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Monthly News from the  
Livingston County Commissioners



July 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

## Monthly Meetings

- 7/8/2019 - General Government & Health & Human Services Meeting at 7:30 PM
- 7/10/2019 - Finance Committee at 7:30 AM
- 7/15/2019 - Full Board Meeting at 7:30 PM
- 7/17/2019 - Personnel Committee at 8:30 AM
- 7/22/2019 - Infrastructure & Development & Public Safety at 7:30 PM
- 7/24/2019 - Finance Committee at 7:30 AM
- 7/29/2019 - Full Board Meeting at 7:30 PM

*"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."*

## LETS Will Provide Senior Transportation In Hamburg Twp.

Seniors living in Hamburg Township will be able to travel to and from their homes and the Hamburg Senior Center more easily soon due to a contract LETS has signed with the Township. Due to the increased demand for senior transportation in Hamburg Township, the Township contacted LETS seeking to contract with Livingston County for transportation services. Seniors can travel to the Senior Center as well as group outings between the Senior Center and destinations in Brighton, Howell, and Ann Arbor. The Township will compensate the County for the "local share" of the service cost, or the remaining cost not reimbursed by federal and state grant funding, based on the number of vehicle hours dedicated to the service. Transportation services will begin with 8 hours per day and 3 days per week, but the hours and days of service may be expanded.

## New Drainage Review & Soil Erosion Control Fees Established

Fees for Drainage Review and Soil Erosion Control were created in 2001 and 2015, respectively. Since establishment of both fees, the cost of consulting engineering services associated with drainage plan reviews and the cost of operating the soil erosion and sedimentation control program have increased to the point where the fees were no longer sufficient to cover the costs of the programs. Both programs will increase their fees to sufficiently cover the operating costs of the programs for the coming fiscal years. The Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program is overseen by the Drain Commissioner and regulates earth disturbance activities to reduce impacts to surface waters from soil erosion and sedimentation. Projects disturbing an acre or more of soil or projects occurring within 500' of lakes, streams, or regulated wetland must be issued a permit before work can begin. The objective of the Drainage Review program is to mitigate impacts associated with new development on surface water. The key to understanding the need for mitigating impact is to understand the limitations of existing drainage systems, which were largely constructed with the intent of providing for farm drainage. New residential, commercial, and industrial development requires far more intensive drainage service than its agricultural predecessor.

## Resolutions Passed by the Board of Commissioners & Appointments

- The Board will amend the Livingston County Board of Commissioners 2019 Rules to ensure compliance with the recent amendment made to the Open Meetings Act on March 29, 2019.
- The IT department will renew their contract with Windstream for telephone and internet services for a total of 5 years. Windstream has been the County's telephone and internet service provider since 2016.
- The Board formally recognized their receipt, review, approval, and filing of the 2020-2025 Livingston County Capital Improvement Plan. The Capital Improvement Plan is a multi-year inventory that identifies projects approved or anticipated by County departments. Through the Plan, County departments identify potential building projects, renovations, or equipment, infrastructure, or property purchases to be used as a public asset to benefit the public.
- The Board has authorized the levy of the County's 2019 millages.
- The Board recently accepted the audit of the financial statements of the County for 2018, as prepared by Plante & Moran.
- The Livingston County Building Authority will be dissolved when it has completed its mission of transferring the title of the Old Courthouse from the Livingston County Building Authority to Livingston County and any other outstanding title issues.
- The Jail's contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield for discounted medical services has been approved. During this one-year contract, when an inmate is sent off-site for medical services, Blue Cross Blue Shield will provide a discount if the medical provider is a member of the Blue Cross Blue Shield network. This discount also applies to prescription drugs and off-site dental visits.
- The Animal Shelter routinely receives donations from citizens, specifically restricted for the use of the Animal Shelter. A budget amendment for the Animal Shelter was approved and the Animal Shelter Donation Fund Budget was created.
- Bruce Hundley and Michelle LaRose were reappointed to the Livingston County Aeronautical Facilities Board with terms expiring July 1, 2024.

## Pending Resolutions

- The Livingston County Board of Commissioners will consider authorizing the granting of a Drainage Easement to Morgan Properties, LLC, of Flushing, MI, for access to the City of Howell Drain for storm water detention discharge from the property located at 2425 W. Grand River Avenue in Howell. Morgan Properties, LLC is redeveloping the property to include an approximately 7,500 square foot building. Grading and pipe installation across a section of the County's West Complex will need to be completed to create the storm water detention system.