

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 22, 2020**

PRESENT: Don Edwards, Daryl Peterson, Albert LaFleche, Gary Girardin

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Dave Wagner

ALSO PRESENT: Jean Klein, Chad Brown, Kevin Keller, Amber Woehlert

PLEDGE

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions: EDC: Discharge of a Loan; E.Q. Interviewee

Deletions: None

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving the agenda with the additions. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving the regular session minutes of March 24, 2020. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving payment of bills for the month including not entered (per diems) \$220.00 and additional bills (Staples, Land Title, Law Library, Mutual of Omaha) f/\$1431.56. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, LaFleche, Peterson) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

TREASURER:

Jean Klein, present. County Audit going on; 28 Foreclosures have until May 29th to pay.

SHERIFF:

Chad Brown, present. Inmate count down due to COVID-19. Fencing company has come in with a quote. Monies to come from current budget. Requesting renewal millage language.

NEW BUSINESS:

EQ REPORT TO STATE: Kevin Keller, Director present. Presents his annual report. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving the L4024 report. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Girardin, LaFleche, Peterson, Edwards) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

EQ INTERVIEWEE: Amber Woehlert introduced by Kevin. Kevin is retiring July 1st and recommends Amber as a replacement. She proposes to work 2 days per week here, 2 days in Oscoda where she already works part time and the 5th day to be split between the two counties and/or work remotely. Level 3 qualification. She is to meet with the personnel committee after today's meeting.

9:39 A.M. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Edwards to go into closed session to discuss legal issue w/MCSD. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: LaFleche, Peterson, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9:53 A.M. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin to go back to regular open session. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Peterson approving the Tauriainen settlement pursuant to attorney legal advice. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Peterson, Edwards, Girardin, LaFleche) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

MIDC CONTRACT/GRANT: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Peterson approving the 2020 MIDC grant (10/1/19-09/30/20). Grant amount: \$157,823.38 along with local share and unspent funds: \$129,601.62. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, LaFleche, Peterson) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS CON'T:

EMERGENCY MANAGER: Brian Rogers appearing. He has submitted his resignation (eff. 5/13/20) and gives recommendations and listing of suggestions. He would be willing to train the new person for a fee. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin accepting Brian Rogers resignation eff. May 13, 2020. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0

Discussion on Emergency Manager position (wages, hours etc.). Personnel met with 2 candidates already (position was posted in paper). Personnel committee to meet again and look at a few surrounding counties and come up with a recommendation.

\$1300.00 spent from Emergency Manager budget for items. Another \$400.00 bill to be submitted. Suggested to put \$5000.00 into a contingency line for emergency disasters (line already created). Motion by Peterson, seconded by Edwards to take \$5000.00 from general fund balance and move to emergency supply line (to be used for local, state, or federal disasters). Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:26 A.M. Break

10:35 A.M. Back in session

LIBRARY BALLOT LANGUAGE: Motion by Peterson, seconded by Girardin approving the ballot language for the library for the August ballot. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

LIBRARY APPOINTMENT: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Peterson appointing Diane Tokarski to fill the vacancy of Patt Hopkins (term exp. 12/31/21) on the library board. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

HEADLEE ROLLBACK RESOLUTION/BALLOT LANGUAGE: Motion by Peterson, seconded by Edwards approving resolution 2020-02 for the August ballot. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Girardin, LaFleche, Peterson, Edwards) Nays: 0 Resolution passed.

MCSO BALLOT LANGUAGE RENEWAL: Motion by Peterson, seconded by Edwards approving the Montmorency County Sheriff Renewal Proposal for the August ballot. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: LaFleche, Peterson, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

EDC DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE/LOAN: Motion by Peterson, seconded by Edwards authorizing the discharge of the EDC loan and filing of a Discharge of Mortgage on the VanSickle property located at 12160 Hall Road. Yeas: 3 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, LaFleche) Nays: 1 (Peterson) Motion carried.

REHMANN OPEB AUDIT: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin authorizing the chair to sign the agreement for Rehmann to work on the GASB Statements 74 & 75 at a cost of \$2500.00 (money to come from fund balance). Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- LaFleche: Claims & Accounts, Health Dept. #4
- Edwards: Local Court, Personnel
- Wagner: absent/excused
- Peterson: District Health #4 (req. card sent to retiring Chuck Collier, MSP)
- Girardin: Personnel

OTHER:

Sheriff Brown asks board members to speak to the state representative and senator regarding hazard pay for county police officers since they are allowing MSP hazard pay.

I.T. Right services discussed and Windows 365.

11:35 A.M. Meeting adjourned by chair.

Albert LaFleche, Chair

Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk