mission Street corridor, parks and recreation, and land use strategies that align with population trends.

## Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Board of Education

- Approved a \$41,510 bid from Town &
   Country Group for vape detectors and
   installation services at Mt. Pleasant High
   School. The project will be funded primarily
   by a 2% grant from the Saginaw Chippewa
   Indian Tribe, with additional support from
   an award to winners of United Way's Youth
   Venture Competition.
- Accepted the resignation of School Board Vice President Katie Reid, who will be moving out of the district.

### **For More Information**

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