



# Liv.Co UPDATE

Monthly News from the  
Livingston County Commissioners



August 2019

## Livingston County Board of Commissioners



District 1 - Kate Lawrence

District 2 - William Green

District 3 - Wes Nakagiri

District 4 - Douglas G. Helzerman

District 5 - Donald S. Parker

**(Board Chairman)**

District 6 - Robert J. Bezotte

District 7 - Carol S. Griffith

District 8 - Dennis L. Dolan

**(Board Vice-Chairman)**

District 9 - Gary Childs

*"The mission of Livingston County is to be an effective and efficient steward in delivering quality services within the constraints of sound fiscal policy. Our priority is to provide mandated services which may be enhanced and supplemented to improve the quality of life for all who work, reside, and recreate in Livingston County."*

## 2018 Livingston County Master Plan Wins Planning Awards

The County is proud to announce that the 2018 Livingston County Master Plan was awarded two prestigious Planning Excellence Awards by the Michigan Association of Planning. The first award given to the Master Plan was the Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan. This award is granted to a comprehensive plan that advances the science and art of planning. The second award given to the Master Plan was the Best Practice award. The Master Plan was granted this award for demonstrating how innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods and practices help create communities of lasting value. The jury of American Planning Association Michigan Chapter professionals that selected the Livingston County Master Plan included the following comment in their recommendation, "[The Master Plan was a] big undertaking for three staff people with lots of engagement and education." Congratulations and thanks go out to the Planning Department for their hours of hard work and dedication to our community.

## Monthly Meetings

8/5/2019 - General Government & Health & Human Services Meeting at 7:30 PM

8/7/2019 - Finance Committee at 7:30 AM

8/12/2019 - Full Board Meeting at 7:30 PM

8/14/2019 - Personnel Committee at 8:30 AM

8/19/2019 - Infrastructure & Development & Public Safety at 7:30 PM

8/21/2019 - Finance Committee at 7:30 AM

8/26/2019 - Full Board Meeting at 7:30 PM

## Septage Receiving Station Expansion-Dewatering Project

The Livingston County Septage Receiving Station (SRS) was constructed in May 2007, along with a County-wide ban on land application of septage, which provided a more environmentally sound disposal method of septage for residents. The SRS is located on Runyan Lake Road in Hartland Township and is a County owned and operated facility that accepts domestic septage waste that is pumped from septic tanks where residents are not connected to a sewer system. The waste goes to the Genesee County Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) where it is treated. The volumes accepted at the SRS continue to grow annually. Initial projections assumed a maximum volume of up to 12 million gallons, and the station is now projected to reach 30 million gallons in 2019. This increase in volume has caused the SRS to exceed its permit limits set by Genesee County, which in turn is causing a strain on the WRRF. As a result, Genesee County has issued a Corrective Action Plan that requires installation of a press facility at the existing SRS. The press facility will remove the solids that cause the septage to exceed permit limits, thereby eliminating the stress on the WRRF. Construction is planned to begin in fall 2019 and be completed by late summer 2020.

## Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners & Appointments

- Due to the increased cost of conducting business for the County Clerk's Vital Record division and the fees for vital records have not been increased since 2005, vital records fees, marriage waiver fees, and the fee to have records expedited have been revised.
- LETS will purchase 4 replacement vans using funding from the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program, and 2 expansion vans using funding from the federal Surface Transportation Program.
- Agreements with ADR Consultants, LLC. and DeMaria & John Stewart Associates, LLC. for construction management services for minor projects at County locations have been approved.
- The Board opposes legislation to prevent County Commissioner candidates from disclosing their party affiliation on ballots provided to Michigan voters. The Board supports providing Michigan voters with full information about their candidates for County Commissioner and opposes forcing a candidate to run as a "non-partisan" candidate.
- Agreements with multiple staffing firms have been approved to provide the County with information technology professional services on an as-needed basis.
- An agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to provide comprehensive health services in Livingston County for a year has been approved.
- LETS will soon be using DoubleMap, Inc. dispatch software and mobile data terminals. Some of the highlights of the software include improvements to efficiency, reduction in vehicle miles, and an app that riders can use to book rides.
- The County will return \$77,941.32 of unexpended Community Development Block Grant program income to the State of Michigan.
- A Parking Space Lease Agreement between the County and Brighton Area Schools, allowing LETS to lease a parking space at the Brighton Bus Garage, has been approved. This satellite vehicle location will help LETS more efficiently serve the eastern portion of the County.
- The following individuals have been named as employee delegates for the 2019 MERS Annual Meeting:
  - Ken Hinton - Officer Delegate
  - Stacy Bono - Alternate Officer Delegate
  - Kay Baker - Employee Delegate
  - Rob Stanford - Alternate Employee Delegate
- The Board has reviewed and approved the 2020-2022 Annual Implementation Plan of the Area Agency on Aging 1-B.
- Redstone Architects, Inc. will be providing a Renovation Needs Assessment for the Livingston County Sheriff's Office.

## Pending Resolutions

- Diane McCormick, Health Department Director, and William Green, County Commissioner, will seek approval for appointment to the Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board.
- The Board will consider establishing a Census 2020 Complete Count Committee to advise and assist Livingston County in obtaining the most accurate and complete population count for the 2020 Census.
- LETS will ask the Board to authorize a contract with Indian Trails, Inc. to provide airport transportation services.
- The Sheriff's Office will ask the Board to approve the submission of the Sheriff's contract application for the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning's Traffic Enforcement Grant.