

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 23, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Daryl Peterson, Albert LaFleche, Dave Wagner, Stacy Carroll, Donald Edwards

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Uchwal, Chad Brown, Brian Crane, Yvonne Swager, Julie Goldberg, Jean Klein, Kevin Keller, Pete Hanson, Curt Marsee.

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Additions: L-4029 Tax Rate Allocation Form, Closed session to discuss lawsuits

Deletions: None

Motion LaFleche, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wagner, approving the Agenda with additions. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0, Motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

Motion LaFleche, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wagner, approving the minutes of 05/9/2018. Yeas: 5, Nays 0, Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion LaFleche, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peterson, approving payment of claims & accounts with addition of \$1,200.00 payable to G. Current Construction as down payment to begin construction on 911 Phone Center and denying payment request from Veterans Affairs for housing assistance, this needs to be paid from Veterans Trust Committee. Yeas: 5, (Roll Call: Edwards, Carroll, Wagner, Peterson, LaFleche), Nays: 0, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Jean Klein, Treasurer present. Working with Auditors. Still short staffed. Discussed Tax Asset Detail Report that the Auditor has ask Treasurer to approve, she states that this should not be her responsibility.

Motion Carroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peterson, all information for the Asset Report will be compiled and maintained by the Board Office, all Department Heads are to make Linda aware of sales and or purchases over \$5,000.00, this information should include date of purchase and dollar amount. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Kevin Keller offered to visit and report on all property that is owned by the county to assist with the Asset Report.

BS & A will be on site to assist the Treasurer with final reconciliation of accounts.

Discussed various properties that are set for Auction, this will take place August 14, 2018 at the Alpena Apex Center.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Chad Brown Sheriff and Brian Crane Under Sheriff present. Total of 19 inmates, 12 Local and 7 from other Counties.

Moving forward with G. Current Construction completing the wall structure for 911 phone center.

Busy preparing for Memorial Day activities.

New Patrol Cars have been delivered and are being prepared for road use.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MAC REGIONAL CONFERENCE:**

MAC Regional Meeting will be held at Tree Tops in Gaylord, any Commissioners interested in attending should let Linda know so she can make reservations.

**LAKE AVALON:**

Motion Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wagner, authorizing payment in the amount of \$157.43 to Lake Avalon Association from the Invasive Species Grant. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**CDC HOUSING LIEN:**

Motion Carroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaFleche, due to CDC's lien on Mr. Marsee's home Auto Owner's Insurance issued claim check payable to Mr. Marsee and Montmorency County to cover repairs from fire damage. Chairman Peterson and Mr. Marsee to endorse the check and deposit funds with the Treasurer, CDC will then distribute the funds in 2 payments, 1<sup>st</sup> payable to Northwoods Services in the amount of \$11,250.00 and balance of \$11250.00 to be paid upon completion of project. Yeas: 5, (Roll Call: Carroll, Wagner, Peterson, LaFleche, Edwards), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**EAST ENTRANCE:**

Motion Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wagner, authorizing Schulze Construction to begin repair on the East Entrance with 1<sup>st</sup> installment of \$9922.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of \$9922.00 to be paid upon completion. Yeas: 5, (Roll Call: Wagner, Peterson, LaFleche, Edwards, Carroll), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**ROOFING PROJECT:**

Motion LaFleche, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carroll, authorizing Current Construction to begin roofing project for Annex Building with 1<sup>st</sup> installment of \$24,000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of \$21,200.00.00 to be paid upon completion. Yeas: 5, (Roll Call: Peterson, LaFleche, Edwards, Carroll, Wagner), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 18-03**

Supporting the Cormorant Act HB4429, LaFleche/Peterson, Yeas: 5, (Roll Call: LaFleche, Edwards, Carroll, Wagner, Peterson), Nays: 0, Resolution passed.

**L-4029**

Motion Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carroll, that the Chairman sign and approve L-4029 Summer Tax Rate as presented. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

9:55 A.M. Break

10:06 A.M. Resume meeting

**UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Wagner is to review request for information from the County Auditors regarding Uniform Administrative Requirements, the information needs to be compiled and completed by 12/31/2018.

**OPIOID LITIGATION:**

Discussion on presentation that was given to the Sheriff, Under Sheriff & Board Members by an Attorney from New York regarding the Opioid Case that Montmorency is participating in.

**RIVERSIDE ENERGY:**

Discussed proposal for services from Wardlaw Appraisal regarding Tax Appraisal and Consultation for Riverside Energy Lawsuit.

**MTA DUES:**

Motion Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carroll, renew annual membership with MTA total cost of \$385.00. Yeas: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Carroll: 911, MI Works  
Edwards: DHHS  
Wagner: Opioid Meeting  
LaFleche: Claims & Accounts, Finance, Mental Health, Landfill  
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10:59 A.M. Return to Open meeting

**PRICE LITIGATION:**

Motion Carroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaFleche, authorizing Attorney Kazim to continue representing Montmorency County in the Lawsuit filed by Mr. Price at the cost of \$175.00 per hour. Yeas: 5, (Roll Call: Carroll, Wagner, Peterson, LaFleche, Edwards), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

Motion LaFleche, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wagner to adjourn meeting.

11:01 A.M. Meeting adjourned.

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Daryl Peterson, Chairman

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Lauri Jimkoski, Deputy Clerk

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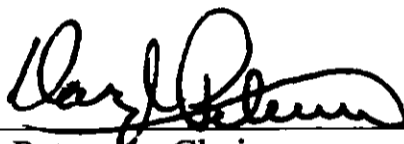
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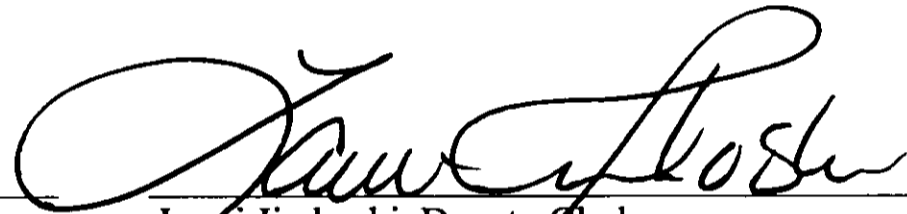
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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

### **RESOLUTION 18-03**

#### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CORMORANT ACT HB4429**

**WHEREAS**, State and Federal natural resource agencies tracked migratory bird populations in the Great Lakes area beginning in the 1900's and annual bird counts documented that the number of Double-crested cormorants (cormorants) appeared to have peaked in the 1940s, with about 6,000 birds. By the mid-1970's there was concern over the decline of most migratory birds in the Great Lakes region due to the effects of contamination (i.e. DDT), and cormorant numbers were estimated to be less than 100 birds; and

**WHEREAS**, Cormorants migrate from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes region for the breeding season, spending approximately 150 days along the costal island areas such as provided by Saginaw Bay. The diet of cormorants is almost exclusively fish and they depend on their surrounding waters to sustain both the breeding adults and their young once they hatch. An adult cormorant will eat 1.3 pounds of fish each day; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the 1980-1990's protections were afforded to migratory birds and their numbers began to increase, persistent chemicals were banned, and extensive environmental clean-up projects were undertaken. During this same period, state, federal and tribal fisheries managers instituted extensive fish stocking programs to restore a better balance to the Great Lakes food web; and

**WHEREAS**, today the Great Lakes supports several important fisheries including commercial, recreational, and tribal, which are collectively valued at more than \$7 billion annually and support more than 75,000 jobs. Yellow perch in particular is a key staple of the cormorant diet but also the centerpiece of Michigan's recreational fishery, Friday dinner fish fry and an important economic draw; and

**WHEREAS**, Resource managers in the Great Lakes now estimate that cormorant numbers have peaked at about 115,000 breeding pairs and at these numbers their fish consumption is estimated at 77 million pounds each year. In conjunction, there has also been drastic decline in yellow perch harvest from a high of 375,000 fish to just 695 fish by the year 2000. Bait shops, fishing resorts, and fishing related service industries declined or closed in some communities by up to 40%; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998 and again in 2003, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service developed orders to allow for state level management of cormorant populations for the benefit of fish, and when implemented, the numbers of yellow perch and other game fish rebounded. However, the orders were rescinded in 2016 by the U.S. District Court until the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can reissue an Environmental Assessment to show the effect of the orders allowing lethal control on cormorant populations. In Saginaw Bay the effect of two years without any cormorant control was easily seen last

summer when the sky was blackened by such high numbers of the distinctive birds flying low over the horizon in continuous unbroken miles and miles of long lines of cormorants; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan has gone on record in support of U.S. House Bill 4429, for reinstating effective cormorant management, applied in the same collaboratively way that we use to protect our other natural resources, to support our important Great Lakes fisheries valued at more than \$7 billion annually and more than 75,000 jobs.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the "Cormorant control Act" House Bill 4429 directing the reissuance of a rule relating to extension of the expiration dates for double-crested cormorant depredation orders.

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By:   
Daryl Peterson, Chairman

PRESENT

Commissioner Dave Wagner  
Commissioner Albert La Fleche  
Commissioner Daryl Peterson  
Commissioner Stacy Carroll  
Commissioner Don Edwards

ABSENT

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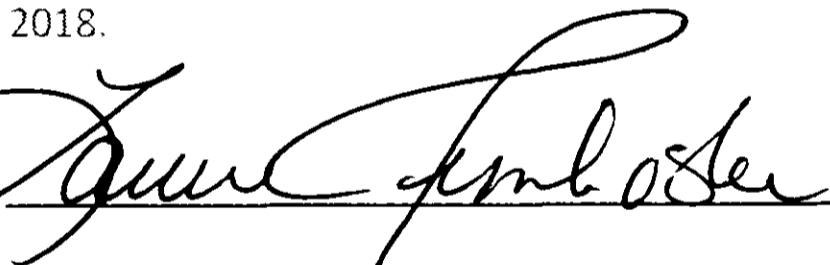
On a motion by Commissioner LaFleche  
and seconded by Commissioner Peterson

Yeas 5

Nays 0

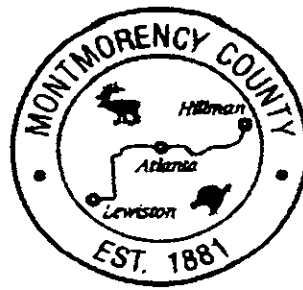
I, Lauri Jimkoski, Deputy County Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on May 23, 2018.

Signed:



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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

### **Regular Board Meeting**

#### **Agenda**

**May 23, 2018**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Boardroom/Courtroom**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from
- Claims and Accounts

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### **SHERIFF'S REPORT**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Matt Lancaster – Common Angle**
- **MAC Regional Conference - June 18th at TreeTops in Gaylord**
- **Approval of \$157.43 reimbursement for Grant to Lake Avalon Property Owners Assn.**
- **CDC- Fire Insurance Claim on property with County Lien**
- **Dates for possible construction start up**
- **Resolution 18-03 Support Cheboygan Cormorant Management resolution**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **OTHER**

**ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN**

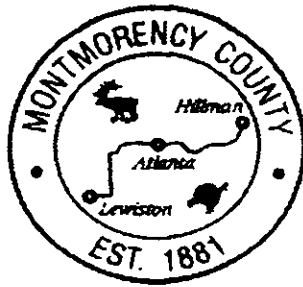
**THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT OF MICHIGAN,  
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 267 OF 1976**

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018**

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES**



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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

**Finance Committee Meeting  
Monday, May 21, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

Board Room

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### **AGENDA**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Request to approve Wise Heating & Cooling Invoice**
- **Lake Avalon Grant reimbursement of \$157.43**
- **Riverside Energy assets appraisal proposal**
- **Other**

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Next meeting: June 11, 2018

Please Sign In

May 23, 2018

Gvonne Suager

Tribune

Julie Goldberg

Alpena News

~~Ken Werner~~

Pete Hanson

Northwoods Services

Curt Marsee

J. Klein