

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING HELD OCTOBER 13, 2021**

PRESENT: Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Robert Stacey, Geyer Balog

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None (1 vacant seat)

**PLEDGE**

**ADD/DELETIONS:**

Add: Closed Session Union Negotiations; County Commissioner #4 Appointment; Indigent Council Contracts; Child Care Fund Budget; Health Department Budget; TBTA Articles of Inc.

Delete: None

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin approving the regular meeting minutes of September 22, 2021 with the amendment of any ARP's to ARPA's. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Balog, seconded Girardin approving payment of bills (Regular: \$117,896.67 & Desk \$82,059.80). Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Cheri Eggett present. New hire L. Rogers, Revenue & Expense Report, Fund balance, Interest rates down, CUSO money liquidated.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Brown present. Inmate count at 9. Two new cars, making progress.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

GYPSY MOTH: Alisha Wallace presented on the Gypsy Moth and suggested spraying for next year. 28 proposed spray areas. Budget and fund balance: \$374,000.00 at a cost of \$50 p/acre.

RAMP: Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin authorizing Schulze to repair front ramp and pay when bill comes in, not to exceed \$753.30. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ARPA COUNSELING: To receive a quote for counseling on ARPA from CPA firm in Alpena, Straley, Lamp & Kraenzlein.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER #4 VACANCY: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin to appoint James Madison to County Commissioner District #4. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PARADIGAM AGENCY: Representatives Christina Bialas and Sam Varaljai appeared and gave presentation. They are a third-party administrator for health care, dental, life insurance programs and can get quotes for insurances.

9:40 A.M. James Madison was sworn in and takes his seat on the board.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH: Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey approving the contract with NMCMA for 2022 (\$30,655.00). Discussion. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

COUNTY INCENTIVE PROGRAM: Deleted

MCCOA APPOINTMENT: Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin appointing Dawn Hubbard to the MCCOA board as the Lewiston representative. Discussion. Term ends 8/31/2024. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

VACCINATIONS MEDICAL FREEDOM RESOLUTION: Commissioner Balog presents resolution.  
RESOLUTION 2021-11 SUPPORT OF VACCINE AWARENESS AND  
MEDICAL AUTONOMY Balog/Stacey  
Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Madison)  
Nays: 1 (Girardin) Resolution passed.

INDIGENT CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENTS: Discussion on the two contracts. One has a date typo, no action taken on either. Need correction and clarification.

CHILD CARE BUDGET: Janelle Mott present. \$172,000.00 fund balance for child-care so far. Total budget being requested for 2022 is \$244,315.00. Presentation given. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin approving the 2022 Child Care budget as presented. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Madison, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET: Discussion. A 3% increase over last year. Motion by Madison, seconded by Girardin approving the 2022 allocation for District Health #4 \$87,084.00. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Edwards, Madison, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 1 (Balog) Motion carried.

THUNDER BAY TRANSPORTATION: Articles of Inc. changes (mainly Article 13). Discussion. Motion by Balog, seconded by Edwards approving changes to TBTA as presented. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:17 A.M. Break

10:33 A.M. Back in session.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog to go into closed session for union negotiation discussion. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:52 A.M. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog to return to open session. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Balog: MCCOA, Thunder Bay Transportation, ARPA, Building & Grounds, MCCOA Personnel  
Stacey: Building & Grounds  
Edwards: Finance, Claims & Accounts, ARPA, Landfill  
Girardin: Claims & Accounts, Finance, Landfill


**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

MCCOA BY LAWS: Motion by Balog, seconded by Edwards approving the MCCOA By Law changes (Art. 5 Section 1). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

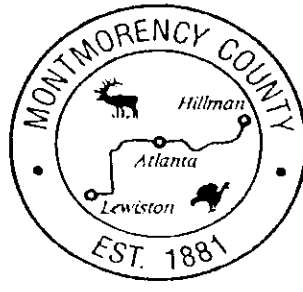
None

11:04 A.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Edwards to adjourn. All in favor.

  
Don Edwards, Chair

  
Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk

Don Edwards  
Gary Girardin  
Robert Stacey  
Geyer Balog  
James Madison



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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

### **Resolution 2021-11**

**October 13, 2021**

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#### A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VACCINE AWARENESS AND MEDICAL AUTONOMY

WHEREAS, we elected officials have solemnly sworn an oath to support the Constitution of the State of Michigan,

WHEREAS, citizens being both informed about the risks and benefits of any available medical treatment such as vaccines; as well as maintaining the sacred inalienable right to make autonomous choices about their own health are essential to securing both the general Welfare and securing the Blessings of Liberty,

THEREFORE, all Montmorency County encourages all businesses within the county to respect individuals right to medical freedom.

THEREFORE, Montmorency County shall not require of or mandate to any employee, prospective employee, or contractor any form of vaccine or similar medical treatment verification as a general condition of employment; and will not encourage employers located within Montmorency County to establish such mandates that so hinder medical autonomy,

THEREFORE, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners recognizes and commends all healthcare workers throughout the county for their hard work during this difficult time.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Geyer Balog and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Robert Stacey and declared adopted by the following vote:

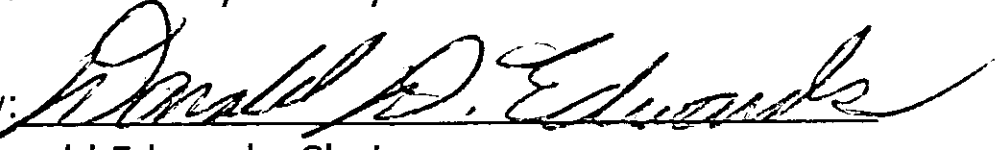
Roll Call:

Aye: Balog, Madison, Edwards, Stacey

Nay: Girardin

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

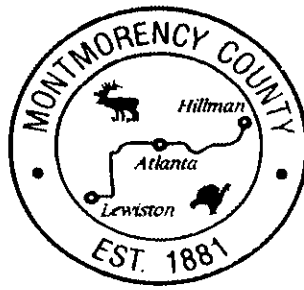
Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

By:   
Donald Edwards, Chairman

I, Cheryl Neilsen, 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 October 13, 2021.

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk Cheryl Neilsen

Don Edwards  
Gary Girardin  
Robert Stacey  
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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting Agenda

October 13, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Boardroom/Courtroom

#### CALL TO ORDER

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

*Add on:  
Closed Session: Union  
Neg.*

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Gypsy Moth
- Schulze Construction on front ramp
- ARPA counseling service

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Paradigam Agency (medical insurance)
- NMCMHA Contract
- County Incentive Program
- Appointment to MCOA Board Dawn Hubbard & new bylaws
- Vaccinations Medical Freedom Resolution
- Contracts Services Agreements - *Indigent Council*

*Co. Comm. Appt. #4  
Child Care Fund Budget  
Health Dept #4 Budget  
TBTA - Art. of Inc.*

#### 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