

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

**PRESENT:** Daryl Peterson, Dave Wagner, Gary Girardin, Don Edwards, Albert LaFleche  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Christi Cross, Yvonne Swager, Treasurer Jean Klein, Sheriff Chad Brown,  
Under Sheriff Brian Crane, Fran Whitney, Gene Thornton, Hardy Elowski,  
Lauren Potter

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Motion, Wagner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving agenda as presented. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving minutes from June 8, 2020 Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion Wagner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving payment of claims & accounts. Yes: 5, (Roll Call: Edwards, Peterson, Wagner, LaFleche, Girardin), Nays: 0, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**DISCUSSION ON GYPSY MOTH/CATERPILLAR INFESTATION:**

Topics included: The need to have a coordinator to arrange a study to determine what areas have the heaviest infestation. Lauren Potter states that if millage is passed there should be a meeting to distribute permission forms for property owners to fill out allowing workers to enter onto private land for the purpose of egg mass study and spraying on private property. Alpena/Montmorency County Conservation District is not in favor of spraying private land but will provide Forester and Staff if contracted to complete an egg mass study in the Montmorency & Alpena areas.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Jean Klein, Treasurer present. Topics Included: 10 parcels to be auctioned, 9 if able to make agreement with the Village of Hillman, Legislation is preparing statement as to how the distribution of excess funds from Tax Sales should be handled, Townships are starting to send in distributions from tax collection.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Chad Brown, Under Sheriff Brian Crane present. Topics included: Front desk clerk is leaving her position at the Sheriff Department, they are beginning interview's, Chad requested to be allowed to have new desk clerk train/work with current employee to learn all details of the position, new cars should be arriving soon, need titles to complete the USDA Grant for new cars, Sheriff has applied for Cares Act Funds for emergency personnel, Wagner inquires as to the proper procedure to file a complaint for boating activity.

Motion Wagner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, allowing maximum of 1 month of wages for the current desk clerk to train the new employee once hired. Yes 5, (Roll Call: Peterson, Wagner, LaFleche, Girardin, Edwards), Nays: 0, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PROTECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RETIREMENT AND BENEFITS ACT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:**

Motion Dave Wagner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Girardin, approving the Chairman to sign and authorize the Protective Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act Corrective Plan as presented. Yes 4, (Roll Call: Dave Wagner, Albert LaFleche, Gary Girardin, Daryl Peterson), Nays 1, (Roll Call: Donald Edwards), Motion passed.

**COUNTY DESIGNATED ASSESSOR FOR MONTMORENCY COUNTY:**

Amber Woehlert explained to the board what the designated assessor’s duties would entail, how they would be paid and what is expected from the state. She obtained a copy of an interlocal agreement and job description that another county has drawn up and states that it will be available for the board to review. No action further action taken at this time.

**GYPSY MOTH/CATERPILLAR:**

April Williamson states that the conservation does not want to coordinate spraying of private land, but they are willing, if contracted, to complete the egg/pod studies with Conservation Forester and students from MSU. Mr. Elowski states that the cost per household to pass the millage would be a lot cheaper than trying to take care of the infestation on your own. Others requested that an Educational Class be set-up for the public to understand more of what can be done to control the affected area on private land. Laureen Potter would be willing to contact Coordinator of the Gypsy Moth program from Roscommon and have her attend a meeting to explain what they have accomplished with spraying in their area, this individual would charge \$40.00 per hour. Aprille Williamson states again that they have educated people in Alpena/Montmorency Conservation District that are willing to assist if the Millage is passed and they are contracted to complete the studies.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BALLOT LANGUAGE TO PUT FORTH A MILLAGE REQUEST FOR INVASIVE SPECIES COUNTY SUPPRESSION PROGRAM TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION. Peterson/Girardin, Yes: 3 (Roll Call: Edwards, Peterson, Girardin), Nays: 2 (Roll Call: LaFleche, Wagner), Resolution passed.**

**NORTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY:**

Fran Whitney gives an overview of services and programs that are offered to the community, they have been in operation for 52 years and have helped many people and families through difficult times. They have applied and received funding from the Cares Act and now have funds available for extra services. Encouraged all to complete the Census Questionnaires as this delegates funding for our county. Working on a Strategic Plan for next year. Board Thanked Fran for the information she provided.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Edwards: None
- Girardin: None
- Wagner: Finance, Claims & Accounts
- Peterson: District Health, MTA

Peterson states that according to the Clinic and the Health Department all water fountains should be turned off during the Covid Pandemic. Encourages people to get out and vote. Request that people complete the online or phone Census as it is very important to our counties for State and Federal Funding for many programs.


LaFleche: Claims and Accounts, Finance, District Health

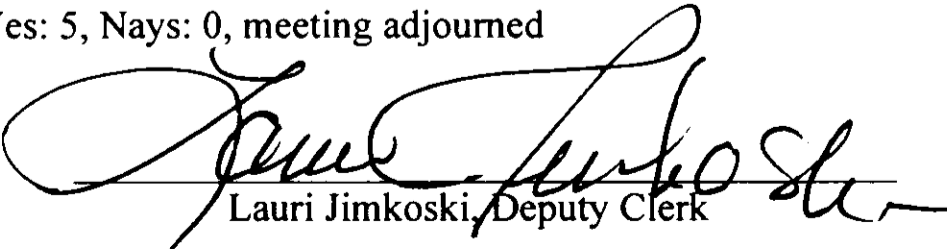
**OTHER:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

