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Monthly News from the
Livingston County Commissioners



November 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."

2019 State of the County Address



Chairman Donald S. Parker delivered Livingston County's 2019 State of the County Address on October 30th. The speech's theme was "Future Trending," and Chairman Parker addressed the county's progress,

challenges, and priorities. Transformative demographic changes within Livingston County were one issue Parker spoke about. Michigan's current birth rates are the lowest they've been since 1941. Data from SEMCOG and Census.gov estimate that there will be a 337% increase in individuals aged 65 and older between 2010 and 2045. Challenges aside, Chairman Parker also had good news to share about the state of the county. Livingston County is 1 of 5 counties within the state to have a Aaa Moody Rating, we have a balanced budget each year, we contributed \$9.8 million dollars in additional payments to MERS to reduce our unfunded liability, and Livingston County has the lowest allocated tax rate in Michigan. To view the 2019 State of the County Address recording, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-53arAeT5pM&t=11s>.

Monthly Meetings

11/12/2019 - Full Board Meeting
at 7:30 PM

11/13/2019 - Personnel
Committee at 8:30 AM

11/18/2019 - Infrastructure &
Development & Public Safety
at 7:30 PM

11/20/2019 - Finance Committee
at 7:30 AM

11/25/2019 - Full Board Meeting
at 7:30 PM

Passing of County Administrator, Ken Hinton



Livingston County is deeply saddened by the passing of County Administrator, Ken Hinton. Ken had been a valued leader at Livingston County since 2015 and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ken's family as they go through this difficult time.

Ken's passing has deeply affected us all, but Livingston County's employees have come together as a team to ensure County Administration functions continue. Deputy County Administrator, Cindy Catanach, has assumed the role of acting County Administrator.

Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners & Appointments

- The Health Department has entered into an agreement with Washtenaw County Public Health to share Medical Director Services.
- Thomson Reuters will provide online legal research services for the county's Courts. Thomson Reuters is the only source that provides Gillespie, a treatise on Michigan Criminal Law and Procedure.
- The Board has approved the 2020 Livingston County Budget. The recommended 2020 Budget will be filed with the Livingston County Clerk for public viewing on November 15th.
- A third quarter supplemental appropriation has been made to the FY 2019 Budget.
- The maintenance for the county's Dell Storage Area Network (SAN) has been extended through October 31, 2020. The county's SAN is the repository of all county historical and current data.
- The Veterans' Services Department will be donating up to \$2,500 to local organizations to provide free meals to Veterans on Veterans Day.
- The Livingston County Airport will enter into a ground lease agreement with Common Sail Storage, LLC for Airport property north and east of the airport terminal building. Common Sail Storage will construct a hanger to house their aircraft on the leased property.
- The Health Department determined that the implementation of an electronic health record software solution will accommodate current and future program needs. An agreement has been made with Patagonia, Inc. to provide electronic health record software, implementation, and consulting services for 5 years.
- EMS, the Sheriff's Office, and Central Dispatch all need to provide uniforms and accessories for their personnel. An agreement with Galls, LLC. to provide uniform outfitting services for a period of 3 years was authorized.
- State Law requires that the annual Apportionment Report be approved by the Board of Commissioners on or before October 31st of each year. The Board approved the Apportionment Report on October 15th.
- Newly created Public Defender positions have been approved. These positions are vital to the county's operations and consistent with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission-approved plan for the public defender services in Livingston County.
- LETS has updated their Drug and Alcohol Policy after significant changes in Federal rules and best practices have occurred since the last policy update. LETS has also amended their Inclement Weather Policy. The amendment allows employees to take implement weather days without pay rather than have to use their banked time to cover lost time from work.
- Democratic Representative Nancy Sauvage and Republican Representative Carla Chapman have been appointed to the Livingston County Board of Canvassers with terms expiring October 31, 2023.