

Spotlight on Local Government September 2025



Isabella County Board of Commissioners

- Approved the purchase of four new generation, Body-Worn Camera Units through the county's radio tower and subscriber equipment grant. The cost for implementation of the new system, training, and three years of data storage is \$11,540, which will be drawn from the Sheriff's commissary account.
- Approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026
 Agreement for Michigan State University
 (MSU) Extension Services at a cost of
 \$173,519. MSU Extension provides
 educational programs in agriculture and agribusiness, children and youth development, including 4-H, health and nutrition, and community, food and environment.
- Approved participation in the Proposed National Opioid Settlement Agreements with Purdue Pharma, the Sackler Family, Sandoz, and several generic prescription opioid manufacturers. A minimum of 70% of all settlement proceeds must be used solely for opioid remediation purposes.
- Approved payment of \$99,957 for updates to the county's Central Dispatch back-up emergency dispatching center, located at Central Michigan University. This payment fully expends the \$4.8 million public safety communications grant.
- Adopted a policy authorizing the use of electronic funds transfer (EFT) and Automated Clearing House (ACH) arrangements. The policy designates personnel authorized to complete ACH and EFT transactions, provides for proper approval before payments are initiated, and requires a system for tracking and accounting of transactions.
- Approved the FY2026 Commission on Aging Nutrition Site Agreements for congregate meal sites with Shepherd United Methodist Church at \$150 per month, Fremont Township-Winn Community Building at \$300 per month, Rosebush Manor at \$90 per month, and Sherman Township-Weidman at \$250 per month.

Mt Pleasant City Commission

Approved an Obsolete Property
 Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) tax exemption for

- 115 South University Avenue Unit B and 117 South University Avenue, subject to final approval by the State Tax Commission. The exemption freezes the taxable value of the properties at the current level for 12 years, after which taxing entities will be able to collect taxes based on the new property value.
- Adopted a proclamation designating Mt.
 Pleasant as an International City of Peace,
 signaling the city's intent to build a culture
 of peace, tolerance, equality, and respect.
- Approved a 10% match up to \$220,000 for a
 Transportation Alternatives Program grant
 application for a shared use pathway along
 Mission Street from Blue Grass Road to
 Preston Street, then turn west along
 Preston Street, turn north at East Campus
 Drive and connect to Bellows Street. The
 estimated cost of the project is \$2.2 million,
 with \$550,000 authorized by the Mission Pickard Downtown Development Authority.
- Approved the 2050 Master Plan Update but expressed concern about the proposed extension of Oak Street as a second entrance to Island Park.
- Scheduled a joint work session for November 24 with the Planning Commission and the property owners to discuss options for rezoning five parcels at the southwest corner of Broomfield and Crawford Roads.

Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission

- Approved a site plan for 1993 Gover Parkway, in Industrial Park South, to build a 24,803 sq. ft. addition to the existing 51,685 sq. ft. warehouse facility.
- Approved two site plans for a new building with commercial and residential units at 221 W. Michigan Street and 215 S. Pine Street. The number of stories for the building, either two or three, hinges on the level of funding from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Board of Education

Appointed Andrew Brockman to replace
 Trustee Katie Reid, who relocated out of the
 district. His term runs through December
 2026.