

**MINUTES  
ISABELLA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
August 6, 2019**

The Isabella County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Chairperson George Green in the Commission Chambers on the above date.

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America** was led by Chairperson George Green.

**Roll was called with the following Commissioners present:** George Green, Frank Engler, Jerry Jalszynski, Jim Horton, James Moreno, Steve Swaney and Tobin Hope

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Also present were:** Isabella County Administrator/Controller Margaret McAvoy, Deputy Administrator Nicole Frost, and Deputy Clerk Brenda M. Young

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** It was moved by Commissioner Jalszynski and seconded by Commissioner Hope to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

William Joseph, City of Mount Pleasant Mayor, expressed support for the adoption of Resolution No. 19-07-01 Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

Amy Perschbacher, City of Mount Pleasant Commissioner, expressed support for the adoption of Resolution No. 19-07-01 Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

**PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**1. Fiscal Year 2020- Commission on Aging Millage:**

It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Hope to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 budget millage for the Isabella County Commission on Aging at 0.88 of one mill. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Horton, Moreno, Swaney, Jalszynski and Hope. Nays: None.

**2. Fiscal Year 2020- Medical Facility Millage:**

It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 budget millage for the Isabella County Medical Care Facility at 0.70 of one mill. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Horton, Moreno, Swaney, Jalszynski and Hope. Nays: None.

**3. Fiscal Year 2020- Parks and Recreation Millage**

It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Hope to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 budget millage for Isabella County Parks and Recreation Millage at 0.35 of one mill. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Horton, Moreno, Swaney, Jalszynski and Hope. Nays: None.

**4. Fiscal Year 2020 – Transportation Commission Millage:**

It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 budget millage for Isabella County Transportation Commission at 0.862 of one mill. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Horton, Moreno, Swaney, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve and place on file the July 16, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes, the July 30, 2019 Finance and Administration Committee minutes, the July 30, 2019 Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee minutes, the July 30, 2019 Human Resources and Public Works Committee minutes the July 11, 2019 Routine Personal Items and the July 25, 2019 Routine Personnel Items. Motion Carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance and Administration Committee:**

#### **1. Invoice Lists: July 12, 2019 Invoice List; July 19, 2019, July 26, 2019, and August 1, 2019 Adjustment List:**

It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Hope to ratify and place on file the July 12, 2019 Invoice List in the amount of \$667,606.35, the July 19, 2019 Invoice List in the amount of \$220,875.98, the July 26, 2019 Invoice List in the amount of \$268,150.76, and the Adjustment List dated August 1, 2019. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Horton, Moreno, Swaney, Jaloszynski and Hope. Nays: None.

#### **2. Purchase of Police Command Vehicle:**

It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Horton to authorize the purchase of a Police Command Vehicle, in the amount of \$35,703.00. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney and Hope. Nays: None.

### **Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee:**

#### **1. Fiscal Year 2020 County Child Care Budget Summary:**

It was moved by Commissioner Engler and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the County Child care Budget Summary with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Isabella County Trial Court Circuit Court-Family Division for October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, in the amount of \$1,992,294.47, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney, and Hope. Nays: None.

#### **2. Kofile Technologies Agreement:**

It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Engler to approve the Agreement for Records Management and Imaging System between Kofile Technologies, Inc., and Isabella County, and authorize the Board chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney, and Hope. Nays: None.

#### **3. Fiscal Year 2017 Intergovernmental Agreement with WMRMC:**

It was moved by Commissioner Engler and seconded by commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Intergovernmental Agreement with West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium, and authorize the Board chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney, and Hope. Nays: None.

**4. Fiscal Year 2018 Intergovernmental Agreement with WMRMC:**

It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Engler to approve Fiscal Year 2018 Intergovernmental Agreement with West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same.

**Human Resources and Public Works Committee:**

**1. State of Michigan Aging and Adult Services Agency Multi-Year Plan:**

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the State of Michigan Aging and Adult Services Agency multi-year plans and Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Funding Agreements for the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs on behalf of the Isabella County commission on Aging for funding for Fiscal Years 2020-2022, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney, and Hope. Nays: None.

**2. August 2019 Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Grant Application:**

It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the August 2019 Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Grant Application request to support the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission event, Art From Our Parks, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney, and Hope. Nays: None.

**3. Isabella County Board of Commissioner Resolution No. 19-07-01:**

**WHEREAS**, Michigan’s Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act, Public Act 453 of 1976, prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, public services and educational facilities based on religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status; and,

**WHEREAS**, Representative Jim Dressel (R-Holland) first introduced legislation in 1983 to extend the protection of the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community; and,

**WHEREAS**, thirty-six years later neither state nor federal law prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. As a result, it remains legal to fire someone (or not hire someone) solely for being gay or transgender, to deny someone housing based only on their sexual orientation or gender identity, and to refuse to serve someone based only on their sexual orientation or gender identity; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Isabella County Board of Commissioners wish to support Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s Executive Directive 2019-9, which strengthens non-discrimination protections by extending prohibitions on discrimination to include discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression; and,

**WHEREAS**, Michigan’s own Department of Civil Rights has concluded that discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in Michigan “exists and is significant” and “has direct negative economic effects on Michigan” and has recommended that the Michigan Legislature

expand the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include both sexual orientation and gender identity; and,

**WHEREAS**, at least thirty-six Michigan cities and townships have passed local civil rights ordinances banning discrimination based on both sexual orientation and gender identity, starting with the City of East Lansing forty-seven years ago in 1972; and,

**WHEREAS**, eighteen states and the District of Columbia have already adopted legislation prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and,

**WHEREAS**, both the City of Mt. Pleasant and the Charter township local governing bodies have both passed similar resolutions; and,

**WHEREAS**, all hardworking people in our state, including those who are gay and transgender, should have the opportunity to earn a living and provide for themselves and their families. No one should have to live in fear that they could be legally fired for reasons that have nothing to do with their job performance; and,

**WHEREAS**, recently more than 200 corporations including Amazon, American Airlines, Bank of America, Ben & Jerry's, Coca-Cola, Domino's Pizza, Goldman Sachs, IBM, Microsoft, Morgan Stanley, Nike, Starbucks, Viacom, the Walt Disney Co. and Xerox all are urging the U.S. Supreme Court to rule that federal civil rights laws ban job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity; and,

**WHEREAS**, SB 0351 have been sponsored by MI State Senator Jeremy Moss to include sexual orientation and gender identity protections in Michigan Elliot-Larsen's Civil Right Law; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this day August 6, 2019 that the Isabella County Commission hereby calls upon the Michigan Legislature to enact legislation to amend the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression and send them copies of this resolution.

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to adopt Isabella County Board of Commissioners Resolution No. 19-07-01, Michigan's Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney, and Hope. Nays: None.

**Intergovernmental Affairs Committee:** None

**Administrator/Controller:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**General Public Comments:**

Norma Bailey, Mount Pleasant resident, thanked the Board for adopting the Resolution.

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 7:45 p.m.

