

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND REGULAR SESSION HELD JANUARY 8, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Daryl Peterson, Gary Girardin, Don Edwards, Albert LaFleche, Dave Wagner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rose Tchorzynski, Jeffrey Shaw, Will Funk, Bruce Ball, Crystal Nelson, Jean Klein, Kevin Keller

Meeting called to order by County Clerk Cheryl Neilsen at 9:00 A.M.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:**

County Clerk opened the floor for nominations to the office of Chairperson. Nomination made by Wagner for LaFleche as chair. Nomination made by Girardin for Edwards as chair. No further nominations, nominations closed. Vote by showing of hands for LaFleche as Chair (3) Vote by show of hands for Edwards (2). LaFleche having the most votes nominated as the Chair. Meeting turned over to Chair LaFleche.

Nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson opened. Nomination made by LaFleche for Peterson as vice-chair. Nomination by Girardin for Edwards as vice-chair. No other nominations for vice-chair. Nominations closed. All in favor of Peterson as vice-chair (3) All in favor of Edwards as vice-chair (2). Peterson nominated as vice-chair.

**PLEDGE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Will Funk on Health Insurance (to be discussed further during regular session).

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**COMMITTEES:** Looked at by Wagner and Peterson already. Motion by Wagner, seconded by Peterson approving committees. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLISHER:** Motion by Wagner, seconded by Girardin designating the Montmorency County Tribune as the Publisher of Record. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**AUDITOR:** Motion by Wagner, seconded by Peterson, confirming Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards P.C. as the auditor of record. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY OF RECORD:** Motion by Wagner, seconded by Peterson confirming law office of Young, Graham, Elsenheimer & Wendling P.C. as attorneys of record. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**BANK DEPOSITORIES:** Treasurer present with depositories. Motion by Wagner, seconded by Peterson to accept Treasurer list of depositories those being Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, Community Financial Credit Union, Chase, M-Bank, PNC, MBS, Chemical Bank and Robinson Capital. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**BOARD RULES:** Motion by Wagner, seconded by Edwards to leave board rules as is. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**MILEAGE, MEALS & PER DIEMS:** Motion by Edwards, seconded by Peterson setting per diems at \$40.00 half day and \$80.00 full day, mileage rate at .50 cents per mile and meals as follows: Breakfast: \$10.00; Lunch: \$12.00 and Dinner: \$18.00. Yeas:5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**MEETING DATES:** Motion by LaFleche seconded by Peterson setting the County Board meetings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month for 2020 at 9:00 a.m. (with exception of November 12 due to holiday). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9:12 A.M. MOVED TO REGULAR SESSION

**AGENDA:**

Add: None  
Delete: None

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Wagner approving the agenda. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Girardin approving the regular meeting minutes of December 26, 2019. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Edwards approving the closed session minutes of December 26, 2019 with correction showing Girardin present and Wagner absent. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer Jean Klein present. To work with Aprille on budget adjustments for 2019 budget. Received swamp tax money (\$466,000.00) ½ stays here other ½ gets split between other entities.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Brown present. 18 inmates (7 are Presque Isle). Discussed purchasing of patrol cars. Motion by Wagner, seconded by Edwards authorizing purchase of two patrol vehicles. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

EDC ADJUSTMENTS: Motion by Wagner, seconded by Edwards transferring \$3604.45 from general fund to 244-000-001.000 for retirement. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin transferring \$311.57 from general fund to 244-000-015.000, RLF account at mBank. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

E.Q. WAGES: Motion by Wagner, seconded by Girardin amending Carol LaClair wages from a previous meeting to \$14.00 p/hr. effective 1/1/2020. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

HEALTH INSURANCE: Discussed postponing switch to Priority Health. Motion by Wagner, seconded by Peterson postponing change in health insurance from BCBS to Priority Health until March 1<sup>st</sup>. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Wagner to eliminate retiree over 65 (Medicare eligible age) supplemental health care effective March 1, 2020. Discussion. Yeas: 3 (Roll call: LaFleche, Peterson, Wagner) Nays: 1 (Girardin) Abstain: 1 (Edwards) Motion carried.

BONDING: Discussed a date of 1/29/20 for person to come back in front of the full board. Will need to check with clerk's schedule.

MCCOA: Anna Rogers, present. Motion by Wagner, seconded by Edwards appropriating MCCOA millage monies for 2020. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Wagner appointing Janice Burtch to the MCCOA board for a term expiring 8/31/22. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CREDIT CARD UPDATES: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin removing Linda Uchwal and Dave Wagner and adding Christi Cross and Albert LaFleche to the AAA county credit card (sub account 820 only). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COMMITTEES:**

Girardin: none  
Edwards: none  
LaFleche: C&A, Finance, Landfill  
Peterson: Union Negotiations  
Wagner: C&A, Finance, Landfill

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Wagner, seconded by Peterson approving paying of bills including not entered totaling \$18,520.21. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Girardin, LaFleche, Peterson, Wagner, Edwards) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**OTHER/FINANCE:**

VETERANS: Motion by Peterson, seconded by Wagner amending a previous motion on the Veterans Counselor and making him salaried at \$13,104.00 for the year rather than an hourly rate. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PART TIME RAISES: Motion by Wagner, seconded by Girardin authorizing a .25cent raise for all non-union part time employees effective 1/1/2020. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Wagner, seconded by Girardin approving a 2% raise for the part time assistant prosecutor effective 1/1/2020. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

It was also noted that the building inspector was already included in the two-year motion for raises from last year with the rest of the employees.

STIPENDS: Motion by Wagner, seconded by Edwards to renew the stipend with no changes effective 1/1/2020 (Remon., 911, Law Library, Foreclosure, Magistrate and Prosecutor in lieu of MERS). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: LaFleche, Peterson, Wagner, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Discussion on Veterans grant fund.

Teresa Walker present. Met with finance on vacancy in her office. Requesting a start wage of \$15.50 based on experience. Motion by Wagner, seconded by Edwards authorizing \$15.50 p/hour to fill the vacancy in the Register of Deeds office. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jeff Shaw, Will Funk, Tim McDonald, Sheriff Brown on retiree health.

10:06 A.M. Motion adjourning. All in favor.

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Albert LaFleche, Chair

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Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk