



LIVINGSTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2300 East Grand River Avenue, Suite 102
Howell, Michigan 48843-7578

www.lchd.org

PERSONAL/PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

P: (517) 546-9850
F: (517) 546-6995

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

P: (517) 546-9858
F: (517) 546-9853

February 3, 2023

To: Board of Commissioners, Personnel Committee

From: Matt Bolang

Re: Public Water Supply Coordinator
-Creation of position

The Health Department provides the management and oversight of the non-community public water supply program through an annual contract with the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). The program responsibilities have substantially increased in complexity and volume over the last number of years. Currently, the management of this program is performed almost exclusively by an Environmental Health Specialist position. This has become unsustainable and to adequately manage the program additional staff are needed. In addition, there is movement at the State to add responsibilities related to overall water quality assurances and outbreak investigations.

The creation of a Public Water Supply Coordinator will enable our department the proper amount of program oversight and will allow the Environmental Health Specialist position to continue to primarily be focused on the non-community program responsibilities.

The cost to create this position is \$96,392 which is offset in our budget by the savings created with the reorganization of the clerical positions.

Programmatically, this cost was supported by Resolution 2022-12-183 which authorized our most recent annual contract renewal with EGLE. The State has realized that the amount of funding in previous contracts did not support Local Health Departments and have made a commitment for this additional funding going forward. Funding for the Non-community program increased by approximately \$235,000 this year, which is more than enough to cover the cost of this new position and continue to fund the current Environmental Health Specialist working in the program.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.