

## Isabella County Board of Commissioners

(July 21)

- **Building Inspections Fees:** Approved Building Inspections Fee Increases, effective August 1. The application fee and the fee to reopen an expired permit will increase from \$50 to \$75. Construction costs per square foot will follow the International Code Council (ICC) Building Valuation Data. The transition to full ICC pricing will take five-years, from 2026 to 2031.
- **Sheriff's Office Vehicles:** Approved the purchase of three administrative/investigative vehicles for the Sheriff's Office at a cost of \$91,202, fully funded by public safety revenue sharing.
- **Homeland Security Grant:** Approved the Fiscal Year 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement for \$17,105, which helps fund the Emergency Management Planner's wages.
- **Day Treatment Program:** Extended the contract with McBride Quality Care for the youth Day Treatment Program through Sept. 30, 2028. The agreement includes a 2% cost increase for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028, and 75% of the total cost is reimbursable through the state's Child Care Fund. The Court oversees the program and curriculum, McBride Quality Care manages staffing and daily operations, and Mt. Pleasant Community Education provides instruction.
- **Herrick Campground Playground:** Approved an immediate order of GameTime equipment for a new playground at the Herrick Recreation Area campground. To secure a \$20,025 grant from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, all playground

equipment must be installed by Dec. 31, 2026. The site design features native plants and an ADA-compliant walkway. Remaining funding includes a \$50,000 grant from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and \$104,000 from the Parks Fund budget.

## Mt. Pleasant City Commission (July 13 & 27)

- **Water Plant Revenue Bonds:** Authorized the issuance of up to \$30 million of Revenue Bonds for Phase II improvements to the Water Treatment Plant and adopted water rate increases to cover the debt service. Rates will increase by 6% annually from 2027 to 2029, followed by 3% annual increases in 2030 and 2031. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund will provide \$6.4 million in principal loan forgiveness.
- **Water Plant Infrastructure Contracts:** Awarded contracts for the Water Treatment Plant Pump and Storage Improvements to Sorensen Gross (\$25,456,000), the Ranney Well Lateral Rehabilitation and Installation to Reynolds Construction (\$2,249,970), the 2027 Galvanized Service Line Replacements to The Isabella Corporation (\$104,550), and Construction Engineering Services to Fishbeck (\$1,576,000).
- **Broadway Theater Liquor License:** Recommended approval of a new Michigan Liquor Control Commission Club License for Friends of the Broadway. The license will enable the non-profit organization to sell alcohol to its members for on-site consumption. Club licenses do not count toward the quota for liquor licenses.
- **Broomfield/Crawford Development:** Approved the termination of the PRD (Planned Residential Development) at the

southwest corner of Broomfield and Crawford Roads.

### **Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission** (July 9)

- **Broomfield/Crawford Zoning:**  
Recommended that the City Commission rezone 157 acres at the southwest corner of Broomfield and Crawford Roads from Planned Residential Development (PRD) to four distinct classifications. The recommendation assigns 74 acres to CD-4 residential dwellings, 54 acres to the SD-U university district, 21 acres to the CZ civic zone for a proposed private school, and 8 acres to the CD-4 mixed-use district (commercial, light industrial, residential).
- **Broadway Street Short-Term Rental:**  
Approved a special use permit for a short-term rental at 107 E. Broadway Street, Apt.3, in the downtown business district.

### **Union Township Board of Trustees** (July 8 & 22)

- **Sanitary Sewer Revenue Bonds:** Authorized the issuance of up to \$6.52 million of Revenue Bonds for Sanitary Sewer System

improvements. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) will provide a 2% interest loan and 13% principal loan forgiveness.

- **Wastewater System Contract:** Tentatively awarded a \$4,389,905 contract to Fisher Contracting Co. for construction of wastewater system improvements, contingent on successful financial arrangements with the CWSRF Program.
- **Whiteville Road Rezoning:** Approved the rezoning of the southerly 1.21 acres of 4080 S. Whiteville Road from Agricultural (AG) to low density, one- and two-family residential (R-2A), unifying the entire lot under the R-2A zoning classification.
- **Athletic Field Feasibility Study:** Awarded a contract to OHM Advisors to conduct a feasibility study, at a cost up to \$27,300, for the development of tournament-friendly athletic fields and related support facilities. The study will be partially funded by a \$20,000 grant from the Mt. Pleasant Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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