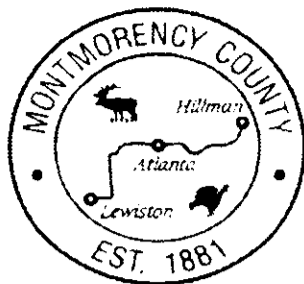
More discussion on the millage and gypsy moth issues in Montmorency County. Edwards states that they will discuss contracting with the Alpena/Montmorency Conservation District to complete egg mass study at the next board meeting, it will be on the Boards Agenda for August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Motion Wagner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwards to adjourn meeting. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, meeting adjourned

  
 Albert LaFleche, Chairman

  
 Lauri Jimkoski, Deputy Clerk

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### **COUNTY OF MONTMORENCY, MICHIGAN**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

#### **Resolution No. 2020-04**

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#### **RECITALS, WHEREAS**

A. At the August 1992 primary election the electors of Montmorency County approved .25 mills for the purpose of funding a county-wide Gypsy Moth suppression program. This millage was authorized for four (4) years, 1992 through 1995, inclusive.

B. Montmorency County Board of Commissioners obtained approval from the electors at the November 8, 2016 election to change the purpose of this previously approved and levied millage so that the millage revenue could be used for the purpose of eradicating all invasive species, Gypsy Moth included, within Montmorency County, both landward and aquatic.

C. The current balance of this invasive species fund is \$ 97,028.97. It is not enough to support a county-wide Gypsy Moth eradication program as of June 30, 2020. Therefore, this resolution requests an additional millage to fund a targeted area suppression program for **ONE YEAR**, to be added to the now called "Invasive Species" fund originally entitled 1992 Gypsy Moth Suppression millage.

#### **RESOLUTION**

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, THE MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVE THAT:**

The following proposal, the language of which is hereby approved by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners and certified by the Montmorency County Clerk, shall be submitted to the electors of Montmorency County for a vote at the November 3, 2020 election:

**BALLOT LANGUAGE**

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY**

**PROPOSAL TO REQUEST A MILLAGE FOR INVASIVE SPECIES COUNTY-WIDE  
SUPPRESSION PROGRAM**

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by Montmorency County, Michigan, against taxable property in the County be increased by up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for one year (2020) for the purpose of providing funds for a county-wide targeted invasive species suppression program, and shall the County levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$505,250.00 for the County when first levied in 2020.

( ) Yes

( ) No

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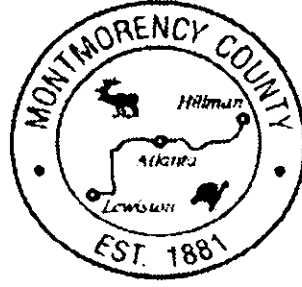
By: Albert LaFleche  
Albert LaFleche

Its: Chairperson

I, Lauri Jimkoski, 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 July 22, 2020.

Signed: Lauri Jimkoski

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Present: Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner LaFleche, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Girardin, Commissioner Peterson.

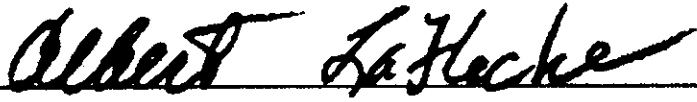
Absent: None

On a motion by Commissioner Peterson and seconded by Commissioner Girardin.

Yes: Peterson, Girardin, Edwards

No: LaFleche, Wagner

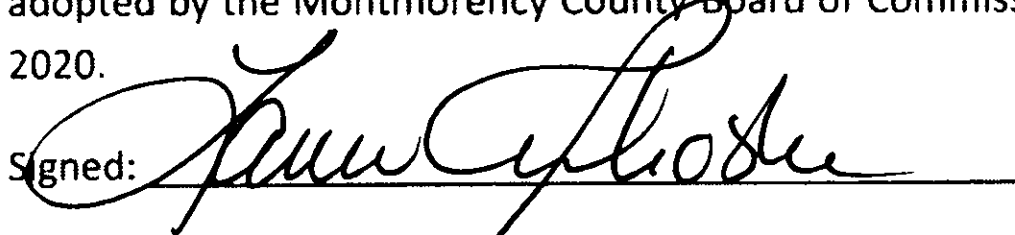
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED



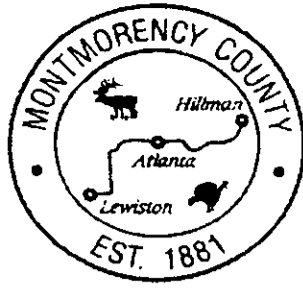
Montmorency County Commissioners Board Chair

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 July 22, 2020.

Signed:



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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

### **Finance Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, July 20, 2020  
10:00 a.m.**

Mail Room or board room if available

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#### **AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS: Veterans Fund Deficit Elimination Plan  
2019 Corrective Action Plan Review**

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

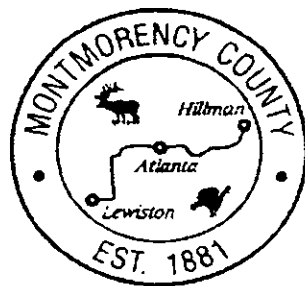
**Sheriff Report:**

**Treasurer Report:**

**OTHER**

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

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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

### **Regular Board Meeting Agenda**

**July 22, 2020 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 **7-8-2020**
- Claims and Accounts from **7-20-2020**

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

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

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS -**

**NEW BUSINESS - Approval of OPEB Corrective Action Plan 2018 for State Submission  
State mandated Assessor Position  
Ballot Proposal Invasive Species  
NEMSCA Presentation**

#### **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 August 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES**