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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
From: Robert Spaulding, DPW/Solid Waste Coordinator
Date: December 2, 2024
Re: Resolution Appointing the Designated Planning Agency for the Materials Management Planning Process-DPW/Solid Waste

Resolution Dissolving the Solid Waste Management Committee and Creating the Materials Management Planning Committee-DPW/Solid Waste

In March of 2023 the State of Michigan amended Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451 requiring all counties to prepare a Materials Management Plan (MMP). Previously, Livingston County's last update of our Solid Waste Management Plan was a five year update for the years 1998-2002. This call for updates has been in the making since I first took this role in 2006. The current Solid Waste Management Plan focused on each County having enough capacity in landfills to meet the needs of the County. No amendments were made to our Plan and one Type II transfer station in Oceola Township was found to be consistent with our Plan in 2013.

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) is transitioning from a solid waste disposal mindset to a new materials management system seeking alternatives to landfilling and identifying the highest and best use of materials through recycling and composting.

Resolution 2024-06-084 designated the Livingston County Board of Commissioners as the County Approval Agency (CAA). The CAA is the entity that assumes responsibility for the MMP and ultimately approves Livingston County Materials Management Plan.

The two resolutions presented before you for discussion are:

Resolution Appointing the Designated Planning Agency for the Materials Management Planning Process- this resolution seeks to appoint the Livingston County Planning Commission as the Designated Planning Agency (DPA). The DPA will serve as the primary governmental entity that will develop and administer the MMP.

Resolution Dissolving the Solid Waste Management Committee and Creating the Materials Management Planning Committee- this resolution would dissolve the existing Solid Waste Management Committee that existed to make recommendation to the Livingston County Board of Commissioners for proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan adopted in 1998. The resolution also creates the new Materials Management Planning Committee that will be tasked to develop and implement the MMP under the direction of the DPA.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.