

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None (1 Vacant Seat)

PLEDGE

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions: Maximum Security; Election Integrity; Assistant Prosecutor pay raise; Senior Center Air Cond. Unit request; Equalization L-4029 Tax Rate Request; HVAC for County Bldg.

Deletions: None

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2021. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog approving payment of the bills (Regular: \$105,370.28; Desk: \$13,335.11 & not entered yet: \$1,777.50) Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diana Olson on election integrity and support of an election audit.

TREASURER:

Cheri Eggett, present. Topics: Trial Balance and Revenue Fund report; \$1.294 Balance; Treasurer Stipend; Clarification on hiring of deputy. Interviewing right now. Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin to do a 50/50 split between general fund and ARPA monies for a deputy treasurer. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

SHERIFF:

Sheriff Brown present. 11 inmates lodged in Alpena Jail. New hire Owen P. introduced. New cars being worked on and waiting on equipment.

OLD BUSINESS:

HVAC FOR COUNTY BUILDING: Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog authorizing Building and Grounds to move forward with developing specs and asking for RFPs from competent vendors. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

E.Q. L-4029: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Stacey authorizing the chair and clerk to sign the L-4029 presented. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

APPORTIONMENT BUDGET: Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin authorizing paying apportionment party members a \$40 per diem and mileage (.50 cents per mile) and set a budget total of \$595.00. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0

OLD BUSINESS CON'T:

WAGE AND SALARY UPDATE: Recent proposal submitted. Lengthy discussion and comments. Proposal for 6 persons to get a pay raise. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to provide pay adjustments to 6 persons and maintenance be based on 40 hours p/week and move expeditiously on doing wage study with county treasurer facilitating, pay adjustments effective next pay. Yeas: 3 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 1 (Balog) Motion carried.

10:00 A.M. Break

10:08 A.M. Back in session.

NEW BUSINESS CON'T:

ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR PAY: Prosecutor Kundinger present. Requests board raise salary of assistant prosecutor to \$40,000.00 with thoughts by judge of having more District Court days which would require him to be available more than just Fridays. Discussion. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey increasing wages of assistant prosecutor to \$40,000.00 and additional funds to come from ARPA, effective upon written request from the Prosecutor of a start date. Yeas: 3 (Roll call: Girardin, Stacey, Edwards) Nays: 1 (Balog) Motion carried.

BACK TO OLD BUSINESS:

MAXIMUM SECURITY/SECURITY COMMITTEE RECOMENDATION: Judge Greene present. Bids sought for keyless entry system. Range of pricing was \$25,942.00 up to \$40,000.00. Quote from Maximum Security was \$28,889.00. Discussion on funding as well as how system works. Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approving keyless entry system (w/Maximum Security) contingent on ARPA funding, if not then county to fund out of Capitol Improvement Fund. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

SENIOR CENTER AIR: Discussion on Hillman and Atlanta Centers and request for monies. Quotes were submitted by Tim's Heating and Cooling for \$7700.00 and from Paul Bunyan Heating and Cooling \$7100.00 for the Hillman Center. Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey approving the bid from Tim's Heating and Cooling for \$7700.00 contingent on ARPA funding for the Hillman Center. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ELECTION INTEGRITY: Balog requests a public forum and committee. Discussion. Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey to form an Election Committee (Balog and Stacey to sit on). Yeas: 3 (Roll call: Edwards, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 1 (Girardin) Motion carried.

PROBATE HIRING: Request to move temporary full-time person with no benefits to full time with benefits. Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approved moving Jillian Cordes to full time with benefits as the Deputy Probate Register effective 9/20/2021 at \$16.00 p/hour. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

BACK TO NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VACCINE AWARENESS AND MEDICAL AUTONOMY: Discussion.

BACK TO OLD BUSINESS:

BOARD OF CANVASSER REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: Three names submitted, discussion. Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey appointing Thomas Williams to the County Board of Canvassers, term to expire 10/31/2025. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Balog: MCCOA, Building & Grounds, Health Dept. #4, Security Meeting, Court Stakeholders Mtg.
Girardin: Finance, Claims & Accounts
Stacey: Building & Grounds, Court Stakeholders Mtg.
Edwards: Claims & Accounts, Finance

PUBLIC COMMENT:


Discussion on filling in on committee meetings for vacant board seat.

Citizens Mary Caswell comments on elections and paper ballots and Diana Olson on elections.

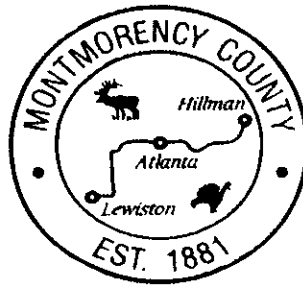
Register Teresa Walker asks about status of wage committee. Comments by Sheriff Brown on wage study.

11:46 A.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Edwards to adjourn. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.


Don Edwards, Chair


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Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting Agenda

September 22nd 2021 9:00 a.m.

Boardroom/Courtroom

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from 9-8-21
- Claims and Accounts from 9-20-21

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

TREASURER'S REPORT

SHERIFF'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS -

- ✓ Proposed Budget per diem, *Apportionment*
- ✓ Wage and Salary update *Probate Hiring*
- ✓ Maximum Security (Security Committee's recommendation)

NEW BUSINESS-

- ✓ Resolution in Support of Vaccine Awareness and Medical Autonomy
- ~~Resolution #2021-09-01 Mental Health~~ *FYI*
- Board of Canvasser appt. for Republicans

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

OTHER

ADD'A
HVAC F/Co. Bldg
Election Integ
Senior Center Air Cond.
Units
✓ L4029 TAX RATE Reg.

Adjourn Subject to Chairman

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