HISTORICAL DATA OF MECOSTA COUNTY

The Surveyor General approved the United States survey of Mecosta County on February 22, 1839, and the State Legislature established the county boundaries on April 1, 1840.

In 1851, John Davis purchased 160 acres in Mecosta Township and John Parish purchased 57 acres in Big Rapids. They were the first two permanent county residents. On July 20, 1852, the first family to reside in the county, William and Margaret Brockway, and their two children moved into a logging shanty on Mitchell Creek. Their daughter, Alice, born February 12, 1853 was the first white child born in the county. In the spring of 1853, the Brockways moved to a 200-acre farm in Aetna Township.

In March 1854, Zerah and George French, and nine members of their family moved into a temporary shanty close to Mitchell Creek and the Muskegon River. Zerah’s mother, Sally French, and his four sisters and two brothers accompanied them. Zerah and Margaret French and the French Clan founded Big Rapids.

In the fall of 1854, Alfred and Fannie Clark and their children settled on the southwest corner of State and Spring streets. They were the second family to live in Big Rapids and the third in Mecosta County. In the spring of 1855, James and Laura Montague and their children became the fourth family to settle in Mecosta County. Their farm was located where Coolidge Road intersects the west bank of the Muskegon River.

In 1856, Warren & Ives erected their sawmill on the southeast corner of Mitchell Creek and Michigan Avenue. The grand opening of Mecosta County’s first industry occurred on July 4, 1857. The Old Red Mill’s opening was also the area’s first Independence Day celebration.

The organization of Leonard (Big Rapids) Township and Green Township was authorized in February 1858. On April 5, 1858 the first township elections were held and Jesse Shaw was elected Supervisor of Leonard Township and Jesse A. Barker was elected Supervisor of Green Township.

In the summer of 1858, Green Township School District No. 1 was opened. The log schoolhouse was located on the southwest corner of 210th Avenue and Coolidge Road and Mrs. Martha Evans was the first school teacher in Mecosta County.

On February 11, 1859, the State Legislature authorized the organization of Mecosta County and established the Village of Leonard as the county seat. The first county elections were held on April 4th and the following county officials were elected: Orrin Stevens, Clerk and Register of Deeds; Alfred L. Clark, Sheriff; Charles Shafer, Treasurer; Jesse A. Barker, Judge of Probate; and Augustine N. Williams, Surveyor. Mr. William T. Howell of Newaygo was appointed Prosecuting Attorney. On May 2nd, Luther Cobb and Jesse A. Barker convened the first meeting of the Board of Supervisors and Jesse A. Barker was chosen Chairman. The population of Mecosta County was 671 inhabitants in 1860.
Big Rapids Township, then Leonard Township, opened Mecosta County’s second school during the summer of 1859. The Old Red School was located on the northwest corner of Michigan and Oak Streets. Mrs. Mary Fuller was the school’s first teacher.

The first issue of the Big Rapids Pioneer, a five-column folio, was printed on April 17, 1862. Charlie Gay was the proprietor, owner, and coeditor with Ceylon C. Fuller. The Pioneer is still being published today.

The plat for the Village of Big Rapids was recorded on November 3, 1859 and the plat for French’s addition (Glen Elm) was recorded on May 9, 1860. The State Legislature authorized the incorporation of the City of Big Rapids in April 1869. The first city elections were held on April 19, 1869, at which the following officials were elected: George F. Stearns, Mayor; Charlie Gay, Recorder; W. Irving Latimer, Treasurer; and William Van Loo, Supervisor. Mecosta County had 5,642 residents in 1870.

The Grand Rapids and Indiana was the first railroad to enter Mecosta County. In July 1869, the GR&I Railroad crossed the Little Muskegon River and the Village of Morley was created. Construction of the next section of track to the Village of Paris started in late July 1869 and the Village of Stanwood came into existence. The GR&I reached the city limits of Big Rapids on June 20, 1870 and the Village of Paris on July 1, 1870. Construction of the GR&I continued for several years until the line reached Petosky in December 1873.

Early county prisoners were housed in the County Sheriff’s private house or a local hotel or the Kent County Jail. The first county jail was erected in the summer of 1868. This jail was situated in the same place where the Old Historic Jail built in 1893 is presently located on Stewart Street. Construction for the present county jail was completed in 1965. This jail was renovated in 1986. The Mecosta County Board of Commissioners approved another jail renovation & expansion in 2000 with scheduled completion in 2001.

In the early 1880’s, county offices were located in a rented building at 117 South Michigan. In the early 1880’s, rented county offices were located in two downtown buildings at the corner of Elm and Michigan. In April 1884, voters approved a two-year tax for the purpose of erecting a county courthouse. Construction on the first courthouse began in 1885 and was completed in 1886. A ground breaking ceremony for the present Mecosta County Building (second courthouse) occurred on April 8, 1969. Construction of the Mecosta County Building was completed in late August 1970.

By:

Jim Wood, Historian
March 2004
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THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic; established upon these principals of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws, to respect its Flag and to defend it against all enemies.

THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

I Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MICHIGAN PLEDGE

I Pledge allegiance to the flag of Michigan and to the State for which it stands, two beautiful peninsulas, united by a bridge of steel, where equal opportunity and justice for all is our ideal.
## TOTAL COUNTY POPULATION

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(231) 592-0193 Fax

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PROSECUTING ATTORNEY- Peter Jaklevic (R)
Room 206 (231) 592-0141
(231) 796-3050 Fax

REGISTER OF DEEDS- Karen Hahn (R)
Room 136 (231) 592-0145

SHERIFF- Todd Purcell (R)
225 S. Stewart (231) 592-0150
(231) 796-5577 Fax

TREASURER- Connie L. Scott (R)
Room 133 (231) 592-0169
(231) 592-0174 Fax

ROAD COMMISSION
120 DeKrafft, Big Rapids, MI 49307
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Road Commissioner Randy Maxwell (R)
Road Commissioner Paul Jeffs (R)
Road Commissioner John R. Currie (R)

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County Controller/Administrator............................... Paul Bullock

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Commission meetings are held in Room 102)

District #1 – Kevin M. Courtney (R)
(Green, Grant, Colfax)
15693 Wilson Rd., Rodney, MI 49342   (231) 580-1463

District #2 – Jerry Williams (R)
(Chippewa, Fork, Martiny, Sheridan)
24 Twenty Mile Rd., Barryton, MI 49305 – (989) 382-5774

District #3 – Dick Wheeler (R)
(Morton, Millbrook, Wheatland)
9589 Sunset Dr. Stanwood, MI 49346 - (231) 972-3712

District #4 – Raymond Steinke (R)
(Aetna, Austin, Deerfield, Hinton)
2011 155th Ave, P.O. Box 141, Morley, MI 49336 - (231) 856-7090

District #5 – Art Adleman (R)
(Mecosta, Big Rapids Townships, except for that portion of
unincorporated area lying between Ryan Creek and
the Muskegon River and south of 16 Mile Rd [Colburn Ave])
17771 Trestle Bend Dr., Big Rapids, MI 49307 - (231) 527-2035

District #6 – Eric O’Neil (R)
(Big Rapids City Prcts #2, 3 & 5, plus that portion of Big Rapids Township that lies
between Ryan Creek and the Muskegon River south of 16 Mile Rd [Colburn Ave])
14880 Squaw Lane, Big Rapids, MI 49307 - (231) 796-1171

District #7 – William Routley (R)
(Big Rapids City Prcts #1 and 4)
1601 Catherine St, Big Rapids, MI 49307 – (231) 796-5167
The Board of Commissioners has established the policy of meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. except when otherwise set by adjournment or by law. At their first meeting each year the board selects a Chairman and Vice-Chairman pursuant to MSA 5.323. Special sessions of the Board may be called by a request of at least one-third of all Commissioners, which request must be filed with the County Clerk so that at least 10 days notice may be given of such a meeting. The law also provides a method of calling special meetings in case of disaster or enemy attack (MSA 5.303).

Meetings of the Board are open to the public. Persons wishing to address the Board are requested first to make arrangements with the Administrator of the Chairman of the Board so the matter may be taken up in proper order. People are welcome to call on any department in the County Building for information or assistance with county government related matters.

**ACCOUNTING OFFICE**
Room 201

- Finance Officer ................................................................. 592-8299
- Accounts Payable ............................................................. 592-0786
- Employee Benefits .......................................................... 592-0790
- Payroll .................................................................................. 592-0788

**CIRCUIT COURT OFFICERS**
49th Judicial Circuit
400 Elm Street, Big Rapids, MI 49307
(231) 592-0780
Room 105

- Circuit Court Judge ......................................................... Scott Hill-Kennedy
- Circuit Court Judge ......................................................... Ronald C. Nichols
- Clerk of the Court ........................................................... Marcee M. Purcell
- Prosecuting Attorney ....................................................... Peter M. Jaklevic
- Sheriff ............................................................................... Todd Purcell
- Court Recorder ............................................................... Thomas Lyons
- Friend of the Court ......................................................... Cyndi J. Hunt

**DISTRICT COURT OFFICERS**
77th District Court
400 Elm St, Big Rapids, MI 49307
(231) 592-0799 – Room 118

- District Court Judge ......................................................... Hon. Susan H. Grant
- Administrator/Magistrate ............................................... Steve DeLaney
- Court Recorder .............................................................. Liane Couch
DISTRICT COURT PROBATION
77th District Court
400 Elm St, Big Rapids, MI 49307
(231) 592-0190 – Room 218

Probation Director …………………………………………………………Ted Platz
Probation Officer ………………………………………………………Susan Guernsey
Compliance Officer ………………………………………………………Tabitha Reichow

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49th Circuit Court
(231) 592-0131 – Room 110

Juvenile Division Administrator…………………………………………..Julie Wallace

FRIEND OF THE COURT
49th Circuit Court
(231) 592-0115 – Fax (231) 592-0187
Room 207

Friend of the Court …………………………………………………………Cyndi J. Hunt
24 Hour Information Line …………………………………………………1-877-543-2660

PROBATE COURT OFFICERS
18th Probate Court
400 Elm St, Big Rapids, MI 49307
(231) 592-0135 – Room 110

Probate Court Judge …………………………………………………….Marco Menezes
Probate Register ………………………………………………………Deborah K. Youngs

PROBATION & PAROLE OFFICERS
49th Circuit Court
400 Elm St, Big Rapids, MI 49307
(231) 592-0140 – Room 212

Probation Agents ……………………………………………………………Jenna Yearkey
Donna Ball
Carri Schweigert
Matthew Graham
Jason Christensen

Supervisor ……………………………………………………………….Paula Garver
Clerical …………………………………………………………………Suzanne Crofoot
OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Ambulance
Services Bldg - 14485 Northland Dr., Big Rapids, MI 49307
Director - Timothy Ladd.................................................................(231) 796-2626
Medical Examiner - Paul Wagner, M.D...........................................
Emergency Call: ................................................................................911

Animal Shelter
15990 McKinley Rd., Big Rapids, MI 49307
Hours - Tue. thru Sat.: 9:00 a.m. to noon/also by appointment
Director - Kenneth DeVries.............................................................(231) 796-1331

Animal Control Officer
Sheriff’s Department: ................................. 225 S. Stewart St., Big Rapids, MI 49307
Animal Control Officer - Trent Livermore...........................................(231) 796-2221

Building & Zoning
Services Bldg - 14485 Northland Dr., Big Rapids, MI 49307
Building Official - Dennis Burrick...............................(231) 592-0105, Fax: (231) 592-0176
Zoning Administrator/Junk Ordinance Enforcer - Marilyn Vargo

Central Dispatch
20701 Northland Dr, Paris, MI 49338
Director - Laurie Smalla ...............................................................(231) 796-5765
Emergency Calls ..............................................................................911
Non-Emergency Calls...............................................................(231) 796-4811

Commission on Aging
Senior Center - 12954 80th Ave, Mecosta, MI 49332
Director - Claudia Lenon.................................................................(231) 972-2884
Senior Meals - Shawn Sredersas..................................................Fax: (231) 972-4735

Community Corrections
County Bldg, 400 Elm St, Room 204, Big Rapids, MI 49307.........(231) 592-0126
Director - Angie Brandon
Placement Officer - Heather Peffer

Emergency Management
Sheriff’s Department - 225 S. Stewart St., Big Rapids, MI 49307
Director - James Buttleman...........................................................(231) 592-0158
Michigan State University Extension
Services Bldg. - 14485 Northland Dr, Big Rapids, MI 49307
District Coordinator - Shari Spoelman........................................Office: (231) 592-0792
4-H Coordinator - Melissa Bowman Fax: (231) 592-9492
County Home Economist - Shannon Lindquist (231) 779-9480
Groundwater Agent - Christina Curell

Equalization
County Bldg - 400 Elm St, Room 135, Big Rapids, MI 49307
Director - Shila Kiander .........................................................(231) 592-0108
Fax: (231) 592-0112

Department of Human Services
800 Water Tower Rd, Big Rapids, MI 49307 .................................(231) 796-4300

Health Department – District #10
Services Bldg - 14485 Northland Dr, Big Rapids, MI 49307
Medical Director - Dr. James Wilson, M.D. ..................................(231) 592-0130
Health Officer - Linda Vangills Fax: (231) 796-7864
Environmental Health Director - Tom Reichard

Maintenance Department
Director - Rich Carley ...............................................................(231) 592-0186
Services Building:.................................................................(231) 592-9486

Mecosta/Osceola Transit Authority
18710 16 Mile Rd, Big Rapids, MI 49307 .................................(231) 796-4896
Director - Ron Schalow

Mecosta County Park Commission
22250 Northland Dr, Paris, MI 49338 .................................(231) 832-3246
Superintendent - Gary Brown Fax: (231) 832-2078

R.S.V.P.
Services Building - 14485 Northland Dr, Big Rapids, MI 49307
Director - Sandra Dalrymple .............................................(231) 796-4848

Mecosta Conservation District
18260 Northland Dr, Big Rapids, MI 49307 .............................(231) 796-0909
Executive Director - Charmaine Lucas Fax: (231) 796-3607
Veterans Office
Svcs. Bldg: 14485 Northland Dr, Big Rapids, MI 49307 ................. (231) 592-0124
Call For Hours
........................................................................................................ Fax: (231) 592-9492
Veterans Counselor: .............................................................................. Steve Gilbert
Web: www.veterans@co.mecosta.mi.us.

W.I.C.
Svcs. Bldg: 14485 Northland Dr, Big Rapids, MI 49307 ................. (231) 592-9440

Youth Attention Center
County Building, Room 134............................................................... (231) 592-0128
Director - Amy Eddinger ............................................................... (231) 592-0129

Big Rapids City Officials
City Hall: 226 N. Michigan Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307 ................. (231) 592-4000
Fax (231) 592-4059

Clerk/Human Resource Manager: .................................................. Roberta Cline
City Manager: ..................................................................................... Stephen Sobers
Treasurer/Assessor: ............................................................................. Julie Tetsworth
Public Safety Director: ................................................................. Frank West
Library Director: .............................................................................. Helena Hayes
Water Superintendent: ................................................................. Carmen Johnson
Income Tax Administrator: ............................................................... Paul Cole
Public Works Director: ................................................................. Mark Gifford
Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor: .................................. Jack Fraser
Neighborhood Services Director: .................................................. Mark Sweppenheiser
City Attorney: Eric Williams: ....................................................... (231) 796-8945
524 N. State St., Big Rapids, MI 49307

Mayor/Chairman: Mark Warba
City Hall: 226 N. Michigan Ave., Big Rapids, MI 49307

Commissioners: Lynn Anderson Lorraine James
Dan Rothstein Terry Harper

Monthly Meeting: 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month
Meeting Location: City Hall, 226 N. Michigan Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307
Aetna Township
Supervisor: Bruce F. Carey...............................................(231) 856-4586
3333 205th Ave., Morley, MI 49336
Clerk: Delores Barringer ..............................................(231) 856-7091
20564 1 Mile Rd, Morley, MI 49336
Treasurer: Jan Eckert .................................................... (231) 856-7870
1740 Eckert Dr, Morley, MI 49336
Trustees: Barbie Cornell .................................................. (231) 856-7042
20029 - 5 Mile Rd, Morley, MI 49336
Shirley Morse .....................................................(231) 856-4513
2356 Brady Lake Dr, Morley, MI 49336
Twp Hall: 196 N Cass St, Morley, MI 49336
(231) 856-4480    Fax: (231) 856-4480
Office hours: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon Wednesday
Cemetery Sexton: Mitchell Loree.................................................(231) 796-6636
Monthly Meeting: April through October , 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
November through March, 2nd Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Austin Township
Supervisor: Kenneth Vredenburg...........................................(231) 823-2768
13829 7 Mile Rd, Stanwood, MI 49346   Cell: (231) 250-7341
kvredenburg@homeworkswildblue.com
Clerk: Elizabeth G. Carr ..................................................(231) 823-8724
6076 Northland Dr., Stanwood, MI 49346
elizabethcarr.austin.twp.clerk@gmail.com
Treasurer: Carolyn K. Towsley ...........................................(231) 972-2672
12459 Pierce Rd, Stanwood, MI 49346
citefinder@aol.com
Trustees: John A. Brockway .............................................(231) 823-2460
14082 Six Mile Rd, Morley, MI 49336
John F. Conforte.........................................................(231) 972-7472
12034 St. John’s Dr, Stanwood, MI 49346
Twp Hall: 14132 Pierce Rd, Stanwood, MI 49346
Phone: (231) 823-9704 Fax: (231) 823-9603
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 226, Stanwood, MI 49346
Monthly Meeting: 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday
Web: www.Austintownship.org
Big Rapids Charter Township

Supervisor: Maxine McClelland ...........................................(231) 796-3603
14212 Northland Dr, Big Rapids, MI 49307
supervisor@bigrapidstownship.net

Clerk: Sherri S. Gilbert .............................................(231) 796-3603
14212 Northland Dr, Big Rapids, MI 49307
clerk@bigrapidstownship.net

Treasurer: Penny Currie .............................................(231) 796-3603
14212 Northland Dr, Big Rapids, MI 49307
treasurer@bigrapidstownship.net

Trustees
David Hamelund .............................................(231) 796-3603
14212 Northland Dr, Big Rapids, MI 49307

Vivian Smith ....................................................(231) 796-3603
14212 Northland Dr, Big Rapids, MI 49307

Ernest Osburn ..................................................(231) 796-3603
14212 Northland Dr., Big Rapids, Mi 49307

Wayne O’Neil .....................................................(231) 796-3603
14212 Northland Dr., Big Rapids, Mi 49307

Twp Hall: 14212 Northland Dr, Big Rapids, MI 49307
Ph: (231) 796-3603 – Fax: (231) 796-2533

Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday
Chippewa Township

Supervisor: George Griffis  
P.O. Box 263, Chippewa Lake, MI 49320  
(231) 867-3777

Clerk: Ilene June Stein  
21827 110th Ave, Evart, MI 49631  
(231) 867-3469

Treasurer: Julie Austin  
P.O. Box 26, Chippewa Lake, MI 49320  
(231) 867-3777 
 julie@chippewatwp-mecostaco.org

Trustees:  
Kristin Lytle  
18079 105th Ave., Rodney, MI 49342  
(231) 867-3777

Nancy Helzerman  
7057 Lake Side Dr., Barryton, MI 49305  
(989) 382-7672

Twp Hall:  
19171 4th St, Chippewa Lake, MI 49320  
Ph/Fax: (231) 867-3777

Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday

Colfax Township

Supervisor: Robert Persons  
13240 130th Ave, Rodney, MI 49342  
(231) 972-2259

Clerk: Sandra Maxwell  
13230 13 Mile Rd, Rodney, MI 49342  
(231) 796-3308 
colfaxclerk@gmail.com

Treasurer: June Straub  
12760 McKinley, Rodney, MI 49342  
(231) 972-7380

Trustees:  
Gerald M. Lintemuth  
14081 13 Mile Rd, Big Rapids, MI 49307  
(231) 796-8265

Sara Fath  
13358 130th Ave, Rodney, MI 49342  
(231) 972-0020

Twp Hall:  
14428 157th Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307  
Ph: (231) 796-3122 - Fax: (231) 796-3174

Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday
Deerfield Township

Supervisor: Gordon Galloway
1613 130th Ave, Morley, MI 49336 ..........(231) 856-4496

Clerk: JoAnn Mitchell
202 N. Webster, Box 2, Morley, MI 49336 ......(231) 856-4388
Email: joham234@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Sheila Lingle
16875 One Mile Rd, Morley, MI 49336 ........ (231) 856-7841

