

ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD ACTION #14

TO: County Clerk, County Treasurer  
FROM: Alpena County Board of Commissioners  
SUBJECT: **FY24 MSU Memorandum of Agreement**

BOARD ACTION:


ACTION ITEM #5: Recommend to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Extension Services provided by Michigan State University to Alpena County, which includes Appendix A - Technical Standards for County Internet Connections, for the term January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$50,277 and authorize the County Administrator to sign all pertaining documents as presented. This has had attorney review.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Fournier to approve the below action item as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Osmer, Lalonde, Fournier, Francisco, Kozlowski, and Peterson. NAYS: None. Commissioner Travis Konarzewski, excused. Motion carried.

This action was XX APPROVED    DISAPPROVED

BY: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

Alpena County Board Chairman's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Alpena County Board Vice-Chairman's Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the Board Meeting: October 24, 2023

## AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION SERVICES

This AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION SERVICES (“Agreement”) is entered into on November 7, 2023 by and between Alpena County, Michigan (“County”), and the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY (“MSU”) on behalf of MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION (MSUE”).

The United States Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 creating a National Cooperative Extension System and directed the nation’s land grant universities to oversee its work; and,

MSUE helps people improve their lives by bringing the vast knowledge resources of MSU directly to individuals, communities and businesses; and,

For more than 100 years, MSUE has helped grow Michigan’s economy by equipping Michigan residents with the information needed to do their jobs better, raise healthy and safe families, build their communities and empower our children to succeed; and,

It is the mission of MSUE to help people improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs and opportunities; and,

Further, as an organization committed to the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion, we will work collaboratively with our community partners to ensure participation from the broad human diversity of each community (including race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability, height, weight, marital status, gender, gender identity (gender expression), political beliefs, sexual orientation, family status, veteran status or any other factor prohibited by applicable law) and work to make our programs accessible and inclusive of the multiple realities and forms of knowledge that will support equitable outcomes for all throughout Michigan’s 83 counties;

MSUE meets this mission by providing Extension educational programs in the following subject matter areas:

- Agriculture & Agribusiness
- Children & Youth Development, including 4-H
- Health & Nutrition
- Community, Food & Environment

**NOW THEREFORE** in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

**A. MSUE will provide:**

1. Access to programs in all four MSUE Institutes to residents in your County. This includes access to educators and program instructors appointed to the Institutes and MSU faculty affiliated with each Institute to deliver core programs.

2. Extension Educators and program staff as needed to implement programs within the County, housed at the county office.
3. A county 4-H program. .5 FTE 4-H Program Coordination.
4. Salary and benefits of MSUE Personnel and the cost of administrative oversight of Personnel.
5. Operating expenses, per MSU policy, for MSUE personnel ("Personnel").
6. Supervision of MSU-provided academic and paraprofessional staff. Supervision of county employed clerical staff and/or other county employed staff, upon request.
7. Administrative oversight of MSUE office operations.
8. An annual report of services provided to the residents of the County during the term of this Agreement, including information about audiences served, and impact of Extension programs in the County.

**B. The County will provide:**

1. An annual assessment that will be charged to the county and administered by MSUE. The assessment will help fund Extension services for the County, including operating expenses for certain Extension personnel and the operation of the County 4-H program.
2. Office and meeting space meeting the following requirements:
  - a. Sufficient office space to house Extension staff as agreed upon between the County and the MSUE District Director.
  - b. Utilities, including telephone and telephone service sufficient to meet the needs of Personnel utilizing MSUE office space.
  - c. High-speed Internet service sufficient to meet the needs to Personnel utilizing the MSUE office space.
  - d. Access to space for delivering Extension programs.
  - e. Access to the office building and relevant meeting spaces must be ADA compliant/accessible.
3. Clerical support for staff for the MSUE office as agreed upon between the County and MSUE District Director that will perform clerical functions, including assisting County residents in accessing MSUE resources by office visit, telephone, email, internet and media. The clerical support staff will be either a County employed clerical staff, or the County will provide funding for an MSUE employed clerical staff.

.5 FTE County employed clerical staff

*Optional:*

4. Funding for additional Extension educators at 0 FTE
5. Funding for additional 4-H program capacity at 0 FTE
6. Funding for additional paraprofessional(s) at 0 FTE
7. Total Annual Assessment in the amount of **\$50,277**

Payments due and payable under the terms of this agreement shall be made on the first of the month, of the first month, in each quarter of the county fiscal year, unless otherwise requested and agreed as provided below.

