

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: (not doing a sign in sheet due to COVID)

PLEDGE

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions: Presentation; MCCOA Appointment; Veterans Report; Emergency Manager Update

Deletions: None

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the agenda with the additions. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog approving the regular meeting minutes of January 27, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the closed session minutes of January 27, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Motion by Balog, seconded by Edwards approving payment of the bills (Regular \$39,126.10; Desk \$68661.94; not entered yet of \$4442.26 and MERS bill of \$74,216.15). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECOGNITION OF PAST BOARD MEMBERS:

Presentation and plaques presented to former commissioners LaFleche, Wagner and Peterson for their years of service.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TREASURER:

Cheri Eggett, present. Topics: Budget stabilization, cash balance.

SHERIFF:

Sheriff Brown and Under Sheriff Crane present. Jail inspection done and 100% compliance. Inmate count at 8.

Three bids received for patrol cars (prices are per car): Lynch: \$37,950.00; Signature Ford: \$37,969.00; Dean Arbor: \$38,150.00. Discussion. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to purchase 2 patrol cars from Lynch Ford. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Sheriff wanting a closed session for union negotiation discussion. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog to add a closed session to agenda to discuss union negotiations. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS CON'T:

MCCOA APPOINTMENT: Motion by Balog, seconded by Hubbard appointing Julie Kendrick as the Atlanta Senior Center Rep for a term ending 8/31/2024. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGER UPDATE: Jerry Stanley participating via zoom. Montmorency County on the 9&10 News as being one of the lead counties in the state for COVID vaccine distribution. National Guard Medics brought in to assist.

DHD#4 COUNTY CONTRIBUTION: Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the District Health allocation for 2021 (\$85,754.00 distributed monthly). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

DHD#4 MEDICAL MARIJUANA GRANT: Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin authorizing the chair to electronic sign the DHD Medical Marijuana Grant. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

PRIORITY HEALTH RENEWAL & VISION COVERAGE: Deb Neilson from Valley United appeared via zoom. Went over current health plan and options. Question and answer session. Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey authorizing chair to sign current renewal documents with Priority Health. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0

Vision coverage which is separate from the medical was discussed. Options for upgrading the current plan as well as looking at VSP again. Motion by Balog, seconded by Hubbard to move to option A with Eye Med for vision coverage. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Girardin stepped out for a moment). Motion carried.

10:20 A.M. Break

10:29 A.M. Back in session.

OLD BUSINESS CON'T:

INVASIVE SPECIES/GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING: Discussed forming a committee with 2 commissioners and others. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog for Montmorency County to move forward with spraying for the gypsy moth. Discussion and comments. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Chair Edwards assigns Hubbard and Balog to the Invasive Species committee.

RESOLUTION 2021-04

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES

Balog/Stacey Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 0 Resolution passed.

10:40 A.M. Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin to go into closed session to discuss union negotiations. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11:19 A.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey to return to open session. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS CON'T:

PROBATE COURT TEMP. HELP: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving probate court part-time help, no benefits @ \$12 p/hr. (10-12 hours per/week; money already budgeted) commencing Feb. 22, 2021. Discussion Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

VETERAN REPORT: An update and activity report for Jan. 2021 provided to the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Balog: NEMSCA, MCCOA, Claims & Finance
Girardin: Sheriff
Stacey: Sheriff
Hubbard: None
Edwards: Claims & Finance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

11:35 A.M. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.



Don Edwards, Chair



Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk

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Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

Montmorency County Resolution **21-04**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a contagious disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners recognizes that COVID-19 is having a direct impact on all County residents, including local businesses and economy, educational community, and individual residents regarding their physical and mental health care.

WHEREAS, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners understands that many local businesses have suffered and continue to suffer economic harm due to COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners believes that the ability of County residents and visitors to patronize local restaurants, hotels, recreational venues, etc., contributes substantially to the overall well-being of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners is aware of many options to support the small businesses such as ordering takeout, using gift cards, and making advanced reservations,

WHEREAS, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners believe small businesses engaged in food service can safely operate by practicing SERV Safe health & safety practices as well as following guidelines specific to operating during a COVID-19 pandemic while meeting the needs of the customer.

WHEREAS FURTHER, we call upon local businesses to use their own good judgement to operate in a manner which minimizes risk to patrons while protecting the health and welfare of their businesses, care for their employees, and the safety of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners encourages county residents to support their local businesses, particularly during the pandemic, without fear. We call upon the citizens of Montmorency County to act responsibly with regards to others while determining what is best for themselves, for their own families and loved ones and how to contend with the ongoing risks associated with the COVID-19 virus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, both the Speaker of the State House of Representatives, and the Majority Leader of the State Senate along with Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and Michigan Township Association (MTA).


Don Edwards, Board Chair

2-10-21
Date

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Balog
And seconded by Commissioner Stacey and declared adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Stacey, Hubbard, Girardin, Edwards, Balog

NAYES: \emptyset

ABSENT: \emptyset

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I, Cheryl Neilsen, hereby certify that this is true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on **February 10, 2021**.

Signed: Cheryl A Neilsen

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Regular Board Meeting Agenda

February 10, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Boardroom/Courtroom

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from 1/27/21
- Claims and Accounts from 2/8/10

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

TREASURER'S REPORT

SHERIFF'S REPORT-

Close session: Union Neg.

OLD BUSINESS - Priority Health Renewal for one year
Vision coverage- Deb Neilson/Valley United
Invasive Species/Gypsy Moth Spraying

NEW BUSINESS - Recognition of Past Commissioners
County resolution to support local businesses
Probate Court temp. help.
DHD # 4 county contribution 2021 \$85,754.00
DHD # 4 Medical Marijuana Grant, authorize Chair/electronic signature

*ADD:
MCCOA Appt.
Veteran Report
UPDATE: Emerg
manager*

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 February 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES