

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING HELD MAY 26, 2021**

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

ALSO, PRESENT: (not doing sign-in sheet due to COVID-19)

PLEDGE

ADD/DELETIONS:

Add: Mask Mandate; County Clerk Vacancy; Jail Closure; County Treasurer Vacancy;

Delete: None

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the regular meeting minutes of May 12, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the special meeting minutes held May 19, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Balog, seconded by Hubbard approving the closed meeting minutes of May 12, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Hubbard approving payment of bills (Claims: \$75,192.95; Desk: \$11,799.33 and not entered of \$81,642.18). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wesley S. citizen question and comments on jail closure.

TREASURER REPORT:

Cheri Eggett present. Received first American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds of \$905,927.50. Discussion. The Chief Deputy Treasurer resigned, and she will be looking to fill the position. Met with finance on a part time person, but now requesting a temporary full time person using funds from the ARP. Revenue and Expenditure report provided.

SHERIFF REPORT:

Sheriff Brown and Under Sheriff Crane present. Wrap grants finalized for the cars, should be seeing a reimbursement for the cameras and push bumpers. Inmate count at 13. Holiday weekend coming up, ready with ORV and marine patrol.

OLD BUSINESS:

HILLMAN ORDINANCES: Motion by Balog, seconded by Hubbard approving Hillman Townships proposal for four amended Zoning ordinances. Discussion. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELK COUNTRY ANIMAL SHELTER: Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Girardin accepting the agreement for services with Elk Country Animal Shelter for 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

BARGER CREEK WIRELESS: No one appeared.

2021 TAX RATE REQUEST FORM L-4029: Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey to sign the 2021 tax rate request when re-submitted (to include the new Headlee millage). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

TREASURER ADDITIONAL STAFF: Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin authorizing to hire a replacement chief deputy treasurer at the current rate (\$16.08). Discussion. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Requesting to hire a full-time deputy under the new ARP monies. Discussion. Motion by Edwards, seconded Balog authorizing to hire a full-time deputy treasurer at \$14.50 per hour from the ARP grant. Yeas: 4 (Edwards, Girardin, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 1 (Hubbard) Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK PART-TIME VACANCY: County Clerk Neilsen requesting to find a replacement for Debra Villeneuve who resigned at \$15.00 p/hour. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin authorizing to hire a part time deputy clerk at \$15.00 per hour. Discussion. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog to hire a part time deputy clerk at \$14.50 p/hour. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Citizen on closing jail. Bonnie G. (Rust Twp) on Gypsy Moth spraying.

NEW BUSINESS CON'T:

MASK MANDATE: Governor allowing return to work and no mask if vaccinated. Discussion. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Hubbard to post that if a person is vaccinated, they do not have to wear a mask in the building (if person is here for court, they must follow their rules). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:10 A.M. Break

10:19 A.M. Back in session.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Girardin, seconded by Hubbard to go into closed session with attorney on the Funk lawsuit and union negotiation. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11:40 A.M. Motion by Balog, seconded by Hubbard to go back to regular open session. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Balog: Mental Health, Health Dept. #4, MCCOA, Special Brd. Meeting
Stacey: Mental Health, Jail, Special Brd. Meeting
Edwards: Finance, Claims & Accounts, Landfill, Special Brd. Meeting
Girardin: Claims & Accounts, Finance, Jail, Special Brd. Meeting, Landfill
Hubbard: NEMCOG, Special Brd. Meeting

11:49 A.M. Motion Hubbard, seconded Girardin to adjourn. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.


Don Edwards, Chair


Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk

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Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting

Agenda

May 26th 2021 9:00 a.m.

Boardroom/Courtroom

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from 5-12-21, special meeting 5/19/21
- Claims and Accounts from 5-24-21

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

TREASURER'S REPORT

SHERIFF'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS - Hillman Ordinances

Closed Session/Lawsuit & POAM contract (after new business)

Jail

NEW BUSINESS- Elk County Animal Shelter 2021 Agreement

Barger Creek Wireless (Carl Cadwalder)

2021 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029

Treasurer-Additional Staff

mask mandate

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

OTHER

✓ CO. CLERK: P.T. VAC.

Adjourn Subject to Chairman

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