Payment mailing address: MSU Extension Business Office, Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, 446 W. Circle Drive, Room 160, East Lansing, Michigan 48824

**C. Staffing and Financial Summary:**

A. Base Assessment (includes .5 FTE 4-H Program Coordination) \$50,277

**ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL**

B. 0 FTE Clerical Support Staff to be employed by MSU \$0  
C. 0 FTE Educator (Program Area: ) \$0  
D. 0 FTE Additional 4-H Program Coordination \$0  
E. 0 FTE Additional paraprofessional staff \$0

**TOTAL COUNTY ASSESSMENT PAYABLE TO MSU FOR FY 2024: \$50,277**

**I. Term and Termination**

The obligations of the parties under this Agreement will commence on January 1, 2024, the first day of the County budget year 2024 and shall terminate on the last day of such County budget year 2024. Either party to this Agreement may terminate the Agreement, with or without cause, with 120 days written notice delivered to Michigan State University Extension, Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, 446 W. Circle Drive, Room 160, East Lansing, MI 48824 if to MSUE and delivered to Alpena County, County Administrator Mary Catherine Hannah, 720 Chisolm Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707, if to the County.

**II. General Terms**

1. **Independent Contractor.** The University is an independent contractor providing services to the County. The County and MSU do not have the relationship of legal partners, joint venturers, principals or agents. Personnel have no right to any of County's employee benefits.

2. **Force Majeure.** Each party will be excused from the obligations of this agreement to the extent that its performance is delayed or prevented by circumstances (except financial) reasonably beyond its control, including, but not limited to, acts of government, embargoes, fire, flood, explosions, acts of God, or a public enemy, strikes, labor disputes, vandalism, or civil riots.
3. **Assignment.** This agreement is non-assignable and non-transferable.
4. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, with its Appendix "A" is the entire agreement between MSU and the County. This Agreement supersedes all previous agreements, for the subject matter of this Agreement. The Agreement can only be modified in writing, signed by both MSU and the County.
5. **No Third Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of MSU and the County and does not create any benefit or right for any other person, including residents of the County.
6. **Nondiscrimination:** The parties will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations prohibiting discrimination. Neither party will discriminate against a person to be served or any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability, height, weight, marital status, or any other factor prohibited by applicable law.

The individuals signing below each have authority to bind MSU and the County, respectively.

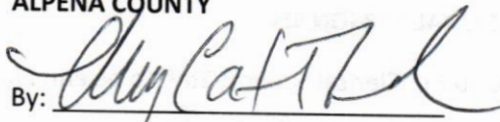
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Evonne Pedawi  
Contract & Grant Administration  
Its: Executive Director \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALPENA COUNTY**

By: 

Print name: May Catherine Hannal

Its: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Date: 11/7/23<sup>(title)</sup>

**Appendix A**  
**Technical Standards for County Internet Connections**

Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) employs the use of technology to meet the ever-changing needs of our constituents. We strive to utilize standard, enterprise tools when appropriate, but also recognize the need to evolve with the times and utilize innovative tools to reach a broad array of people.

MSUE does support and encourage the use of technologies that others may not, including social media platforms. We view communication with our constituents through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and other emerging social media to be critical to our work. MSUE staff are required to follow the MSU Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) <https://tech.msu.edu/about/guidelines-policies/aup/>.

We ask that our county partners provide Extension personnel access to a high-speed Internet connection. From that access, the easiest way to create a secure path to necessary applications is to open the full MSU Internet Protocol Range to and from your network, as well as opening social media sites to the addresses used by MSUE staff at your location. MSUE is prepared to support end user needs if there is high-speed internet, networking to clients, and phone system support. MSU will provide firewall functionality and client support. To discuss this possibility please contact your MSUE District Director. To provide the needed services on county equipment review the following MSU-owned ranges:

The MSU-owned ranges are:  
NetRange35.8.0.0 - 35.9.255.255 CIDR35.8.0.0/15

If you would like to narrow the scope further for additional protection, some of the addresses that will need to be allowable include:

Office 365 – Details on what to open are at <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/enterprise/urls-and-ip-address-ranges?view=o365-worldwide>  
search.msu.edu  
35.9.160.36 (1935,443) authentication)  
45.60.149.216  
35.9.247.31 (zoom.msu.edu)  
d2l.msu.edu (80 and 443) (D2L – Desire to Learn @ Brightspace.com)  
108.161.147.0/24, 199.231.78.0/24, 64.62.142.12/32, 209.206.48.0/20 (external) Meraki Cloud communication  
199.231.78.148/32, 64.156.192.245/32 (external) Meraki VPN registry

The following applications are necessary on all computers – MS Office (preferably O365, MSUE provides MS licensing), Adobe Acrobat, Zoom, SAP client, VPN client, Antivirus. (Most recent version of Chrome, Firefox, or Edge)

Other notable web server/sites IP addresses:

canr.msu.edu – 52.5.24.1  
msue.anr.msu.edu – 52.5.24.1  
events.anr.msu.edu/web3.anr.msu.edu – 45.60.11.113  
web2.canr.msu.edu | web2.msue.msu.edu - 35.8.200.220  
master Gardener (External) – 128.120.155.54  
extension.org (External) – 54.69.217.186 msu.zoom.us (External)

Questions may be directed to [anr.support@msu.edu](mailto:anr.support@msu.edu) where they will be routed to the best person to assist you.