

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2021**

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

ABSENT/EXC.: None

ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT/NEWBUSINESS:

JAIL CLOSURE:

Discussion has been held with Alpena County on housing our prisoners once their new jail is open. They are offering to house up to 15 beds at a cost of \$250,000.00 per year for 3 years, then after that a cost-of-living increase; the contract would be for 10 years. \$30 p/day if needing more than 15 beds.

Discussed health care for prisoners, transporting back and forth, job priority for corrections officers that are employed here already with pay scale per seniority. Looking at keeping a 72 hour hold open here as an option and needing additional personnel/road patrol.

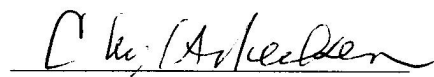
Current budget for jail is approx. \$800,000.00. Discussed using cost saving to pay down debt.

Concerns and questions by those in attendance (jobs lost, transports taking needed officers out of the county during emergencies, what would it take to re-open jail once it is closed).

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to continue the process of negotiations with Alpena County for the purpose of contracting for 15 beds contingent upon all the provisions of the original proposal are included in a new proposal and the sheriff is to submit his written proposal as to his needs to execute a contract with Alpena by May 26th. Discussion. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Hubbard, Girardin, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 1 (Edwards) Motion carried.

1:54 P.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey to adjourn. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.


Don Edwards, Chairperson


Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk