

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 2021**

PRESENT: Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Geyer Balog, Dawn Hubbard, Robert Stacey
ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: No sign in due to COVID

PLEDGE

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions: Closed session for Lawsuit (attorney Greg Schultz) & Sheriff's issues with new legislation, questions about Hardies Electric Bill & Cintas Incorporated Contract.

Deletions: None

Motion Balog, 2nd Girardin, approving agenda with additions. Yea: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

MINUTES:

Motion Girardin, 2nd Hubbard, approving minutes from March 24, 2021 with one correction on page 2, paragraph 5, change from Kimberly Schultz to Robert Stacey. Yea: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Motion Balog, 2nd Hubbard, approving payment of claims & accounts with additional bills. Yea: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TREASURER:

Cheri Eggett, Treasurer present. Topics discussed, Majority of Headlee funds are in and \$50,000.00 of the funds will be placed in the contingency fund, 8 foreclosed properties, Auction will be held August 12, 2021, treasure request approval to purchase the 2022 Tax Settlement, Veteran's Service Fund is in the negative Treasurer request to lend \$50,000.00 to cover the fund until the grant monies are received, board was provided a list of disbursement amounts that will be paid for 2020 tax settlement.

Motion Edwards, 2nd Balog, to allow the Treasurer to purchase 2022 Tax Settlement, Yeas: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Stacey, 2nd Girardin, move full amount of the Veterans Grant from the Headlee Account to cover payroll expenses, this will be a loan until the grant funds are received. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Stacey, Hubbard, Edwards, Balog, Girardin), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

SHERIFF REPORT:

Sheriff Chad Brown, Under Sheriff Brian Crane present. Topics included: Received gas bills from Chatter's Pit Stop 6 to 7 months of them are from 2020, will request the auditors to adjust so that the funds are coming from the 2020 Budget Year, Inmate count is at 12, all other topics need to be discussed in closed session.

Christi Cross expressed concerns that Chatter has not signed and returned the gas contract for 2021, she will contact him again regarding this matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER:

Part-time Veterans service Officer wages tabled to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

ASSESSMENT VALUES:

Amber Woehlert explained why assessment values have changed.

TAX FORMS L-4037& L-4024:

Motion Stacey, 2nd Girardin, authorizing Chairman Edwards to sign Tax Forms L-4037 & L-4024 as presented by Amber Woehlert. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed

PERSONNEL:

Edwards request the Personnel Committee review the three-year contract with Cintas Incorporated that was signed by John LaFleche authorizing delivery of mats and uniforms to the Courthouse.

Hardies Electric bill has 3 service calls that do not explain what services were preformed, Edwards request the Personnel Committee research and request more information.

COVID LEAVE FOR 2021:

Motion Hubbard, 2nd Balog, have a maximum of 2 weeks COVID 19 sick leave for either the 70 or 80 hours that was previously approved Jan. 13, 2021 be able to be used in the instance that either the employee themselves, someone from their immediate family or if an employee is being told to stay home because the department head feels there is a risk of contracting or spreading. **Secondly**, If the 70 or 80 hours has been exhausted the employee may utilize any paid sick leave or paid time off prior to applying for any unemployment benefits. **And lastly**, If an employee does have to utilize unemployment or unpaid time off for COVID 19 related leave only, then benefits (health, life, disability) will not cease for a maximum of 12 weeks after which time the employee will be required to pay up front. Any payroll related deductions (including co-insurance) will need to be coordinated with the payroll office. This motion will be for the calendar year of 2021. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Hubbard, Edwards, Balog, Stacey, Girardin), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion Stacey, 2nd Hubbard, to enter into closed session to discuss Lawsuit and Attorney recommendations and also sheriff's issues with new Jail Reform Legislation @ 10:27, Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Return to open meeting @ 11:20.

SPECIAL MEETING:

Motion Hubbard, 2nd Stacey, to hold a special meeting on April 21, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. to discuss retirees Health Care. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hubbard:	Thunder Bay Transportation
Girardin:	Claims, Finance, Land Fill
Edwards:	Claims, Finance, Landfill
Stacey:	None
Balog:	MI Works, MCCOA

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Discussed Berrien Counties Resolution that was sent to the board.

Motion Stacey, 2nd Hubbard, to adjourn meeting. Yes: 5, Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned.

Donald Edwards, Chairman

Lauri Jimkoski, Deputy Clerk