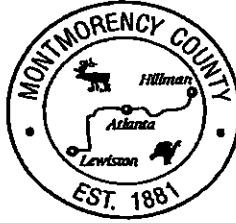


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County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting

Agenda

January 18, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Boardroom/Courtroom B

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from: December 21, 2023 and January 4, 2024, Organizational Meeting
- Claims and Accounts

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

NEW BUSINESS

- 2024 Insurance Renewals -- Deb Neilson, Valley United
- Lake Hiawatha Assessment Appeal -- Fahey Shultz
- Joint Ownership Agreement -- Scanning Software

OLD BUSINESS

- Pay Step Increases & COLA

REPORTS:

- Controller
- Treasurer
- Sheriff
- Standing Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Thursday, February 1, 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 JANUARY 18, 2024**

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: NONE

PLEDGE

AGENDA:

Add: None

Delete: None

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Hardies to approve the agenda. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by Bolser, seconded by Hardies approving minutes from the regular meeting held December 21, 2023. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Peltier, seconded by Girardin approving minutes from the organizational meeting held January 4, 2024. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Peltier to approve claims and accounts. (Claims: \$26,582.45; EFT's: \$347,395.51; Desk Checks: \$555,092.87 Grand Total: \$929,070.83) Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A member of the public asked about who is appealing the lake levels. Aprille said it is Dennis Durandetto.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 INSURANCE RENEWALS:DEB NEILSON, VALLEY UNITED: Deb appeared via zoom and made a presentation regarding the counties medical, dental and vision insurance. Motion by Peltier, seconded by Hardies to approve the HMO and POS with a \$6,000 deductible with Priority Health and Dental renew with Standard and to renew vision with VSP with enhanced frame allowance. Yeas: 5 (Roll Call: Bolser, Edwards, Girardin, Hardies, Peltier) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:07 a.m. Break

10:13 a.m. Back in session. All present.

LAKE HIAWATHA ASSESSMENT APPEAL-FAHEY SHULTZ: Motion by Girardin, seconded by Hardies to go into closed session for the Lake Hiawatha Appeal. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:14 a.m. Closed session started. All present

10:26 a.m. Back in open session. All present.

Motion by Bolser, seconded by Hardies to sign Resolution 2024-01 Hiawatha Lakes-Lake Level. Yeas: 5 (Roll Call: Edwards, Girardin, Hardies, Peltier, Bolser) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

JOINT OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT-SCANNING SOFTWARE: Discussion had regarding the joint ownership agreement. Will table till next meeting since Bernie Neilsen is not in attendance today.

OLD BUSINESS:

PAY STEP INCREASES & COLA: Discussion had regarding giving the 3% increase to all employees. Also had discussion regarding six employees moving to the next step on the pay scale.

Motion by Peltier, seconded by Girardin to approve the six individuals to the next step increase retro to January 1, 2024 for a total cost of \$8,326.99. Yeas: 5 (Roll Call: Girardin, Hardies, Peltier, Bolser, Edwards) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Bolser, seconded by Hardies to increase all non-union, full time and part time employees the COLA 3% retro to January 1, 2024. This does not include the seasonal, contractual and temporary employees. Yeas: 5 (Roll Call: Hardies, Peltier, Bolser, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

COUNTY CONTROLLER REPORT:

Aprille Williamson, County Controller present. TOPICS: Opioid update, Lake Hiawatha, Animal shelter contract, NEMCSA-work training for older adults' program. Workers Comp policy-asking for motion to add the last paragraph. Motion by Hardies, seconded by Peltier to approve the updated policy for the county workers compensation insurance, see attached. Yeas: 5 (Roll Call: Peltier, Bolser, Edwards, Girardin, Hardies) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Common Angle IT Contract-need motion to put all money in one fund to pay the IT contract. Motion by Peltier, seconded by Hardies to make a budget adjustment of \$10,600 from department 301 to department 228 in the general fund. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

County servers need updated. Motion by Peltier, seconded by Edwards to approve the servers and switches upgrade using ARPA funds and the county improvement fund. Yeas: 5 (Roll Call: Bolser, Edwards, Girardin, Hardies, Peltier) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Computer funds. Motion by Peltier, seconded by Hardies to approve the purchase of up to twenty new Dell computers to utilize the 2023 and 2024 funds. Yeas: 5 (Roll Call: Edwards, Girardin, Hardies, Peltier, Bolser) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Common Angle getting access to the Register of Deeds server. Discussion had. Table till next meeting when Teresa can be present.

TREASURER:

Kathi Edwards, Chief Deputy present. TOPICS: Back taxes-met with twelve property owners. ARPA, Lake Hiawatha Bonds.

SHERIFF REPORT:

No one present.

COUNTY CONTROLLER REPORT CONTINUED:

Register of Deeds server issue: Teresa Walker, Register of Deeds present. Continued discussion about Common Angle having access to the register of deeds server. Will leave tabled till next board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

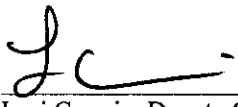
- Peltier: Community Mental Health
- Hardies: District Health Department #4
- Girardin: Finance Personnel & Sheriff, Landfill
- Edwards: Union Meeting, Road Commission, Finance Personnel & Sheriff, Landfill, NEMCOG
- Bolser: Department of Health and Human Services

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Motion by Hardies, seconded by Bolser to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:



Lori Curwin, Deputy Clerk

MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HIAWATHA LAKES – LAKE LEVEL

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

At a meeting of the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners, Montmorency County, Michigan, held on January 18th, 2024 at 9:00 am, Eastern Standard Time;

PRESENT: Bolser, Girardin, Edwards, Hardies, and Peltier

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Bolser and supported by Hardies.

WHEREAS, Hiawatha Lake/Lake Hiawatha, Little Brush Lake, and Moose Lake (collectively referred to as “Hiawatha Lakes”), located in Hillman Township, Montmorency County, Michigan have established normal lake levels by the Montmorency County Circuit Court under Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, as amended (“Part 307”); and

WHEREAS, a special assessment district known as the Hiawatha Lakes – Lake Level Special Assessment District (“District”) was established by the Montmorency County Circuit Court (“Circuit Court”) under Part 307. MCL 324.30704; and

WHEREAS, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners (“Board of Commissioners”) approved an assessment roll and computation of costs for lake level project on Hiawatha Lakes by resolution on August 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, an appeal of the assessments for parcels 004-360-000-156-00 and 004-360-000-156-01 was filed in the Circuit Court on behalf of Dennis Durandetto on November 29, 2023. See MCL 324.30714(4); and


WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to authorize settlement of the appeal as recommended by legal counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Commissioners authorizes resolution of pending litigation in Circuit Court Docket No. 23-5385-CH as recommended by legal counsel.

RESOLUTION DEEMED APPROVED

Dated: 1/18/2024


Donald Edwards, Chair
Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

Roll call vote:

APPROVE: Edwards, Girardin, Hardies, Peltier, Bolser

DENY: None


ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

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 18TH day of JANUARY, 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.

Dated: 1-29-2024


Cheryl A. Neilsen, Clerk
Montmorency County