



Isabella County Board of Commissioners

Meetings: Feb. 3 & 17

- Approved the restructuring of the In-Home Services Program at the Commission on Aging to meet the needs of a rapidly growing senior population. The plan adds a new full-time In-Home Services Program Supervisor position while eliminating a part-time administrative position. These changes add \$28,000 to the annual budget.
- Adopted a resolution to conduct a feasibility study for construction of a northbound entrance ramp located near the intersection of US-127 Business Route and South Mission Road. The Board received \$250,000 in state funding for the study as part of Michigan's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget. The project will be managed through the Michigan Department of Transportation Service Center in Mt. Pleasant.
- Approved a three-year contract with McBride Quality Care for shelter services for youth between the ages of 10 and 17 who are placed in the county's six-bed nonsecure facility by court order. The company will provide licensing, staffing, and management of day-to-day operations for the facility at a cost of \$327,600 in FY 2026, increasing 2% annually. Expenditures are partially reimbursable through the Michigan Child Care Fund.

Mt. Pleasant City Commission

Meetings: Feb. 9 & 23

- Adopted resolutions for the Principal Shopping District that confirmed the special assessment roll, set the assessment at \$104,700 per year for 2026 and 2027, and authorized improvements. The special assessment is used for maintenance, beautification, snow removal, and utilities for amenities that serve the downtown.
- Awarded the contract for the Nelson Park Mill and Overlay Project to TBD Construction for \$64,626. The project will rehabilitate the parking lot surface throughout the park.
- Adopted a resolution establishing income and asset guidelines for property owners seeking a poverty exemption for 2026 property taxes. The Board later paused the decision with the intention to reevaluate the guidelines.

Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission

Meeting: Feb. 5

- Approved a special use permit for short-term rental of the house at 1009 S. Kinney Avenue.

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Board of Education

Meetings: Feb. 2 & 16

- Approved an amendment to Policy 5301 regarding absenteeism. Absences will be considered verified, rather than excused, if they are confirmed by communication to the school from the student's parent.
- Approved an amendment to Policy 5409 concerning graduation requirements. Beginning with the class of 2026, students are expected to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), with waivers and exemptions available under certain circumstances. Because the district is a FAFSA Challenge grant recipient, it must establish a universal FAFSA completion policy.
- Approved a one-year contract extension with ESS Midwest, maintaining the existing rates for staffing substitute teachers.

Union Township Board of Trustees

Meetings: Feb. 11 & 25

- Approved the 2026 contracts with the Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) for resurfacing 4.25 miles of gravel road and one mile of limestone road at a cost to the township of \$159,972. The ICRC and the township are splitting costs 50/50 for two miles of road work, while the township funds all remaining miles.
- Approved the 2026 Brine Participation Contract with the ICRC at a cost to the township of \$23,218. The township is covering 93.3% of the brining costs, with the ICRC contributing 6.7%. All 19.9 miles of gravel roads in the township will receive three applications of dust suppressant brining this year.
- Awarded the contract for a comprehensive Water and Wastewater Cost-Of-Service Analysis and Rate Structure Review to Utility Financial Solutions for \$48,300.