

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 28, 2021**

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

PLEDGE

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Additions: Wages, Closed Session: Funk Lawsuit, Budget

Deletions: None

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approving the regular meeting minutes of July 14, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey approving the closed session minutes of July 14, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approving payment of the bills (Regular: \$148,496.78; Desk: \$35,765.91 & not entered yet: \$20,101.38) Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Edwards concerning corrections officers at the jail that the board will object to unemployment compensation being granted to individuals who have at least not made application with Alpena County. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, present. Topics: Summer Operating costs; July Board of Review complete; Uncapping happening; Wage study before hiring ARPA person.

**SHERIFF:**

Under Sheriff Crane present. 8 inmates lodged in Alpena Jail. Still seeking persons for open positions (5 apps received) & looking at 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews with 2. Having to compete with MSP who opened their academy training as well. Booth at Fair. Jail closing transitioning smoothly overall & first bill received. Damage to 2 patrol cars in a pursuit. One will be fixed by insurance, the other the mechanic can fix. New patrol cars waiting on equipment.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

HILLMAN TWP. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW: Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Girardin to accept the Hillman Twp. Zoning Ordinance amendment (wireless communications). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ARPA: Tabled because of training session tomorrow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

PIE&G BROADBAND PRESENTATION: Tom Sobek and Ruthanne Largent gave presentation on broadband project being implemented by PIE&G for the member area. Project has commenced with home installs to start January 2022 and completion of project in 2025. Discussed speeds, proposed cost, mobile application will be available, funding and partnering for grants.

9:47 A.M. Break

9:56 A.M. Back in session.

**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH: Nena Sork present. Gave presentation with updates on what they are working on.

JURY BOARD: Recommendation received from Judge Black to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Garnett Sr. resigning. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin accepting recommendation of Judge Black for Amy Soncrainte to the Jury Board representing the Democratic party (term exp. 4/30/25). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS HANDICAP RAMP: Discussion on quote received from Schulze construction (\$753.30) to replace screws in the ramp that was installed within the last 5 years. Tabled and given to building and grounds for more info.

BUDGET LINES: Discussion on over budget line items and what to do. BSA software has the option to not cut checks for any line item without enough funds to cover the check. Memo to be sent to department heads as a reminder to have proper funds.

10:27 A.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey to go into closed session on the Funk lawsuit. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:32 A.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog to return to open session. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

WAGE COMMITTEE: Proposal brought to the board from the wage committee. Discussion on setting a minimum wage/start wage for positions at \$15 p/hr. and a 90-day probation period. Additional cost for overall proposal is approx. \$74,911.00. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Hubbard establishing \$15 p/hr. as a base rate of pay for any non-union employee, including part time effective July 25, 2021. Discussion. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin to table the remainder of the wage proposal. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Balog: MCCOA, Gypsy Moth, Health Dept. #4
- Girardin: Finance, Claims & Accounts, Landfill
- Stacey: Wages, HUNT
- Hubbard: Wages, Gypsy Moth, DHHS
- Edwards: Claims & Accounts, Finance, Landfill

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Daryl Peterson comments on wages, ARPA monies, ramp issue and broadband internet.

11:08 A.M. Motion by Stacey, seconded by 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**

**July 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 9:00 a.m.**

**Boardroom/Courtroom**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from 7-12-21
- Claims and Accounts from 7-26-21

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### **SHERIFF'S REPORT**

#### **OLD BUSINESS - Hillman Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment Review ARPA**

#### **NEW BUSINESS- PIE & G Broadband presentation Community Mental Health- Nena Sork Jury Board recommendation & appointment Building & Grounds- Handicap Ramp**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

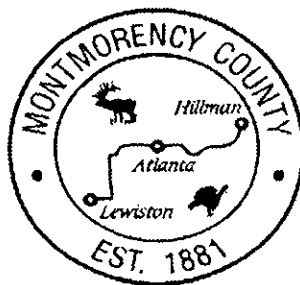
#### **OTHER**

**Adjourn Subject to Chairman**

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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

### **Finance Meeting Agenda**

**7-26-2021  
10:00 a.m.**

Mailroom

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#### **AGENDA**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Sheriff Report:**

**Treasurer Report:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS: Probate Registrar- Deputy position  
Unemployment requests**

#### **CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

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