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County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting

Agenda

April 4, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Boardroom/Courtroom B

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from: March 21, 2024
- Claims and Accounts

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

NEW BUSINESS

- Equalization: Amber Woehlert
- Millage Language Approvals

OLD BUSINESS

- Retirement Health Insurance
- Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund Resolution
- ~~Scanning Equipment Agreement: Neilsen~~

REPORTS:

- Controller
- Treasurer
- Sheriff
- Standing Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Thursday, April 18, 2024

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT OF MICHIGAN, PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 267 OF 1976 PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING HELD APRIL 4, 2024**

PRESENT: Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Dell Bolser, Mary Hardies, Lloyd Peltier

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

PLEDGE

ADD/DELETIONS:

Add: None

Delete: Scanning Equipment Agreement

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Peltier approving the agenda with the deletion. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

MINUTES:

Motion by Hardies, seconded by Girardin approving the regular meeting minutes of March 21, 2024. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Edwards approving claims (Claims: \$43,135.05; Desk \$1,406,266.54; EFT's \$394,110.74; Total: \$1,843,512.33). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Peltier, Bolser, Edwards, Girardin, Hardies) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

EQUALIZATION L-4037 & L-4024: Amber Woehlert, Director present. Motion Peltier, seconded Girardin authorizing signing of L-4037 Assessment Roll Certification-County Ad-Valorem. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Peltier authorizing signing of L-4037 Assessment Roll Certification-County Special Acts. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Motion Bolser, seconded by Peltier authorizing signing of L-4024. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

MILLAGE LANGUAGE APPROVAL:

GENERAL OPERATIONS MILLAGE: Motion by Bolser, seconded by Hardies approving ballot language for Montmorency County Proposal for General Operations Millage for the August 6, 2024, ballot (see attached). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Bolser, Edwards, Girardin, Hardies, Peltier) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

SHERIFF RENEWAL AND RESTORATION PROPOSAL: Motion by Peltier, seconded by Girardin approving ballot language for Montmorency County Sheriff Renewal and Restoration Proposal for the August 6, 2024, ballot (see attached). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Hardies, Peltier, Bolser) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

COUNTY LIBRARY PROPOSAL: Tabled.

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PROPOSAL: Tabled.

OLD BUSINESS:

RETIREMENT HEALTH INSURANCE: Waiting on language from MERS and a representative to appear to answer questions. Tabled.

DELINQUENT TAX REVOLVING FUND RESOLUTION:

2024-05

USE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM DELINQUENT TAX REVOLVING FUND (DTRF) Hardies/Peltier Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Girardin, Hardies, Peltier, Bolser, Edwards) Nays: 0 Resolution passed.

REPORTS:

COUNTY CONTROLLER: Aprille Williamson present. ROD copier, Security Committee update. Motion by Bolser, seconded by Hardies to try and donate the commercial shredder. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Motion by Bolser, seconded by Girardin to donate to a food pantry or some other worthy cause the donated chest freezer. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Hardies, Peltier, Bolser, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Scanner Agreement: Will figure out what to do when updates are needed. Not finding anyone wanting to lease a vehicle to a municipality. Looking at Enterprise.

TREASURER REPORT: Cheri Eggett present. Settlement complete. Preparing for county audit.

SHERIFF REPORT: Sheriff Brown present. Discussion on Undersheriff dropping son off at school in patrol car and issue of women photographing him in the school parking lot. Questions why Commission Peltier approached local car wash owner looking to see if officers were using county resources for personal use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Peltier: 911, Tri Co. Fire Department, Thunder Bay Transportation
Hardies: None
Girardin: Finance
Bolser: Building Security, Library
Edwards: Finance, MCCOA, Road Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dr. Radar, Superintendent Hillman Schools on safety and security and issue of women taking pictures in the school parking lot. SRO and sheriff presence in schools have a positive effect. Kayla Nichols, secondary principal, also comments on the positive effect of SRO (Dep. Jessica Miles) in school.

Pam Meicher, comments on why she was taking pictures in parking lot of the undersheriff dropping off son and her opinion of the use of patrol car.

10:12 A.M. Break

10:20 A.M. Back in session

PUBLIC COMMENT CON'T:

Pam Meicher, Sally Pietrick & Sheriff Brown on opinions of undersheriff dropping son off at school and use of patrol car. Dr. Radar wants politics delt with off campus.

10:28 A.M. Meeting adjourned by the chair.

Minutes submitted by:



Cheryl A. Nielsen, County Clerk

Montmorency County Proposal for General Operations Millage

This proposal will permit the County to levy up to .7091 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the general operations of Montmorency County. The voters previously approved 5.75 mills for the County's general operations, which millage has been reduced under the Headlee Amendment by .7091 mills. This millage will restore the millage previously rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the County of Montmorency against taxable property in the County be increased by up to .7091 mills (\$0.7091 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2024 through 2027, inclusive for the purposes of providing funds for the general operations of Montmorency County and shall the County levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$440,237.00 for the County when first levied in 2024.

Montmorency County Sheriff Renewal and Restoration Proposal

For the purpose of retaining 4 certified law enforcement officers (deputies), a drug narcotics enforcement officer, and necessary vehicles, equipment and other related expenses, and partial compensation and expenses for a public service clerk, shall the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in any one year in the County of Montmorency, Michigan be renewed at the constitutionally reduced rate of .9923 mills, and the .0077 mills reduction be restored, for a return to a total levy of up to 1.00 (1) mill (which is equal to \$1 per \$1000 of taxable value of all such property), as previously approved by the voters in 2020, for a period of four (4) years 2024 through 2027 inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$620,838 in the first calendar year based on taxable value.

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Resolution #2024-05

USE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM DELINQUENT TAX REVOLVING FUND (DTRF)

At the meeting of the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners held in the County of Montmorency Building located in Atlanta, Michigan on **April 4, 2024**.

PRESENT: Dell Bolser, Gary Girardin, Don Edwards, Lloyd Peltier and Mary Hardies

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was made by **Mary Hardies** and seconded by **Lloyd Peltier**, to-wit:

PURPOSE: To establish a policy governing declaration and transfers of “surplus” funds from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF) to the County of Montmorency General Fund.

RESPONSIBILITY: In accordance with MCL 211.87b of Act 206, the County Treasurer acts as agent for the County concerning DTRF and determines annually whether a surplus exists. Such may be transferred to the County general Fund under appropriate action of the Board of Commissioners pursuant to the below policy. The Controller/Finance Committee with the input of the County Treasurer is responsible for recommending budget amounts for the annual transfers to the County General Fund and other affected funds.

POLICY:

Calculation of DTRF Fund needed for the Next Year and Estimates for Budget

The County Treasurer will review delinquent tax collection in the current year and consult with the County Equalization Department to determine the amount of all taxes levied throughout the County both in July and to be levied in December by all taxing units for all purposes.

The Treasurer will make an estimate as to the real property taxes expected to be returned delinquent next March, increased by 25% for contingency purposes.

The Treasurer shall use the following multiplier to calculate the DTRF balance needed for the next year:

“The Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF) shall be maintained so that the total cash plus principal amount of investments in U.S. Government Securities, Certificates of Deposit in Banks and Commercial paper in the DTRF, shall, on April 1 of each year, not be less than 1.50 times the estimated average of the total real property taxes returned delinquent to the County Treasurer for the immediate preceding two years including the most recent estimate.”

Treasurer's Declaration

The County Treasurer will complete the annual delinquent tax settlement, which occurs no later than May 1st each year, and make timely payments to the taxing units to avoid late payment penalties set forth in MCL 211.78b (3).

The County Treasurer will make a declaration of any remaining "surplus" in the DTRF no later than July each year and provide a formal declaration notice to the Board of Commissioners.

AUTHORIZATION and Transfer of Funds

The County Board of Commissioners may adopt a resolution authorizing the transfer of any declared "surplus" from the DTRF to the General Fund per MCL 211.78b. The resolution must identify the amount of surplus that has been declared by the Treasurer and must limit the transfer to that amount.

The County Board of Commissioners authorizes all use of transfers to the General Fund through approval of the annual budget and administrative authority delegated with the County's financial policies. It is the intent and desire of the Board that the DTRF surplus transfers be generally used for non-recurring items, including but not limited to:

- Payments in excess of required amounts on long-term debt obligations
- Expenditures attributed to tax reverted property as identified and presented by the Office of the County Treasurer
- Community Development Department Projects
- Unexpected or one-time maintenance items within the Buildings and Grounds Fund

Surpluses are not generally intended to be used for normal operating expenses within the General Fund, including but not limited to items such as utilities, insurance, wages, fringe benefits, and required debt service payments.

Issuance of Delinquent Tax Anticipation Notes:

The County of Montmorency intends to continue the operation of the DTRF in future years, regardless of whether the County has the need or ability to borrow through issuance of Delinquent Tax Anticipation Notes (authorized in Public Act 206). When determining whether to borrow or to self-fund each year, the Treasurer and Controller/Finance Committee will together consider the needed balance in the DTRF, costs of borrowing, market conditions including investment and debt interest rates, cash flow needs, and impact on the County credit rating.

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RESOLUTION DEEMED APPROVED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

APPROVE: Gary Girardin, Mary Hardies, Lloyd Peltier, Dell Bolser, and Don Edwards

DENY: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

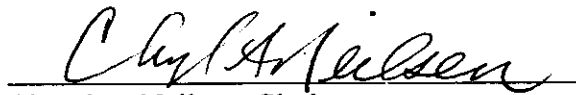

Donald Edwards, Chairperson
County of Montmorency BOC, Michigan

Dated: **April 4, 2024**

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF MONTMORENCY)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Montmorency County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the 4th day of April, 2024, and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, and further certify that the above resolution was adopted at said meeting.


Cheryl A. Neilsen, Clerk
County of Montmorency, Michigan

Dated: 4-9-2024