Trustees: Gary Lambrix
17111 Jefferson, Morley, MI 49336 ..........(231) 856-0087

Gordon R. Smith
504 NE St, Morley, MI 49336 ................. (231) 856-7607

Twp Hall: 396 E Fourth St, Morley, MI 49336 ..........(231) 856-7008

Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday

Fork Township

Supervisor: Jack Bark, Sr.
2513 19 Mile Rd, Barryton, MI 49305 ..........(989) 382-5625

Clerk: Cathleen A. Martin
21539 10th Ave, Barryton, MI 49305 ..........(989) 382-8706
Fax: (989) 382-6130

Treasurer: Patti McNeilly
3095 Meceola Rd, Sears, MI 49679 ..........(989) 382-7661

Trustees: Penny Huffman
21401 30th Ave, Barryton, MI 49305 ..........(989) 382-7425

John Singer
22800 60th Ave, Barryton, MI 49305 ..........(989) 382-7377

Twp Hall: 147 Northern Ave, Barryton, MI 49305 ..........(989) 382-7816

Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Monday
Grant Township

Supervisor: Diana Langworthy Burgess, Home Ph: (231) 796-3499
20894 160th Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307

Clerk: Brenda Peterson
21712 160th Ave., Big Rapids, MI 49307, (231) 796-6181

Treasurer: Cathie Reed
16195 21 Mile Rd, Big Rapids, MI 49307, (231) 796-0922

Trustees: Chris Schroeder
20990 160th Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307, (231) 796-7601

Sandra VanAlstine
21980 150th Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307, (231) 796-5486

Twp Hall: 21 Mile Rd. & 150th Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307, (231) 796-9267

Monthly Meeting: 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday

Green Charter Township

Supervisor: Bob Baldwin, supervisor@greentownship.org
P.O. Box 233, Paris, MI 49338, (231) 796-6201 or (231) 796-2284

Clerk: Janet Clark, clerk@greentownship.org
P.O. Box 233, Paris, MI 49338, (231) 796-6201

Treasurer: Denise MacFarlane, treasurer@greentownship.org
P.O. Box 23, Paris, MI 49338, (231) 796-6201

Trustees: Nancy Stephan
22740 207th Ave, Paris, MI 49338, (231) 832-3045

Barbara Waldron
22100 22 Mile Rd, Paris, MI 49338, (231) 832-2189

James T. Peek
18135 Shamrock, Big Rapids, MI 49307, (231) 796-9160

Gary D. Todd
21739 230th Ave, Paris, MI 49338, (231) 796-6012

Assessor: Earl Spalo, assessor@greentownship.org
Ph: (231) 796-6201

Twp Hall: 21431 Northland Dr, P.O. Box 233, Paris, MI 49338
website: www.greentownship.org
Ph: (231) 796-6201
Fax: (231) 796-4718

Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday

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**Hinton Township**

Supervisor:  Carl Thompson ..............................................(231) 972-7753  
5975 70th Ave, Mecosta, MI 49332

Clerk:  Connie Willett..................................................(989) 620-4417  
4488 95th Ave, Lakeview, MI 48850

Treasurer:  Jim Helms..................................................(989) 352-7318  
P.O. Box 60, Lakeview, MI 48850

Trustees:  Wayne Sutherland ………………….…...........  (989) 352-6698  
3565 115th Ave, Morley, MI 49336

Robert Willett …………………….. ................... (989) 352-6423  
9694 5 Mile Rd, Lakeview, MI 48850

Twp Hall:  Corner of 90th Ave & 3 Mile Rd, Lakeview, MI

Monthly Meeting:  7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday

**Martiny Township**

Supervisor:  Bruce D. Cummings  ………………………… (231) 972-7642  
9751 14 Mile Rd, Rodney, MI 49342

Clerk:  Linda Randall …………………............Ph/Fax (231) 972-8742  
13654 80th Ave, Mecosta, MI 49332

Treasurer:  Cindy Lattimore ……………………........ ..... (231) 867-3387  
15051 110th Ave, Rodney, MI 49342

Trustees:  William Schoner  ……………………………….(231) 972-7326  
9458 15 Mile Rd, Rodney, MI 49342

Barbara A. Hampel …………… ……........ ......  (231) 867-3760  
17151 90th Ave, Rodney, MI 49342

Twp Hall:  15051 110th Ave, Rodney, MI 49342 .......... (231) 867-2091

Fax:  (231) 867-2091

Monthly Meeting:  7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday
**Mecosta Township**

Supervisor: Philip Hanford  
(231) 796-8935, ext. 25  
19729 11 Mile Rd, Big Rapids, MI 49307

Clerk: Susan Sikkema  
(231) 796-8935, ext. 21  
19729 11 Mile Rd, Big Rapids, MI 49307  
clerk@mecostatwp.org

Treasurer: Mary A. Quinlan  
(231) 796-8935, ext. 22  
19729 11 Mile Rd, Big Rapids, MI 49307  
treasurer@mecostatwp.org

Trustees: John A. Boyd  
(231) 796-8935  
19729 11 Mile Rd, Big Rapids, MI 49307  
John R. Johnson  
(231) 796-8935  
19729 11 Mile Rd, Big Rapids, MI 49307

Twp Hall: 19729 11 Mile Rd, Big Rapids, MI 49307

Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday

Web: www.mecostatwp.org

**Millbrook Township**

Supervisor: Bruce E. Eldred  
(989) 561-2838  
4650 50th Ave, Blanchard, MI 49310

Clerk: Eleanor Stickler  
(989) 561-2315  
5533 50th Ave, Remus, MI 49340

Treasurer: Sally Birch  
(989) 561-2644  
3311 30th Ave, Blanchard, MI 49310

Trustees: John Orr  
(989) 561-5096  
4940 40th Ave, Blanchard, MI 49310  
Randy C. Spayd  
(989) 561-2218  
1855 10th Ave, Blanchard, MI 49310

Twp Hall: 3015 Jackson Road, Blanchard, MI (no telephone)

Monthly Meeting: 8:00 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month
**Morton Township**

**Supervisor:** James (Jim) Quinlan ..............................(231) 972-7138  
290 W. Main St, P.O. Box 2, Mecosta, MI 49332  
email: supervisor@mortontownship.org

**Clerk:** Yulanda (Yo) Bellingar ..............................(231) 972-7138  
290 W. Main St, P.O. Box 2, Mecosta, MI 49332  
email: clerk@mortontownship.org

**Treasurer:** Douglas O. Behrend ..............................(231) 972-7138  
290 W. Main St, P.O. Box 2, Mecosta, MI 49332  
email: mortwp@centurytel.net

**Trustees:**  
John S. Burkle .................................................(231) 972-7138  
290 W. Main St, P.O. Box 2, Mecosta, MI 49332  
email: trusteeJB@mortontownship.org  
Mark B. Kuzma ...............................................(231) 972-7138  
290 W. Main St, P.O. Box 2, Mecosta, MI 49332  
email: trusteeMK@mortontownship.org

**Twp Hall:**  
290 W. Main St, P.O. Box 2, Mecosta, MI 49332.........(231) 972-7138  
Fax: (231) 972-2002  
Website: mortontownship.org

**Monthly Meeting:**  
9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. & Nov.  
7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. & Dec.

**Sheridan Township**

**Supervisor:** Darwin Denslow .............................Ph/Fax (989) 382-5870  
15021 30th Ave, Remus, MI 49340

**Clerk:** Ginger Sherman .................................Ph/Fax (989) 382-7203  
15417 30th Ave, Remus, MI 49340  
email: gls@homeworkswildblu.com

**Treasurer:** Shirley Sprague ..............................Ph/Fax (989) 382-7700  
15563 45th Ave, Barryton, MI 49305  
email: sprague@ispmgmt.com

**Trustees:**  
Vernon C. May ..............................................Ph/Fax (989) 967-8891  
2189 Arthur Rd, Remus, MI 49340

Nora Quisenberry ...........................................(989) 382-5259  
4478 Taft, Barryton, MI 49305

**Twp Hall:**  
15020 30th Ave, Barryton, MI 49305...................(989) 382-7007  
(mail is not received at the Township Hall)

**Twp Mailing Address:**  
15417 30th Ave, Remus, MI 49340

**Monthly Meeting:**  
7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday

**Website:**  
www.sheridantownship.com
Wheatland Township

Supervisor: Alfred Maio ......................................(989) 967-3406
7927 10th Ave., Remus, MI 49340
Clerk: Joyce Garner .................................................(989) 967-8415
2867 7 Mile Rd, Remus, MI 49340
Treasurer: Amy Snyder ..............................................(989) 967-8570
P.O. Box 229, Remus, MI 49340

Trustees:
Vernon Doerr .....................................................(989) 967-3315
490 W. Wheatland, Remus, MI 49340
Joseph Fate ..........................................................(989) 967-8371
2142 9 Mile Rd., Remus, MI 49340

Twp Hall: 201 S. Sheridan, Remus, MI 49340 ...............(989) 967-8252
Fax: (989) 967-8640
E-Mail: wheatlandtownship@mail1.cmsinter.net

Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Monday
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 229, Remus, MI 49340

VILLAGE OFFICERS

Barryton

President: Deb Buehner ..............................................(989) 382-7822
P.O. Box 31, Barryton, MI 49305
Clerk: Jessica PeLong ..............................................(989) 382-7822
P.O. Box 31, Barryton, MI 49305
Treasurer: Amy Tamialis ............................................(989) 382-7822
P.O. Box 31, Barryton, MI 49305

Trustees:
Steven Mortensen  Donna McCoy  Nancy Loll
Mark Pelong  Bev Timpy  Donna Collins

Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday
Meeting Location: 94 Angel, Barryton, MI 49305
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 31, Barryton, MI 49305 ..........(989) 382-7822
Fax: (989) 382-5149
Maintenance Garage: (989) 382-7030
E-mail: barrytongov@cmsinter.net

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**Mecosta Village**

President:  Steven Bishop  
           210 S. Washington, Mecosta, MI 49332  
           (231) 972-7614

Clerk:   Ellen LaLonde  
          115 W. Main, Mecosta, MI 49332  
          (231) 972-7614

Deputy Clerk:  Hope Watson  
               115 W. Main, Mecosta, MI 49332  
               (231) 972-7614

Treasurer:  Marilyn Adams  
            P.O. Box 387, Mecosta, MI 49332  
            (231) 972-8098

Trustees:  Bev Shaw  Randy Perrier  Alice Ray  
           Catherine Humphrey  David LaLonde  Patricia Sundquist

Monthly Meeting:  7:00 p.m. on the 1st Monday  
Meeting Location:  115 W. Main Street, Mecosta, MI  
Mailing Address:  P.O. Box 387, Mecosta, MI 49332

**Morley Village**

President:  Henry W. Petersen  
            242 N. East St., Morley, MI 49336  
            (231) 856-4582

Clerk:   Shannon Kelley  
          189 S. Cass St, P.O. Box 256, Morley, MI 49336  
          (231) 856-4582

Treasurer:  Julia Quillan  
           189 S. Cass St, P.O. Box 256, Morley, MI 49336  
           (231) 856-4582

Trustees:  Louise Kinney  Susan Hunter  Kay Smith  
           Robert Thumser  Philena Stine  Mike Newhall

Monthly Meeting:  7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday  
Meeting Location:  189 S. Cass Street, Morley, MI  
Fax: (231) 856-0288
Stanwood

President: Dennis Bumstead (231) 823-2131
P.O. Box 22, Stanwood, MI 49346

Clerk: Jody Buiten (231) 823-2958
P.O. Box 22, Stanwood, MI 49346
Fax: (231) 823-8628

Treasurer: Danielle Brennan (231) 823-2229
P.O. Box 22, Stanwood, MI 49346

Trustees: Marvin C. Bell
Georgia Mumah
Diane R. Lintemuth
Alan Brennan

Monthly Meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Monday
Meeting Location: Village Garage, 28 Northland Dr, Stanwood, MI 49346
From Mt. Pleasant
1. M20 to Big Rapids
2. Follow M20 West at the light onto Maple St.
3. South on Stewart Ave. one block
   (Stewart is a one way street just over the bridge)
4. The County Building is on the Southeast corner of Elm & Stewart
From Grand Rapids or Cadillac
1. U.S. 131 to Exit 139 (exits to Perry St. / East M20)
2. East on Perry St. to State St. (Perry ends at State)
3. North on State St. to Elm St. (Farm Market on the Northeast corner)
4. East on Elm St. three blocks
5. The County Building is on the Southeast corner of Elm & Stewart