

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 6, 2021**

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

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None/One vacant seat

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brian Crane, Cheri Eggett, Teresa Walker, Amber Woehlert, Christi Cross

Meeting called to order by County Clerk Cheryl Neilsen at 9:00 A.M.

Proposed resolution for adoption if wanting the chair to only be a one-year term, otherwise it is an automatic 2-year term. Discussion.

Resolution #2021-01

ESTABLISHING TERM OF THE CHAIRPERSON  
Girardin/Stacey Yeas: 3 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin  
Stacey) Nays: 1 (Balog) Resolution passed.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:**

County Clerk opened the floor for nominations to the office of Chairperson. Nomination made by Girardin for Edwards as chair. No other nominations, nominations closed. Vote by showing of hands for Edwards as Chair (4- All in Favor). Edwards nominated as the Chair. Meeting turned over to Chair Edwards.

Nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson opened. Nomination made by Edwards for Girardin as vice-chair. No other nominations, nominations closed. Vote by showing of hands for Girardin as vice-chair (4). Girardin nominated as vice-chair.

**PLEDGE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Discussion on building closure and when it is going to end. Chair to make decision later.

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**COMMITTEES:** List put together and some changes made by the chair as well as some vacancies on some committees until they get the 5<sup>th</sup> member.

**PUBLISHER:** Motion by Edwards seconded by Girardin designating the Montmorency County Tribune as the Publisher of Record. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**AUDITOR:** Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin confirming Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards P.C. as the auditor of record. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY OF RECORD:** Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin confirming law office of Young, Graham, Elsenheimer & Wendling P.C. as attorneys of record. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**BANK DEPOSITORIES:** Treasurer Eggett present. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin listing depositories as being Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, Community Financial Credit Union, Chase, M-Bank and Robinson Capital. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey to remove former chair Albert LaFleche from the county credit card and replaced with new chair Donald Edwards. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**BSA ENTERPRISER:** Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin (removing former Treasurer Jean Klein) authorizing Cheri Eggett, the new Treasurer as an Enterpriser/Administrator (along with county clerk who already is) for the BSA county programs. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

BOARD RULES: No changes made today (giving board members time to look over and bring back with any changes).

MILEAGE, MEALS & PER DIEMS: Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey setting per diems at \$40.00 half day and \$80.00 full day, mileage rate at .50 cents per mile and meals as follows: Breakfast: \$10.00; Lunch: \$12.00 and Dinner: \$18.00. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

MEETING DATES: Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin setting the County Board meetings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month for 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9:27 A.M. Meeting adjourned by the chair.

  
Donald Edwards, Chair

  
Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 13, 2021**

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

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None (one vacant seat)

**ALSO PRESENT:** (not doing a sign in sheet due to COVID)

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

**Additions:** Change Building & Grounds to County Protocol; County Stipends; Recognition of Past Commissioners

**Deletions:** None

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog approving the regular meeting minutes of December 23, 2020. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey approving payment of the bills (including not entered yet of \$4069.00). Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF PAST BOARD MEMBERS:**

Discussion on plaques. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog to honor past commissioners and recognize them for their past service by getting them each a plaque. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, present. Update on lawsuit and surplus proceeds.

**SHERIFF:**

Sheriff Brown and Under Sheriff Crane present. MMRMA Rap grant discussed (money recv'd \$2500.00 for camera system and wrap bumpers). Inmate count at 9. One round of COVID vaccines have been done at the sheriff department.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**UNION:** Grievance received relating to eye coverage not being comparable to previous plan (seen a substantial cost increase to out of pocket). Discussion. To check with Valley United to see if the VSP program can be brought back and cost. Would also like to see if Deb Neilson can come again and speak to the new board members on overall health plan.

9:26 A.M. Motion Girardin, second by Stacey to go into closed session for union negotiations. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Girardin, Edwards, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9:54 A.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey to return to open session. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MCCOA APPOINTMENT:** Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin confirming appointment of Janet Demeulenaere, as member at large for Hillman (Term ending 8/31/2024). Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**NMRE CONFIRMATION:** Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin appointing Roger Frye to the NMRE (Substance Abuse) and request Mr. Frye report quarterly to the board (Term: 3 years commencing 4/1/21). Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COUNTY PROTOCOL:** Discussion on COVID protocol now that there is no federal mandate for paid leave after 12/31/2020 as well as remote work now that the building is back open to the public.

Motion by Balog, seconded by Edwards requiring employees to return to in-person work unless they have a verified COVID test. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:16 A.M. Break

10:23 A.M. Back in session.

Continued discussion on what to do if an employee has COVID, or suspected COVID, awaiting test results and time off. Motion by Balog, seconded by Edwards authorizing pay for 3 days if suspected of COVID and waiting on test results, and if the employee does test positive up to two weeks paid time off. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COUNTY STIPENDS:** Payroll needs a motion to pay stipends for 2021 per budget figures. (The only question was on treasurer and the Foreclosure/PRA which only has budgeted \$500.00 vs. the normal \$1000.00 that has been paid in the past.) Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin authorizing stipends as follows: 911 Admin. \$10,200.00; PRA/ Foreclosure \$500.00; Law Librarian \$750.00; Magistrate \$10,000.00; Prosecutor MERS \$5000.00; and Remon. Admin. \$2000.00. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried. \*The treasurer to investigate pay difference on PRA/Foreclosure and get back with board.

**VETERANS POSITION:** Rick Vinton has resigned. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin appointing Larry Pascador to Veterans, part time, no benefits, and an annual salary of \$12,000.00. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Girardin: Claims & Accounts, Finance

**OTHER:**

**M.E. CONTRACT AMENDMENT:** Because of the board’s decision to not charge a cremation fee an amendment needed made to the Mid-Michigan Medical Examiner contract. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin authorizing the chair to sign the amendment to the Medical Examiner Contract reflecting the change in not charging a cremation fee and reducing the handling fee expense to \$10.00 p/permit which will be billed quarterly. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS CON’T:**

Stacey: None

Balog: None

Edwards: Claims & Accounts, Finance

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Potter and Mr. Elowsky present. Ms. Potter requesting a copy of the Gypsy Moth survey map. Forum is being held Jan. 19 @ 2 p.m. asking if people can appear in person and asking about a coordinator for Gypsy Moth program. Mr. Elowsky also gave comment on gypsy moths.

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING HELD JANUARY 27, 2021**

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

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO, PRESENT:** (not doing sign-in sheet due to COVID-19)

**PLEDGE**

**ADD/DELETIONS:**

**Add:** COVID Protocol. Gypsy moth

**Delete:** None

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog approving the organizational meeting minutes of January 6, 2021. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog approving the regular meeting minutes of January 13, 2021. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approving the closed session minutes of January 13, 2021. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog approving payment of bills (including not entered totaling \$3726.44 and the priority health bill for \$40,405.16). Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**OTHER/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Comments by Judge Bolser and Prosecutor Kunder on the boards return to in-person work motion from the last meeting.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to rescind the motion made Jan. 13, 2021 requiring employees to return to in-person work unless they have a verified COVID test. Discussion. Yeas: 3 Nays: 1 (Edwards) Motion carried.

**NEW:**

**DISTRICT #4 COUNTY COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT:** Dawn Hubbard appeared and applied for the appointment. Introduction made. Discussion. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey accepting her letter and appointing Dawn Hubbard to Co. Commissioner District #4. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Commissioner Balog read letter from former Commissioner Peterson on gypsy moth and millage.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Cheri Eggett present. Requesting a depository resolution.

Resolution 2021-03

DEPOSITORY AND INVESTMENT  
RESOLUTION FOR MONTMORENCY CO.  
Balog/Girardin Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Edwards,  
Girardin, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Resolution  
passed.

Other topics: looking at moving money around and general fund cash balance. Treasurer report accepted.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Brown and Under Sheriff Crane present. Inmate count at 8. Jail inspection being held today. One new car on the road and other car still being worked on. Spoke with finance on budget for one squad car and would like to purchase an additional. Enough money in the millage fund (approx. cost \$40,000.00). Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin approving the funds for a second car purchase. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin authorizing sheriff to move forward with purchase of patrol vehicles. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

HIPPA COMPLIANCE PLAN 2021: Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the 2021 HIPPA compliance for 2021. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

INVASIVE SPECIES: Discussed option of letting townships each decide what needs done and have input or hiring a coordinator and county making the decisions. Discussion on the wording on the tax bills (still says gypsy moth millage). Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog to make every effort to notify taxpayers, via newspaper-press release, web page, of the inconsistency between the ballot and the tax bill and invasive species vs. gypsy moth. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Back to discussion on letting townships decide vs. county. Motion by Balog, seconded by Girard to table invasive species. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

JAVS CONTRACT: Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog authorizing the chair to sign the renewal JAVS contract. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**ELECTRONIC MEETINGS:**

Resolution 2021-02

RESOL. ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC MTGS OF ALL MONT. CO. PUBLIC BODIES AND/OR THE ATTENDANCE AT MTGS BY MEMBERS OF THOSE PUBLIC BODIES REMOTELY  
Edwards/Girardin Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Girardin, Stacey, Balog, Edwards) Nays: 0 Resolution passed.

10:06 A.M. Break  
10:13 A.M. Back in session.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MERS ADDENDUMS: County Clerk Neilsen presents 5 addendums (one for each plan) to the MERS plan as requested by MERS to further clarify the current plans. Discussion. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin authorizing the chair to sign the MERS addendums. Yeas: 3 Nays: 1 (Balog) Motion carried.

VETERANS POSITION: Larry Pascador present. Can only do veterans 2 days per week. He is going through the testing right now to get his accreditation back. Discussed advertising for more permanent vet officer. The state has agreed to extend the time for the grant.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Potter present and comments on spraying for gypsy moth and urges the board to use the invasive species millage as promised by previous board members.

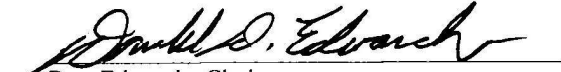
11:00 A.M. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin to go into closed session for union negotiations. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

12:07 A.M. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin to return to open session. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Balog: Health Dept. #4  
Stacey: H.U.N.T.  
Edwards: Finance, Claims & Accounts, Landfill  
Girardin: Claims & Accounts, Finance, Union, Landfill

12:10 P.M. Motion Stacey, seconded Girardin adjourning meeting. All in favor.

  
Don Edwards, Chair

  
Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2 of 2021**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO ALLOW  
ELECTRONIC MEETINGS OF ALL MONTMORENCY COUNTY PUBLIC  
BODIES AND/OR THE ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS BY MEMBERS  
OF THOSE PUBLIC BODIES REMOTELY**

At a regular meeting of the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners held in the Montmorency County Building, located at 12265 M-32 West, Atlanta, Michigan on January 27, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Balog, Edwards, Stacey, Girardin

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was made by Edwards and seconded by Girardin, to-wit:

**RECITALS**

- A. Effective October 16, 2020 Act 228 of the Public Acts of 2020 (the Act) amended Section 3 of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and added Section 3a to the Open Meetings Act to permit in certain circumstances public bodies to meet electronically and to permit members of those public bodies to participate in, and vote on, business before the public body remotely.
- B. The Act requires the public body, defined in Section 2(a) of the OMA to be the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners, including all boards, commissions, committees, subcommittees, authorities, or councils of Montmorency County, to establish procedures to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Act related to electronic meetings and participation in meetings by members of the public body remotely.
- C. The Montmorency County Board of Commissioners, therefore, desires to comply with this statutory requirement by establishing of the procedures contained in this Resolution.

**RESOLUTION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the following procedures to permit the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners and all other public bodies of Montmorency County to



meet electronically and to permit members of the Board of Commissioners and members of those other public bodies to participate in, and vote on, business before the public body remotely.

## **PROCEDURES FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS REMOTELY**

1. Circumstances Permitting Electronic Meetings and/or Remote Participation by Members. Electronic meetings of Montmorency County public bodies, in whole or in part, and/or attendance by members of those public bodies remotely may be permitted under any of the following circumstances:
  - a. Before March 31, 2021, for any circumstances.
  - b. On and after March 31, 2021 through December 31, 2021, only for one of the following:
    - i. Military duty.
    - ii. A medical condition.
    - iii. A statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster declared pursuant to law or charter or local ordinance by the governor or a local chief administrative officer that would risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or the public body if the meeting were held in person, but only to permit the following:
      - (1) To permit the electronic attendance of a member of the public body who resides in the affected area.
      - (2) To permit the electronic meeting of a public body that usually holds its meetings in the affected area.
  - c. After December 31, 2021 only in the circumstances requiring accommodation of members absent due to military duty.
2. Meetings held Electronically.
  - a. Communication. Montmorency County shall utilize electronic video and/or audio services or equipment that ensures 2-way communication so that during the electronic meeting members of the public body can hear and be heard by other members of the public body and so that participants in the electronic meeting can hear members of the public body and can be heard by members of the public body and other participants during the

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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting Agenda

February 10, 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 1/27/21
- Claims and Accounts from 2/8/10

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT-

*Close session: Union Neg.*

**OLD BUSINESS** - Priority Health Renewal for one year  
Vision coverage- Deb Neilson/Valley United  
Invasive Species/Gypsy Moth Spraying

**NEW BUSINESS** - Recognition of Past Commissioners  
County resolution to support local businesses  
Probate Court temp. help.  
DHD # 4 county contribution 2021 \$85,754.00  
DHD # 4 Medical Marijuana Grant, authorize Chair/electronic signature

*ADD:  
MCCOA Appt.  
Veteran Report  
UPDATE: Emerg  
manager*

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT-

#### OTHER

**ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN**

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

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON February 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES**

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

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

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** (not doing a sign in sheet due to COVID)

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

**Additions:** Presentation; MCCOA Appointment; Veterans Report; Emergency Manager Update

**Deletions:** None

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog approving the regular meeting minutes of January 27, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the closed session minutes of January 27, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Balog, seconded by Edwards approving payment of the bills (Regular \$39,126.10; Desk \$68661.94; not entered yet of \$4442.26 and MERS bill of \$74,216.15). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RECOGNITION OF PAST BOARD MEMBERS:**

Presentation and plaques presented to former commissioners LaFleche, Wagner and Peterson for their years of service.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, present. Topics: Budget stabilization, cash balance.

**SHERIFF:**

Sheriff Brown and Under Sheriff Crane present. Jail inspection done and 100% compliance. Inmate count at 8. Three bids received for patrol cars (prices are per car): Lynch: \$37,950.00; Signature Ford: \$37,969.00; Dean Arbor: \$38,150.00. Discussion. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to purchase 2 patrol cars from Lynch Ford. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Sheriff wanting a closed session for union negotiation discussion. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog to add a closed session to agenda to discuss union negotiations. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

**MCCOA APPOINTMENT:** Motion by Balog, seconded by Hubbard appointing Julie Kendrick as the Atlanta Senior Center Rep for a term ending 8/31/2024. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGER UPDATE: Jerry Stanley participating via zoom. Montmorency County on the 9&10 News as being one of the lead counties in the state for COVID vaccine distribution. National Guard Medics brought in to assist.

DHD#4 COUNTY CONTRIBUTION: Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the District Health allocation for 2021 (\$85,754.00 distributed monthly). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

DHD#4 MEDICAL MARIJUANA GRANT: Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin authorizing the chair to electronic sign the DHD Medical Marijuana Grant. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

PRIORITY HEALTH RENEWAL & VISION COVERAGE: Deb Neilson from Valley United appeared via zoom. Went over current health plan and options. Question and answer session. Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey authorizing chair to sign current renewal documents with Priority Health. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0

Vision coverage which is separate from the medical was discussed. Options for upgrading the current plan as well as looking at VSP again. Motion by Balog, seconded by Hubbard to move to option A with Eye Med for vision coverage. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Girardin stepped out for a moment). Motion carried.

10:20 A.M. Break

10:29 A.M. Back in session.

**OLD BUSINESS CON'T:**

INVASIVE SPECIES/GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING: Discussed forming a committee with 2 commissioners and others. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog for Montmorency County to move forward with spraying for the gypsy moth. Discussion and comments. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Chair Edwards assigns Hubbard and Balog to the Invasive Species committee.

RESOLUTION 2021-04

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES

Balog/Stacey Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 0 Resolution passed.

10:40 A.M. Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin to go into closed session to discuss union negotiations. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11:19 A.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey to return to open session. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

PROBATE COURT TEMP. HELP: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving probate court part-time help, no benefits @ \$12 p/hr. (10-12 hours per/week; money already budgeted) commencing Feb. 22, 2021. Discussion Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

VETERAN REPORT: An update and activity report for Jan. 2021 provided to the board.


**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Balog: NEMSCA, MCCOA, Claims & Finance  
Girardin: Sheriff  
Stacey: Sheriff  
Hubbard: None  
Edwards: Claims & Finance

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

11:35 A.M. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

  
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Don Edwards, Chair

  
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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

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### Montmorency County Resolution **21-04**

#### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES**

**WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a contagious disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners recognizes that COVID-19 is having a direct impact on all County residents, including local businesses and economy, educational community, and individual residents regarding their physical and mental health care.

**WHEREAS**, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners understands that many local businesses have suffered and continue to suffer economic harm due to COVID-19, and

**WHEREAS**, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners believes that the ability of County residents and visitors to patronize local restaurants, hotels, recreational venues, etc., contributes substantially to the overall well-being of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners is aware of many options to support the small businesses such as ordering takeout, using gift cards, and making advanced reservations,

**WHEREAS**, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners believe small businesses engaged in food service can safely operate by practicing SERV Safe health & safety practices as well as following guidelines specific to operating during a COVID-19 pandemic while meeting the needs of the customer.

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, we call upon local businesses to use their own good judgement to operate in a manner which minimizes risk to patrons while protecting the health and welfare of their businesses, care for their employees, and the safety of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners encourages county residents to support their local businesses, particularly during the pandemic, without fear. We call upon the citizens of Montmorency County to act responsibly with regards to others while determining what is best for themselves, for their own families and loved ones and how to contend with the ongoing risks associated with the COVID-19 virus.

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED~~ that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, both the Speaker of the State House of Representatives, and the Majority Leader of the State Senate along with Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and Michigan Township Association (MTA).

  
Don Edwards, Board Chair

2-10-21  
Date

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Balog  
And seconded by Commissioner Stacey and declared adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Stacey, Hubbard, Girardin, Edwards, Balog

NAYES: Ø

ABSENT: Ø

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I, Cheryl Neilsen, hereby certify that this is true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on **February 10, 2021**.

Signed: Cheryl A Neilsen

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#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT-

*Vet Counselor Report*  
OLD BUSINESS -

#### NEW BUSINESS - Livestock Emergency Response Trailer Agreement

Gypsy Moth Spraying Coordinator *& Spraying -*

Transfers Out of general fund to other funds as adopted in 2021 budget

MDC- Bill Pfeifer zooming in for conference/update

*Remort Grant. Approval of Meeting.*

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT-

#### OTHER

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**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD February 24, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Geyer Balog, Dawn Hubbard, Robert Stacey (Zoom)  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** No sign in due to COVID

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

**Additions:** Veterans Court Report, Remonumentation Grant, Gypsy Moth Spraying, Approval of Per Diems for Non-Committee Meeting

**Deletions:** None

Motion, Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, approving agenda with additions. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, adding Budget Stabilization to the Agenda. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, approving minutes from February 10, 2021. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving minutes from closed session held February 10, 2021. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, approving payment of claims & accounts. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, Treasurer present. Topics discussed, moving stagnant investment funds into a Stabilization Fund. 60 properties currently in foreclosure but they still have time to pay back taxes, request authorization to complete journal entries to fund the following accounts for budget years 2020 & 2021 (EDC, PRA & Summer Tax, MIDC, Law Training, 911, Correction Officers, Law Enforcement, Veterans Court, Law Library, Remonumentation) see attached, treasurer states that the general fund balances are good.

**STABILIZATION FUND:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, allowing closure of low interest investment account with \$170,000.00 of the investment be placed into a Stabilization Fund and remaining funds invested into a Certificate of Deposit. Yes: 5, (Roll Call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Stacey, Hubbard), Nays: 0, Motion carried.

**JOURNAL ENTRIES:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, authorizing the treasure to preform journal entries (see attached list) to fund accounts as outlined in the 2020 & 2021 Budget. Yes: 5, (Roll Call: Edwards, Girardin, Stacey, Hubbard, Balog), Nays: 0, Motion carried.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Chad Brown, Under Sheriff Brian Crane present. Topics included: Snow Drift Rally was held in Montmorency County on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February sheriff states that everything went very smooth this year, inmate count is at 11, 2 patrol cars have been ordered, met with CMH regarding Federal Grant for organizing a Wellness Response Team, the team has been assembled it appears to be a very good program that should be beneficial to our community.

**VETERANS REPORT:**

Larry Pascador present, commissioners received report no further discussion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PER DIEM FOR NON-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, authorizing all commissioners that attend informational meeting in Alpena regarding the jail be paid \$40.00 Per Diem plus mileage. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**REMONUMENTATION STIPEND:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard approving \$1,600.00 annual stipend for Remonumentation Administrator Connie Brandt. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LIVESTOCK RESPONSE TRAILER AND TEAM MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:**

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, Montmorency County join with Otsego County and sign the Livestock Emergency Response Trailer and Team Mutual Aid Agreement, authorize Chairman Edwards to sign agreement. Yes: 5, (Roll Call: Girardin, Stacey, Hubbard, Balog, Girardin), Nays: 0, Motion carried.

Break 9:46, back on the record 9:50.

**MDIC:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, to participate with Alpena County and form a Public Defenders Office, allow posting of Advertisement for position of Chief Public Defender Position. Yes: 4, Nays: 1 (Balog), Motion passed.

**GYPSY MOTH COORDINATOR:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, hire Alicia Wallace as Gypsy moth Coordinator with a contract outlining the specific details to include \$40.00 per hour not to exceed \$10,000.00 she will begin duties 2/24/21. Yes:5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, hire Al's Aerial Spraying to complete the spring gypsy moth spraying in designated areas for Montmorency County. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, authorizing direct mailing to all County Residents that are in the targeted areas to be sprayed for the Gypsy Moth infestation. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Stacey: District Health #4  
Hubbard: DHHS, MCCOA  
Girardin: Claims & Accounts, Finance, Landfill  
Balog: Gypsy Moth, District Health #4  
Edwards: Union Negotiations, Finance, Claims & Accounts

**OTHER:**

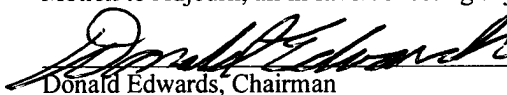
None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

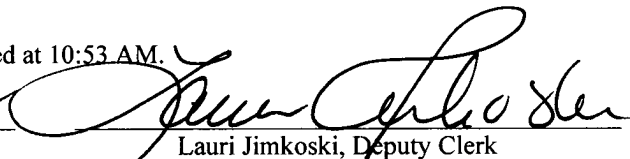
Hubbard states that there were a few concerns expressed to her from the 50 Plus Club regarding a recent MCCOA advertisement.

Jerry Stanley stated that the next COVID Vaccination Clinic will be held in Hillman on March 5, 2021 from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Motion to Adjourn, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.



Donald Edwards, Chairman



Lauri Jimkoski, Deputy Clerk

Transfers Out for County Contribution-need memo or permissions of some sort.

I will do JE's for the following, 2021-

TRANSFERS OUT EDC-Nothing in the budget

TRANSFERS OUT PRA & SUMMER TAX-Nothing in the budget

TRANSFERS OUT MIDC-16,899

TRANSFERS OUT LAW TRAINING-1,000

TRANSFERS OUT 911 SERVICE FUND – 30,000

TRANSFERS OUT CORRECTION OFFICERS-3,000

TRANSFERS OUT LAW ENFORCEMENT-25,000

TRANSFERS OUT VETS TREATMENT COURT-10,000

TRANSFERS OUT LAW LIBRARY 13,000

REMONUMENTATION-Nothing in budget

TRANSFERS OUT 760-Nothing in budget

**2020 JE's need to be done-**

MIDC-16915

LAW TRAINING-1,000

911 SERVICE FUND-30,000

CORRECTION OFFICERS TRAINING-3,000

LAW ENFORCEMENT CASH-25,000

VETS TREATMENT COURT-10,000

LAW LIBRARY-13,000

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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting Agenda

March 10, 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 2/24/21
- Claims and Accounts from 3/8/21

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

*add GL fund. for officer*

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### OLD BUSINESS-

Budget Stabilization Resolution

*Gypsy Moth*

#### NEW BUSINESS-

Enbridge (via zoom)

911 Radio Consoles

911 Resolution 21-06

Treasurer stipend

Albert Township Zoning Review

Veteran Service Officer position

*Plumbing*

*Probate Judge Position.*

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### OTHER

**ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN**

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**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 10, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Geyer Balog, Dawn Hubbard, Robert Stacey (Zoom)  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** No sign in due to COVID

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Additions: GL 101-301-702-390 Officer Fund, Gypsy Moth, Probate Judge Opening, Plumbing Repairs.  
Deletions: None

Motion, Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, approving agenda with additions. Yea: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, approving minutes from February 24, 2021. Yea: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, approving payment of claims & accounts. Yea: 5, (Roll Call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey), Nays: 0, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, Treasurer present. Topics discussed, Headlee will be ready 4/1/2021, working on tax settlement, Foreclosures, Stipend for administering County's Tax Foreclosure Sales.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, approving stipend in the amount of \$1,250.00 for Administration of the County Tax Foreclosure Sales this is paid monthly to the County Treasurer. Yea 5: (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Chad Brown, Under Sheriff Brian Crane present. Topics included: motion is needed to fund the Officer General Ledger Line # 101-301-702.390.

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, move \$44,829.41 into Officer General Ledger Line 101-301-702.390. Yea: 5, (Roll call: Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**STABILIZATION FUND:**

**Resolution 2021-05**

ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUDGET  
STABILIZATION FUND. Balog/Hubbard  
Yes: 5, (Roll call: Hubbard, Stacey, Balog,  
Edwards, Girardin), Nays: 0, Resolution passed.

**GYPSY MOTH COORDINATOR:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, increase maximum of payments to Alicia Wallace to \$20,000.00 with \$2,000.00 of the increase used to pay for liability. Yea: 5, (Roll call: Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard). Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**911 RADIO CONSOLES:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving the purchase of Scout E8 2 Position Console package and Recorder from Pro Comm Inc. not to exceed \$135,000.00. Yea: 5, (Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, purchase 2 Radio Consolettes for 911 Services cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. Yea: 5, (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**Resolution 2021-06**

911 FEE DIVERSION. Hubbard/Girardin, Yes: 5, (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog), Nays: 0, Resolution passed.

**ALBERT TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, to accept Albert Townships Zoning Ordinance as presented. Yea: 4, Nays: 1 (Balog), Motion passed.

**ENBRIDGE:**

Emma Cook from Enbridge gave a brief explanation of what their company is looking to accomplish in the next 4 years to protect the Great Lakes from any kind of Oil Spills. Requested that the Board review Resolutions that other County's have approved in support of keeping the Enbridge Line 5 Pipeline operating. Ms. Cook will forward resolutions and supporting information to the Board to review and address at another meeting.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, to appoint Michael Burzynski as the Veterans Service Officer for Montmorency County, financial details to be determined and brought to the next meeting. Yes: 4, (Roll call: Girardin, Stacey, Balog, Edwards), Nays: 1 (Hubbard), Motion passed.

**PLUMBING:**

Motion Hubbard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, advertise for bids to repair the pipes going to the septic system, cost of repairs not to exceed \$1,200.00. Yea: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**PROBATE JUDGE OPENING:**

Kimberly Schultz has requested the Board to send a letter of endorsement to Governor Whitmire in support of her filling the Probate Judge position. Request tabled.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Girardin: Claims & Accounts, Finance, Personnel  
Hubbard: Thunder Bay Transportation, Gypsy Moth  
Balog: Gypsy Moth, Jail  
Stacey: Personnel  
Edwards: Landfill, Finance, Claims & Accounts

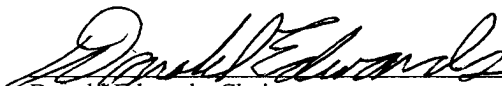
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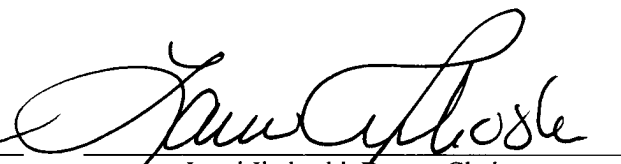
None

**OTHER:**

Union employees have until the end of the day to turn in votes to approve or refuse the proposed agreement.

Motion to Adjourned by Chairman Edwards.

  
Donald Edwards, Chairman

  
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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

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### **Resolution 2021-05**

### **Establishment of a Budget Stabilization Fund**

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) A Budget Stabilization Fund of Montmorency County is created and established pursuant to Act 30, Public Acts of 1978, as amended, being Sections 141.441 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (2) Each Fiscal year hereafter, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners may appropriate by resolution, adopted by a two-thirds vote of its members elected and serving, all or part of the unencumbered fund balance in the General Fund resulting from excess revenues over expenditures during the most recently completed fiscal period.
- (3) Montmorency County shall not impose additional taxes producing revenues in excess of that needed for its estimated budget as amended in order to provide for money to be appropriated to the Fund.
- (4) The amount of money in the Budget Stabilization Fund shall not exceed either 20 percent of the most recent General Fund budget for Montmorency County as originally adopted, or 20 percent of the average of the five (5) most recent General Fund Budgets, as amended, for Montmorency County, whichever is less.
- (5) The money in the Fund may be invested, as provided by law, with the earnings of the Fund to be returned to the General Fund of the County.
- (6) If the money in the Budget Stabilization Fund exceeds that permitted in Section 4, the excess money shall be appropriated in the next General Fund Budget for Montmorency County but shall not be appropriated to the Fund.

- (7) Money in the Budget Stabilization Fund may be appropriated for the following purposes:
  - 7.1 To cover a General Fund deficit, when the annual audit reveals such a deficit.
  - 7.2 To prevent a reduction in the level of public services or in the number of employees at any time in a fiscal year when the budgeted revenue is being collected in an amount sufficient to cover budgeted expenses.
  - 7.3 To prevent a reduction in the level of public services or in the number of employees when preparing the budget for the next fiscal year, the estimated revenues do not appear sufficient to cover estimated expenses.
  - 7.4 To cover expenses arising because of a natural disaster, including a flood, fire, or tornado. However, if federal or state funds are received to offset the appropriations from the Fund, that money shall be returned to the Fund.
- (8) In determining whether the revenues for Montmorency County are not sufficient to cover its expenses, a reduction in the amount of money received for the fiscal year from any source in comparison to the amount of money received for the previous fiscal year, including a reduction in the allocation of intergovernmental revenues shall be considered.
- (9) The money in the Budget Stabilization Fund shall not be appropriated for the acquisition, construction, or alteration of a facility as part of a general capital improvements program.
- (10) This Resolution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members elected and serving of the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners.
- (11) This Resolution, and any amendments, shall become effective sixty (60) days after adoption and publication by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners as required by law.



The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, and declared adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards

NAYES: None

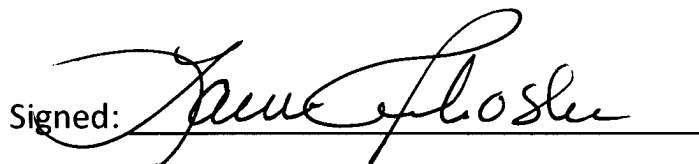
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

  
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Don Edwards, Board Chair

3-10-21  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I, Lauri Jimkoski, hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on March 10, 2021.

Signed:   
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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

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### **Resolution 2021-06 911 Fee Diversion**

**Be it resolved as follows:**

- Whereas,** The Federal Communication (FCC) is accepting comments in its plan to eliminate the diversion of 911 fees for items it deems not directly related to the 911 process; and
- Whereas,** Michigan Public Act 32 of 1986 provides for each local 911 district to utilize 911 fees within certain limitations that are determined by the State and regularly audited for compliance with the limitations; and
- Whereas,** Under Michigan law, allowable uses include radio systems, paging systems, pagers, automatic vehicle location (AVL) systems, and mobile data computers (MDC); and
- Whereas,** FCC proposed rules would eliminate the utilization of funds for radio infrastructure, mobile radios, portable radios, pagers, AVL systems and MDC's, critical to dispatching the 911 response, and
- Whereas,** The Montmorency County Board of Commissioners believe a broader use and interpretation of the phrase "directly related to the 911 process" should be adopted to include the entire 911 dispatching communication process; and
- Whereas,** The Montmorency County Board of Commissioners believe that local decision making and local control regarding the utilization of 911 fees is paramount.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners supports a broader use and interpretation of the phrase "directly related to the 911 process" and support local decision making and local control regarding the utilization of 911 fees.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Hubbard  
And seconded by Commissioner Girardin and declared adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Girardin, Stacey, Balog, Hubbard  
NAYES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

Don Edwards  
Don Edwards, Board Chair

3-10-21  
Date

I, Lauri J. Jimkoski hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Signed Lauri J. Jimkoski

3-10-21  
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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

### **Regular Board Meeting**

### **Agenda**

**March 24, 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 3/10/21
- Claims and Accounts from 3/22/21

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

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

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS - Final Gypsy Moth Contracts**

#### **NEW BUSINESS- Veterans Grant & VSO Wages/Fringe Benefits Cost Allocation Presentation-Gordon Stryker/MGT Consulting Lewiston Fun Ones.Club**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT-**

#### **OTHER**

**ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN**

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**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 24, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Geyer Balog, Dawn Hubbard, Robert Stacey (Zoom)  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** No sign in due to COVID

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Additions: Union, Plumbing, District Court, Kim Schulz letter to Board

Deletions: None

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, approving agenda with additions. Yea: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, approving minutes from March 10, 2021. Yea: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, approving payment of claims & accounts. Yea: 5, (Roll Call: Stacey, Hubbard, Balog, Edwards, Girardin), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, Treasurer present. Topics discussed, Headlee is completed and being prepared for disbursement, Treasurer states that she will not be foreclosing on occupied property and she will prepare a press release explaining, In the process of tax settlement with townships; Gypsy Moth spraying of County Properties; monthly budget report provided to all board members.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Chad Brown, Under Sheriff Brian Crane present. Topics included: New cars are complete and will be ready for use end of the week; Inmate count is at 13; Union declined the Contract that was presented; Looking for bids on sealing of parking lots at MCSD & Courthouse.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**GYPSY MOTH:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, to approve contract with Alicia Wallace with amendments and authorize Chairman Edwards to sign. Yea: 5, (Roll call: Hubbard, Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Stacey). Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, to approve contract as prepared for AI's Aerial Spraying and authorizing Chairman Edwards to sign. Yea: 5, (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Stacey, Hubbard). Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**UNION CONTRACT:**

Union has rejected the proposed agreement; they are waiting on the new representative to prepare a letter to the board.

**PLUMBING ISSUE:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, to hire Affordable Plumbing & Heating to complete plumbing repairs that are needed. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, hire 24/7 Sewer & Drain from Petoskey, they will use an underground camera to assist Affordable Plumbing & Heating with necessary repairs. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:**

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, to pay Mike Burzynski \$18.00 per hour for 35 hours a week, to include all benefits currently allowed to full time personnel with hire date of 3/11/2021. Yes: 2, (Roll call: Stacey, Girardin), Nays: 3:(Edwards, Hubbard, Balog), Motion failed. Discussed and will recall.

**COST ALLOCATON:**

Gordon Striker present and explained what Cost Allocation is used for and how it works for the county. Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, to renew the Cost Allocation Contract with MGT Consulting for years 2020 – 2022 and option for years 2023 & 2024. Yea: 5, (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Stacey, Hubbard, Balog). Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**LEWISTON 50 PLUS CLUB:**

Danny Birch, Don Ball and John Johnson representative for Lewiston 50 Plus Club were present and explained their position on the pending contract with MCCOA for use of the 50 Plus Clubs building for preparing and serving meals on wheels in Montmorency County. Requested that the Board support them in the negotiations with MCCOA.

**DISTRICT COURT EMPLOYEE:**

Magistrate Kristen Cheedie states one of her employees has submitted a letter of resignation and she is requesting to be allowed to advertise the open position with a starting wage of \$14.25 per hour.

Motion Hubbard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, authorizing the starting wage be advertised as \$14.25 per hour. Yea: 3, (Roll call: Stacey, Hubbard, Girardin). Nays: 2: (Balog, Edwards), Motion passed.

**PROBATE JUDGE OPENING:**

Robert Stacey has requested the Board to send a letter of endorsement to Governor Whitmire in support of her filling the Probate Judge position. Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, that the Board send a letter of endorsement supporting Kim Schulz as the new Probate Judge of Montmorency County. Yes: 1, (Roll Call: Stacey), Nays: 4, (Hubbard, Balog, Edwards, Girardin), Motion failed.

**VETERANS:**

Larry Pascador requested emergency approval of payment for a Veterans gas shut off notice. Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving the additional bill to claims and accounts. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:**

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, rescinding motion to pay Mike Burzynski \$18.00 per hour for 35 hours a week, to include all benefits currently allowed to full time personnel with hire date of 3/11/2021 Yes: 4, Nays: 1 (Hubbard), Motion rescinded.

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, to pay Mike Burzynski \$18.00 per hour for 35 hours a week, to include all benefits currently allowed to full time personnel with hire date of 3/11/2021. Yes: 3, (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Stacey), Nays: 2:(Balog, Hubbard), Motion passed.

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, to submit the prepared request for VA Grant approval. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Larry Pascadore will continue at his current wage until Burzynski is fully trained, will review again at the next meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Balog: NEMSCA, MI Works, Health Department, Claims, Finance

Hubbard: NEMCOG

Girardin: Personnel, Claims, Finance, Land Fill


Stacey: None

Edwards: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Teresa Walker asked the board if the Courthouse parking lot was going to be resurfaced or replaced.

Motion to Adjourned by Chairman Edwards.

  
Donald Edwards, Chairman

  
Lauri Jimkoski, Deputy Clerk

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Geyer Balog, Dawn Hubbard, Robert Stacey  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** No sign in due to COVID

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Additions: Closed session for Lawsuit (attorney Greg Schultz) & Sheriff's issues with new legislation, questions about Hardies Electric Bill & Cintas Incorporated Contract.

Deletions: None

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving agenda with additions. Yea: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, approving minutes from March 24, 2021 with one correction on page 2, paragraph 5, change from Kimberly Schultz to Robert Stacey. Yea: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, approving payment of claims & accounts with additional bills. Yea: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, Treasurer present. Topics discussed, Majority of Headlee funds are in and \$50,000.00 of the funds will be placed in the contingency fund, 8 foreclosed properties, Auction will be held August 12, 2021, treasure request approval to purchase the 2022 Tax Settlement, Veteran's Service Fund is in the negative Treasurer request to lend \$50,000.00 to cover the fund until the grant monies are received, board was provided a list of disbursement amounts that will be paid for 2020 tax settlement.

Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, to allow the Treasurer to purchase 2022 Tax Settlement, Yeas: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, move full amount of the Veterans Grant from the Headlee Account to cover payroll expenses, this will be a loan until the grant funds are received. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Stacey, Hubbard, Edwards, Balog, Girardin), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Chad Brown, Under Sheriff Brian Crane present. Topics included: Received gas bills from Chatter's Pit Stop 6 to 7 months of them are from 2020, will request the auditors to adjust so that the funds are coming from the 2020 Budget Year, Inmate count is at 12, all other topics need to be discussed in closed session.

Christi Cross expressed concerns that Chatter has not signed and returned the gas contract for 2021, she will contact him again regarding this matter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER:**

Part-time Veterans service Officer wages tabled to next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ASSESSMENT VALUES:**

Amber Woehlert explained why assessment values have changed.



**TAX FORMS L-4037& L-4024:**

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, authorizing Chairman Edwards to sign Tax Forms L-4037 & L-4024 as presented by Amber Woehlert. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed

**PERSONNEL:**

Edwards request the Personnel Committee review the three-year contract with Cintas Incorporated that was signed by John LaFleche authorizing delivery of mats and uniforms to the Courthouse.

Hardies Electric bill has 3 service calls that do not explain what services were preformed, Edwards request the Personnel Committee research and request more information.

**COVID LEAVE FOR 2021:**

Motion Hubbard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, have a maximum of 2 weeks COVID 19 sick leave for either the 70 or 80 hours that was previously approved Jan. 13, 2021 be able to be used in the instance that either the employee themselves, someone from their immediate family or if an employee is being told to stay home because the department head feels there is a risk of contracting or spreading. **Secondly**, If the 70 or 80 hours has been exhausted the employee may utilize any paid sick leave or paid time off prior to applying for any unemployment benefits. **And lastly**, If an employee does have to utilize unemployment or unpaid time off for COVID 19 related leave only, then benefits (health, life, disability) will not cease for a maximum of 12 weeks after which time the employee will be required to pay up front. Any payroll related deductions (including co-insurance) will need to be coordinated with the payroll office. This motion will be for the calendar year of 2021. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Hubbard, Edwards, Balog, Stacey, Girardin), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, to enter into closed session to discuss Lawsuit and Attorney recommendations and also sheriff's issues with new Jail Reform Legislation @ 10:27, Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Return to open meeting @ 11:20.

**SPECIAL MEETING:**

Motion Hubbard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, to hold a special meeting on April 21, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. to discuss retirees Health Care. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Hubbard:	Thunder Bay Transportation
Girardin:	Claims, Finance, Land Fill
Edwards:	Claims, Finance, Landfill
Stacey:	None
Balog:	MI Works, MCCOA

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Discussed Berrien Counties Resolution that was sent to the board.

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, to adjourn meeting. Yes: 5, Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned.

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Donald Edwards, Chairman

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Lauri Jimkoski, Deputy Clerk

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING HELD APRIL 21, 2021**

PRESENT: Dawn Hubbard, Gary Girardin, Don Edwards, Robert Stacey,  
Geyer Balog (by zoom)

ABSENT/EXC.: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE

RETIREE OVER 65 HEALTH CARE:

1:05 P.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey to go into closed session to discuss lawsuit on retiree health care. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Stacey, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Baylog) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

1:23 P.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog to return to open session. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Quote received from the counties benefit administrator for a Humana health and prescription coverage plan for the 65 and over retirees. Discussion on current wording of the union contract as well as the county personnel policies as it relates to providing coverage.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog that a \$200 p/month stipend be offered to the current eligible 65 and over retirees; and including any current eligible future retirees that turn 65; program to not be offered to new hires in the future; with an implementation effective May 2021 and contingent upon negotiations with POAM and consulting with county attorney. Discussion.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog amending motion and adding "in lieu of supplemental health coverage" and eliminating "contingent upon negotiations with POAM and consulting with county attorney. Discussion. All in favor.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog that a \$200 p/month stipend be offered to the current eligible 65 and over retirees in lieu of supplemental health coverage; and including any current eligible future retirees that turn 65; program to not be offered to new hires in the future; with an implementation effective May 2021. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Edwards) Motion carried.

2:22 P.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey to adjourn. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

  
Don Edwards, Chairperson

  
Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING HELD APRIL 28, 2021**

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

ALSO, PRESENT: (not doing sign-in sheet due to COVID-19)

**PLEDGE**

**ADD/DELETIONS:**

Add: Request for Enbridge Resolution

Delete: None

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Hubbard approving the closed session minutes of April 14, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin approving payment of bills (Claims: \$108,311.40; Desk: \$1,446,346.78 and not entered of \$157.05 f/DBS). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Cheri Eggett present. Revenue and Expenditure report e-mailed to everyone. Topics: Auditors, Budget adjustments, Settlements complete, Delinquent Taxes, Balances in General Fund and Fund Equity.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Brown and Under Sheriff Crane present. Working with John on sealing of parking lot at Sheriff Department. Waiting on a second quote. Inmate count at 14. Discussed new rules under the General Reform Act and time frames.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

CLOSED SESSION: 9:20 A.M. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to go into closed session with attorney on the Funk lawsuit. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9:55 A.M. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog to go back to regular open session. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9:55 A.M. Break

10:06 A.M. Back in session.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Discussion on submitting a resolution on the Enbridge matter. Put on the next meetings agenda.

2021 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT F/RETIREE STIPEND AND OPEB ACTUARIAL: Still working on. Treasurer to get with clerk on an amount and where to pay from.

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacy hiring Rehmann to do the OPEB valuation (\$3000.00) pursuant to GASB Statements 75 & 75. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

VETERANS REPORT: Michael Burzynski appeared and gave his March and April report. Larry Pascador put in his resignation effective 4-13-2021, no action taken on salary overpayment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Balog: Health Dept. #4, MCCOA, Special Brd. Meeting  
Stacey: Sheriff, H.U.N.T., District Health, Special Brd. Meeting  
Edwards: Finance, Claims & Accounts, Landfill, Special Brd. Meeting  
Girardin: Sheriff, Claims & Accounts, Finance, Landfill, Special Brd. Meeting  
Hubbard: DHHS, MSU, MCCOA, Special Brd. Meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

10:44 A.M. Motion Girardin, seconded Stacey adjourning the meeting. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

  
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Don Edwards, Chair

  
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Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 12, 2021**

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

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** (not doing a sign in sheet due to COVID)

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

**Additions:** Closed Session w/Atty on Lawsuit & Union; Township Committee and County Website

**Deletions:** Veterans Student Presentation

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the regular meeting minutes of April 28, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0  
Motion carried.

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog approving the closed session minutes of April 28, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0  
Motion carried.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog approving the special meeting minutes of April 21, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0  
Motion carried.

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Hubbard approving the closed session minutes of April 21, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0  
Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey approving payment of the bills (Regular \$126,095.44; Desk \$114,182.85; not entered yet \$2701.00). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, present. Discussed at finance that money can come from Headlee to pay for the over 65 retiree stipend in lieu of supplemental health. Balances in General Fund and Fund Balance reported.

**SHERIFF:**

Sheriff Brown and Under Sheriff Crane present. Inmate count at 12, started the ORV patrol, Marine should be starting soon as well. Meeting with Alpena on the jail set for later today. Request for a special board meeting on the issue to get a decision as soon as possible. Special board meeting set for Wednesday, May 19 @ 1 p.m. Discussed what programs and services are being offered to inmates currently as well as discussed school programs.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ENBRIDGE RESOLUTION:**  
2021-07

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENBRIDGE'S  
PROPOSED TUNNEL REPLACEMENT (Balog/  
Girardin) Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin,  
Hubbard, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Resolution passed.

9:27 A.M. Motion by Balog, seconded by Hubbard to go into closed session on Union Negotiations and Lawsuit. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:25 A.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog to return to regular open session. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:25 A.M. Break

10:32 A.M. Back in session.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MERS FORFEITURE FUNDS:** After a period of 5 years from the date of an employee's termination MERS initiates a forfeiture of non-vested funds of the employer contribution which can either be taken in the form of a credit to be applied to the next billing or leave it set and it could earn money or loss money depending on the market. Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Girardin authorizing the clerk's office to apply any MERS non-vested forfeiture monies to the next MERS billing when they occur. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0

**NEMCOG/HILLMAN ORDINANCES:** Motion by Stacey, seconded by Hubbard to table the amendments presented on the Hillman Township Zoning Ordinance. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:** Balog suggested forming a committee of two commissioners to meet with township supervisors. Discussion held. No action taken.

**COUNTY WEBSITE:** Domain purchased and Aprille and Christy tried working on a new county website to save some money. Discussion. Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin to obtain 3 quotes for a webpage design. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Balog:	NEMSCA, MCCOA, EDC
Girardin:	Finance, EDC, Claims & Accounts
Stacey:	none (needs info on Library mtgs)
Hubbard:	Thunder Bay Transportation
Edwards:	Claims, Finance, Atty on union

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin authorizing \$200 stipend checks for retirees over 65 in lieu of health insurance be paid quarterly in arrears. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to move money (approx. \$45,000.00) from Headlee to 101-862-712.010 to cover the retiree stipend for 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

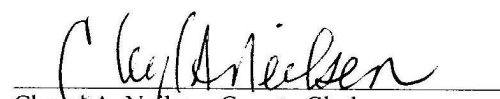
**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mike Burzynski, Veterans Officer indicated they are working on a "walk-through" to the park on Memorial Day at 4 p.m.

Commissioner Edwards indicated Barger Creek rep called on Broadband and he suggested he come to the next meeting.

11:28 A.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Hubbard to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

  
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Don Edwards, Chair

  
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Cheryl A. Nelsen, County Clerk

**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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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

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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting

### Agenda

May 26<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 5-12-21, special meeting 5/19/21
- Claims and Accounts from **5-24-21**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### OLD BUSINESS - Hillman Ordinances

Closed Session/Lawsuit & POAM contract (after new business)

*Jail*

#### NEW BUSINESS- Elk County Animal Shelter 2021 Agreement

Barger Creek Wireless (Carl Cadwalder)

2021 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029

Treasurer-Additional Staff

*mask mandate*

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### OTHER

Adjourn Subject to Chairman

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*✓ CO. CLERK: P.T. VAC.*



**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING HELD MAY 26, 2021**

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

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO, PRESENT:** (not doing sign-in sheet due to COVID-19)

**PLEDGE**

**ADD/DELETIONS:**

**Add:** Mask Mandate; County Clerk Vacancy; Jail Closure; County Treasurer Vacancy;

**Delete:** None

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the regular meeting minutes of May 12, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the special meeting minutes held May 19, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Balog, seconded by Hubbard approving the closed meeting minutes of May 12, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Hubbard approving payment of bills (Claims: \$75,192.95; Desk: \$11,799.33 and not entered of \$81,642.18). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Wesley S. citizen question and comments on jail closure.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Cheri Eggett present. Received first American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds of \$905,927.50. Discussion. The Chief Deputy Treasurer resigned, and she will be looking to fill the position. Met with finance on a part time person, but now requesting a temporary full time person using funds from the ARP. Revenue and Expenditure report provided.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Brown and Under Sheriff Crane present. Wrap grants finalized for the cars, should be seeing a reimbursement for the cameras and push bumpers. Inmate count at 13. Holiday weekend coming up, ready with ORV and marine patrol.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**HILLMAN ORDINANCES:** Motion by Balog, seconded by Hubbard approving Hillman Townships proposal for four amended Zoning ordinances. Discussion. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ELK COUNTRY ANIMAL SHELTER:** Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Girardin accepting the agreement for services with Elk Country Animal Shelter for 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**BARGER CREEK WIRELESS:** No one appeared.

**2021 TAX RATE REQUEST FORM L-4029:** Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey to sign the 2021 tax rate request when re-submitted (to include the new Headlee millage). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

TREASURER ADDITIONAL STAFF: Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin authorizing to hire a replacement chief deputy treasurer at the current rate (\$16.08). Discussion. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Requesting to hire a full-time deputy under the new ARP monies. Discussion. Motion by Edwards, seconded Balog authorizing to hire a full-time deputy treasurer at \$14.50 per hour from the ARP grant. Yeas: 4 (Edwards, Girardin, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 1 (Hubbard) Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK PART-TIME VACANCY: County Clerk Neilsen requesting to find a replacement for Debra Villeneuve who resigned at \$15.00 p/hour. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin authorizing to hire a part time deputy clerk at \$15.00 per hour. Discussion. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog to hire a part time deputy clerk at \$14.50 p/hour. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Citizen on closing jail. Bonnie G. (Rust Twp) on Gypsy Moth spraying.

**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

MASK MANDATE: Governor allowing return to work and no mask if vaccinated. Discussion. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Hubbard to post that if a person is vaccinated, they do not have to wear a mask in the building (if person is here for court, they must follow their rules). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:10 A.M. Break

10:19 A.M. Back in session.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Motion by Girardin, seconded by Hubbard to go into closed session with attorney on the Funk lawsuit and union negotiation. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11:40 A.M. Motion by Balog, seconded by Hubbard to go back to regular open session. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

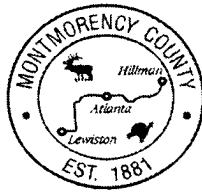
Balog:	Mental Health, Health Dept. #4, MCCOA, Special Brd. Meeting
Stacey:	Mental Health, Jail, Special Brd. Meeting
Edwards:	Finance, Claims & Accounts, Landfill, Special Brd. Meeting
Girardin:	Claims & Accounts, Finance, Jail, Special Brd. Meeting, Landfill
Hubbard:	NEMCOG, Special Brd. Meeting

11:49 A.M. Motion Hubbard, seconded Girardin to adjourn. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

  
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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting Agenda

June 9th 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 5-26-21
- Claims and Accounts from 6/7/21

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### OLD BUSINESS - Alpena/Montmorency Interlocal Jail Agreement & future Sheriff Operations

*✓ Inmate Ins.  
Gypsy moth*

#### NEW BUSINESS- Merit 2021 Agreement

Probate Staffing  
Wage & Salary Committee  
Judge Bolser Resolution  
Lake Avalon Boat Wash Reimbursement  
~~Revenue Sharing Resolution~~  
NMRE- county liquor tax projects  
Closed Session- personnel

*Rule #5  
Boc bi-LAWS*

*Rembn. Grant*

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### OTHER

Adjourn Subject to Chairman

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PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 267 OF 1976.

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**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 9, 2021**

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

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

**Additions:** Remon Grant, Letter to Alpena County/Atty on jail; Inmate Insurance, BOC Rules, Gypsy Moth

**Deletions:** Revenue Sharing Resolution

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey approving the regular meeting minutes of May 26, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0  
Motion carried.

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Hubbard approving the closed session minutes of May 26, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0  
Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin approving payment of the bills (Regular \$141,906.50; Desk \$87,934.33; not entered yet \$5116.00; TOTAL: \$234,936.83). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey)  
Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, present. Topics: ARP fund & forming a committee; Delinquent Taxes; Summer Revenue; Filled one deputy position; audit is complete.

**SHERIFF:**

Sheriff Brown and Under Sheriff Crane present. Memorial weekend was busy, ORV and Marine out; Inmate count at 12, 911 selected for a 5-year audit.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ALPENA/MONTMORENCY INTERLOCAL JAIL AGREEMENT:** Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog to send out attorney letter to the Alpena County Attorney via their Board of Commissioners regarding the Jail Contract. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**INMATE INSURANCE:** Motion by Girardin, seconded by Hubbard to pay CIMA bill for inmate insurance (July 21, 2021, start date). Discussion. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**FUTURE SHERIFF OPERATIONS:** Discussed with Sheriff his request for additional staff if the jail closes and proposed costs and savings. Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Girardin accepting the sheriff proposal contingent on the contract with Alpena Jail if it goes through. Discussion. Yeas: 4 Nays: 1 (Edwards) Motion carried.

Sheriff would like to see an incentive for those who stay on at the jail until this proposal is finished. Suggested \$1000.00 month for both full and part time persons. Would be paid at the end as a bonus. No action taken, to be brought back.

GYPSY MOTH: Alicia Wallace to do a survey of how the spraying went. Gypsy Moth forum to be held here on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion by Balog, seconded by Hubbard to pay Al's Ariel Spraying bill of \$198,000.00 for spraying of the county from the Invasive Species fund. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MERIT 2021 AGREEMENT: Moton by Balog, seconded by Hubbard approving the Merit agreement for Internet for both the County Building (\$3846.00) and Sheriff Department (\$2550.00). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:11 A.M. Break

10:24 A.M. Back in session.

RESOLUTION 2021-08

RETIREMENT OF HONORABLE BENJAMIN T. BOSLER (Edwards/Hubbard) Yeas: 5 (Roll Call: Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards) Nays: 0 Resolution passed.

PROBATE STAFFING: Probate Register, Jodi Gordon appearing. Judy is retiring and she is requesting the current part time person hours be increased up to 27 hours per week at \$14.50 p/hr. Discussion. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Stacey authorizing to hire a temporary full-time employee with no benefits at \$14.50 p/hr. starting June 14, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

WAGE & SALARY COMMITTEE: Discussed forming a committee to investigate wages. Commissioners Stacey and Balog, BOC Admin. Asst. Christi Cross, Register of Deeds Teresa Walker and Treasurer Cheri Eggett will be on the committee.

LAKE AVALON BOAT WASH REIMB.: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Stacey authorizing reimbursement to Lake Avalon Property Owners in the amount of \$654.00 from the Invasive Species fund. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY: Letter received regarding use of the county portion of the liquor tax for services and the amounts.

10:46 A.M. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to go into closed session on a personnel issue. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11:14 A.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Hubbard to return to regular open session. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Girardin accepting Connie Brandt's resignation from the Treasurers office. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

REMONUMENTATION GRANT: Discussion on Teresa Walker resuming duties of remon grant administrator. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin to pay Teresa Walker to do remon for the current remaining stipend. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

OTHER: 2021 MAC Regional Summit meeting in Gaylord discussed. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to coordinate with Christi for the MAC Summer Summit in Gaylord and open it up for county elected officials to attend. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Balog: NEMSCA, MCCOA, Building & Grounds  
Girardin: Finance, Claims & Accounts, Personnel, Landfill  
Stacey: Personnel, B&G  
Hubbard: None  
Edwards: Claims & Accounts, Finance, Landfill

**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

BOC RULES: Discussion on committee meetings and if they must be posted. Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey eliminating section 5 of the county board rules. Discussion. Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey amending the motion to eliminate the sentence under Section 4 "All committees meetings shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act." Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

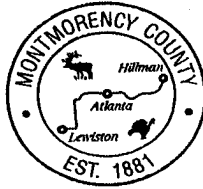
None

11:30 A.M. Meeting adjourns, no objections.

  
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Don Edwards, Chair

  
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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

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### **RESOLUTION 21-08**

#### **RETIREMENT OF HONORABLE BENJAMIN T. BOLSER**

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Benjamin T. Bolser served as a Chief Judge, Probate Judge, presiding 26<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judge, and presiding 88<sup>th</sup> District Judge for the County of Montmorency from January 1, 2013, until May 1, 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Benjamin T. Bolser served as an Assignment Judge on behalf of all the Trial Courts in Region IV for the State Court Administrator's Office, and

**WHEREAS**, during the Honorable Benjamin T. Bolser's service on the bench in all the trial courts in Montmorency County, he performed his duties with excellent dedication, legal ability, timeliness, compassion and care, and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as a Judge, The Honorable Benjamin T. Bolser exhibited great concern for the litigants, attorneys, court staff, and the public, and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Benjamin T. Bolser with great respect and passion was instrumental in developing and presiding over the Veteran's Treatment Specialty Court for participants within Montmorency County and other courts in Region IV in the State of Michigan,

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Benjamin T. Bolser will retire from his position as the Probate Judge, presiding 26<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judge, and presiding 88<sup>th</sup> District Judge effective May 1, 2021,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners for Montmorency County that it does hereby honor The Honorable Benjamin T. Bolser for his fine service as a Judge for all the trial courts in the Montmorency County and Region IV in the State of Michigan,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners for Montmorency County extends its appreciation and gratitude to The Honorable Benjamin T. Bolser for all his service and efforts during the time he was on the bench,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners for Montmorency County extends to The Honorable Benjamin T. Bolser its best wishes for continued success in his personal and professional endeavors,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this Resolution has been presented to The Honorable Benjamin T. Bolser.

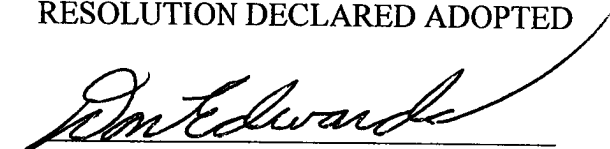
The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Hubbard and declared adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

  
Don Edwards, Board Chair

June 9, 2021  
Date

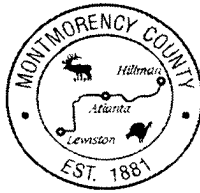
I, Cheryl A. Neilson hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on May 12, 2021.

Signed Cheryl A. Neilson

6-16-2021  
Date



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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting

#### Agenda

July 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 9:00 a.m.

Boardroom/Courtroom

#### CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from 6-23-21
- Claims and Accounts from 7-12-21

ADD:

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### OLD BUSINESS -

*Closed: Lawsuit/union (✓) OPIED LTRS/NTC. - Purdue Bankruptcy Plan*

#### NEW BUSINESS- 211 Presentation

- ✓ FY 2020 Audit Presentation by Schultz, Oswald, Miller & Edwards, CPA
- ✓ Budget Report

Gypsy Moth Spraying

Air Cond.

✓ 911 Appt.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### OTHER

*Co. Clerk Emp.*

*Correspondence: E-mail Judge Black on Atty costs, Former Emp. BRANDT Cook + wages / RD comm. Ltr.*

Adjourn Subject to Chairman

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**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING HELD JULY 14, 2021**

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

**PLEDGE**

**ADD/DELETIONS:**

Add: Closed Session Lawsuit & Union; OPIOD Letter; County Clerk re: employee: Broken Air Conditioning; 911 Board appt.; Letter f/Road Commission; E-mail f/Judge Black on attorney bills; Connie B. request/documents; Wages  
Delete: None

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the regular meeting minutes of June 23, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey approving the closed meeting minutes held June 23, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey approving payment of the bills including not entered and additional Veteran Mentor bill for \$1800.00. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Balog, Hubbard, Edwards, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Discussion on GIS Software (\$1800.00) and maintenance fee (\$700.00) requested by E.Q. Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey authorizing use of the county credit card to purchase. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Aprille Williamson appearing on Gypsy Moth meeting held recently, disputing statements by a former commissioner as well as a current commissioner from that meeting on the conservation office and an employee.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Cheri Eggett present. Requesting a committee be formed for PRA. 2020 Annual report of All Funds given and balance of funds. Discussed letter from Treasury requesting a Corrective Action Plan for 2020.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Brown and Under Sheriff Crane present. Recall on Explorers being taken care of. 2 new cars in and waiting on equipment.

Contacted MCOA regarding leftover food from jail closure. Sheriff would like to see it donated to them. Discussed employee serving National Guard duty and MERS retirement credit (still researching steps to take). Sheriff requests to pay call in corrections officers \$25 p/hr. Discussion. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin authorizing the sheriff to use part time individuals @ \$25 p/hr. to perform duties as necessary for on call Correction Officer duties (\$5000.00 budgeted). Discussion. Commencing July 18, 2021. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Hubbard, Girardin, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 1 (Edwards) Motion carried.

Discussed Maintenance Clerk position and splitting expenses between general fund and millage. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog to pay a portion of wages for the Maintenance Clerk (Lisa) from the sheriff millage. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Discussion on hiring of new officers with experience and wanting flexibility to come to board and request higher wages. Discussed a Detective/Lieutenant position.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Stacey authorizing the sheriff to donate leftover food to MCCO from the jail. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

911 ADVISORY APPOINTMENT: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog appointing John Jones to the 911 board for 2 years (term commencing July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

2020 AUDIT PRESENTATION: Presentation from Schultz, Oswald, Miller, and Edwards of the counties 2020 audit.

10:34 A.M. Break

10:44 A.M. Back in session

**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

211 PRESENTATION: Sarah Kile present, gave overview of what 211 is and what they do for Montmorency County residents. It was also discussed that ARP funds could cover the counties cost to be a part of the program.

WAGES: A proposal was given for start wages for positions within the courthouse that came up at finance. No action taken today, to be given to the Wage committee.

BUDGE REPORT: Aprille Williamson present. Sent e-mail to departments with the budget and looking for adjustments.

OPIOD SETTLEMENT REQUEST: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog, per attorney recommendation, approve the Purdue Bankruptcy Plan on the Opioid Lawsuits. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ROAD COMMISSION LETTER: Request received for RPA funds due to loss of revenue. No action taken, to be looked at again when more info obtained.

AIR CONDITIONING: Air not working in Prosecutor's office. Estimate received from Wise Heating and Cooling for an air conditioner (\$5300.00). John LaFleche appeared. Discussion on issue. Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Balog to get bids for a whole new system and to buy 2 portables for the prosecutor's office (up to a max of \$2500.00). Discussion. Motion amended by Hubbard and Balog approving purchase of 2 portable air conditions for the prosecutor's office (up to a max of \$2500.00). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Discussion on replacing the whole air conditioning system.

JUDGE BLACK LETTER ON INDIGENT BILLS: Discussed e-mail from Judge Black on him not wanting to be the one to approve the Neglect or Delinquency indigent attorney bills. Judge Bolser used to look them over and approve them, and he doesn't think he should be the one to do that.

CONNIE B. REQUEST/DOCUMENTS: Board members received another request from Miss Brandt regarding two months credit. No action taken.

COUNTY CLERK: Clerk Neilsen present. Request to make her part time person full time with benefits. Discussion. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin authorizing the clerk to convert her part time person to full time at a rate of \$15.50 p/hr. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin to transfer \$4600.00 from the Concealed Pistol Fund balance to General Fund to cover the additional needed for the full-time clerk position. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING: Discussed remaining funds and spraying for next year. Motion by Balog, seconded by Hubbard requesting that the Invasive Species committee be authorized to use the remaining funds for next years spraying. Discussion. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Balog, Hubbard) Nays: 1 (Stacey) Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

12:23 P.M. CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Stacey to go into closed session on the Funk lawsuit and Union negotiations. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

12:50 P.M. Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Balog to go back into regular open session. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin approving the settlement agreement with Funks as written on the draft agreement that was presented to the board by the attorney. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Balog denying the request from the union for the 3 persons. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Girardin authorizing bonus money of \$1000.00 for corrections officers per the union and Sheriff Brown. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

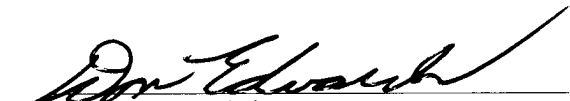
**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Balog: Mental Health, Gypsy Moth
- Stacey: Wage and Salary
- Edwards: Finance, Claims & Accounts, Union
- Girardin: Claims & Accounts, Finance, Landfill
- Hubbard: Gypsy Moth, Wage and Salary

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

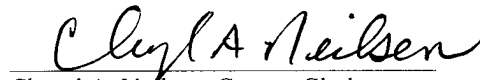
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12:55 P.M. Meeting adjourned.




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Don Edwards, Chair




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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting Agenda

June 23 2021 9:00 a.m.

Boardroom/Courtroom

*Clark*

#### CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from 6-9-21 /Correction- Mac Regional Summit was offered to department heads as well.
- Claims and Accounts from 6-21-21

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS - Changes to Wage & Salary Committee ✓  
Closed Session- meeting with Labor Attorney ✓

NEW BUSINESS- MERS Retirement Health Care Savings Vehicle Presentation ✓  
NMRE Resolution ✓  
Audit-allow BOC Chair, Treasurer, & Budget Direct to view before Auditor  
Submission to state w/o full board presentation

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### OTHER

✓ Resolution American Rescue Plan  
✓ motion to Approve Per Diem for 5/2/21  
✓ motion to Approve Pros. Budget

Adjourn Subject to Chairman

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**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 23, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Geyer Balog, Dawn Hubbard, Robert Stacey  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** No sign in due to COVID

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

**Additions:** Increase to Prosecutor GL line for Child Care Program, Resolution for American Rescue Plan, Per Diem for ARP information webinar held 5/26/2021, ARP Workshop for Elected Officials and Board Members, Jail Closure.

**Deletions:** None

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving agenda with additions. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, approving minutes from June 9, 2021. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Hubbard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin approving minutes from closed session held 6/9/21. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, approving payment of claims & accounts with additional bills. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mike Burzynski Veterans Service Officer presents month end report, 211 system is under funded and will be added to the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, a rental agreement is needed for fiscal year 2021 to present to MVAA Grant, request the board to consider purchasing new flagpole and flag in honor of Space Force and possibly for the Air and Army National Guard.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, to have Christi Cross draft a letter outlining the rental agreement between Montmorency County and the Veterans Office and send to the MVAA for grant approval. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, Treasurer present. Topics discussed, Resolution to establish 208 Fund for American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund, request for 2<sup>nd</sup> petty cash drawer with \$200.00 for handling tax overpayments and refunds, discussed the need to establish a committee to oversee the American Rescue Fund funds, Revenue and expenditure report provided to the Board.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN:**

Resolution 2021-10

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH FUND 280 -- THE  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FISCAL RECOVERY  
FUND. Balog/Stacey Yes: 5, (Roll call: Stacey, Balog  
Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard), Nays: 0, Resolution passed.**

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, allowing the treasurer to establish a petty cash drawer for tax overpayments and refunds. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Questioned when the \$200.00 stipends for retirees will be disbursed, Julie Morton attending via zoom stated that they would be going out first part of July.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Chad Brown, Under Sheriff Brian Crane present. Topics included: inmate count is at 9, Alpena Counties Under Sheriff will be meeting with Montmorency Counties Correction Officers on Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> to outline what will be offered to them if they decide to take a position at the new corrections facility, Sheriff request that the board approve a incentive to each corrections officer that remains with Montmorency through the completion of the jail closure and acceptance of a position with Alpena, discussed different ways the employees could be compensated either through funds already budgeted for fiscal year 2021 or through the A.R.P.A., Sheriff has a deputy that due to his service with the National Guard the individual will not receive retirement benefits as they would not have the mandatory 120 hours for the month, MERS Representative attending meeting will review and see if there is any way they waive the mandatory 120 hours and allow benefits as the individual is providing a service to our country.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MERS HEATH CARE SAVINGS:**

MERS Representative outlined a Retirement Health Care Savings Vehicle Program that could be offered to all new union employees, it would be completely tax free and contributions could be made bi-weekly, many different possibilities for the board to choose when the employees would be fully vested and entitled to 100% of the health care funds.

9:55 break, back in session 10:03

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion Hubbard, 2nd Girardin to enter into closed session for meeting with Labor Attorney. Yes: 5, (Roll Call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Return to open meeting @ 11:04.

Break 11:05, back in session 11:10.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**JAIL CLOSURE:**

Discussion about the Interlocal Agreement between Alpena and Montmorency County and the need to establish contingency plan in case the Alpena jail does not have 15 beds available for Montmorency prisoners, jail closing will be completed by the end of August 2021.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, accepting Interlocal Agreement between Alpena and Montmorency County to commence on or before September 1, 2021, with Sheriff Brown over seeing the terms of the agreement. Yes: 5, (Roll Call: Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, authorizing Sheriff Brown to propose to the Union Steward a \$1,000.00 incentive to any correction officers that remain employed by the Montmorency County Jail until the closure or until they are employed by the Alpena County Jail, the incentive will be paid from the correction officers GL lines. Yes: 5, (Roll Call: Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**WAGE & SALARY COMMITTEE:**

Dawn Hubbard will be taking the place of Geyer Balog on the Wage & Salary Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NORTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH RESOLUTION:**

Resolution 2021-09

TO OPPOSE GEARING TOWARD

INTEGRATION. Balog/Girardin, Yes: 5,

(Roll Call: Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards,

Girardin), Nays: 0, Resolution passed.

**BUDGET REVIEW:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, to allow the Board Chairman, Treasurer and Budget Director to view the 2020 audit before the auditor submits to the State of Michigan. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Discussed why the OPEB Actuarial will need to be completed annually.

**PER DIEM FOR AMERICAN RESCUE FUND TRAINING:**

Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, authorizing all Board Members that attended the American Rescue Fund training will be paid a per diem for their attendance. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**MGT CONSULTING COST ALLOCATION FEE:**

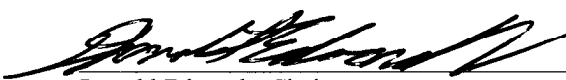
Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, authorizing an increase to the Cost Allocation Fund general ledger line to cover increase in cost for the coverage new monthly rate is \$680.04 reflecting an increase of \$56.67 per month. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

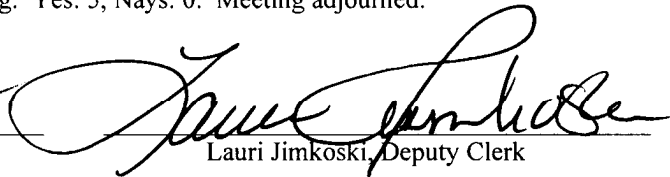
**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Girardin: Claims, Finance, Local Court, Land Fill  
Hubbard: None  
Stacey: Security Meeting  
Balog: Mental Health, Health Department, Security Meeting, Local Court, MI Counties Association  
Edwards: Claims, Finance, Landfill

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, to adjourn meeting. Yes: 5, Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned.

  
Donald Edwards, Chairman

  
Lauri Jimkoski, Deputy Clerk



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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

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### **RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE GEARING TOWARD INTEGRATION RESOLUTION 2021-09**

WHEREAS, Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority has served for more than 50 years as the public mental health and developmental disabilities services provider for this community, serving over 2,000 residents of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties each year; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority was created by the Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle County Boards of Commissioners as duly authorized under Section 330.1205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority and four other community mental health service programs representing 21 counties created a regional entity to manage Medicaid specialty services as duly authorized under Section 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority includes persons and family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services on the Board of Directors as required under Section 330.1222 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority and four other community mental health service programs representing 21 counties have required representation from local communities and persons and/or family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services be included on the regional entity Board of Directors managing Medicaid specialty services; and

WHEREAS, the Section 298 proposal of 2017 effectively nullified the duly authorized actions taken by Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority and the four other community mental health service programs to create a regional entity under Section 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code. The proposed SIP in this proposal is not a public-private joint venture, but a wholly private managed care organization leaving no role for the public management/oversight, which is currently provided by our regional entity; and

WHEREAS, Gearing Toward Integration recommendation transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to the Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle County Boards of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Gearing Toward Integration recommendation transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to persons and/or family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services from Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority; and

WHEREAS, Gearing Toward Integration recommendation will result in the elimination of specialty mental health services that are accountable to the communities of persons residing in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties; and

WHEREAS, Gearing Toward Integration's requirements for creating a new entity [Specialty Integrated Plan (SIP)] only outlines requirements to become a Medicaid Health Plan and does not address roles currently provided by the local community mental health service programs such as recipient rights, housing and employment supports, community collaboration, etc., which are core to the social determinants, safety net role and community collaborative work of the public system; and

WHEREAS, a requirement to bid to become a SIP includes insolvency coverage (reserves) which the current regional entities, by contract, are not allowed to maintain, thus disqualifying the regional entities from submitting a bid; and

WHEREAS, This proposal does not eliminate any layers – Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs) would pick up the managed care function from the current regional entities at a much higher cost 15% vs. 6% removing this money from the care our people are receiving today,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners opposes moving our community mental health system from publicly run to privately run, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senate Majority Leaders Mike Shirkey, Speaker of the House Jason Wentworth, Senator Jim Stamas, and Representative Ken Borton to prevent it from becoming law.

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

Absent: None

Motion by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Girardin. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried with:

YEAS: 5 (Edwards, Girardin, Balog, Stacey, Hubbard)

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

  
Don Edwards, Board Chair

6-23-2021  
Date

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

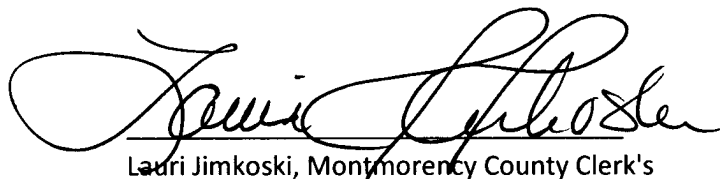
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COUNTY OF MONTMORENCY )

I, the undersigned, duly qualified and acting clerk for Montmorency County DO HEREBY CERTIFY That foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on June 23, 2021. Public notice was given and the meeting was conducted in full compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Minutes of the meeting will be available as required by the Act.

June 28, 2021

Date



Lauri Jimkoski, Montmorency County Clerk's  
Office

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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

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### **RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH FUND 280 - THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FISCAL RECOVERY FUND**

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-10**

Resolution authorizing the County Treasurer to establish Fund 280-ARPA Fiscal Recovery Fund.

WHEREAS, Montmorency County is expected to receive \$1,800,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds which will be received in two equal installments.

WHEREAS, Montmorency County has received \$960,000.00 to date and expected to receive \$960,000.00 approximately one year from now.

WHEREAS, The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are restricted as defined by the ARPA and,

WHEREAS, The Montmorency County Treasurer recommends establishing a Special Revenue Fund 280 For the specific purpose of tracking revenues and expenditures related to these funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Montmorency County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Montmorency County Treasurer to establish Fund 280-ARPA Fiscal Recovery Fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

The Montmorency County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the necessary transfers and budget amendments to effectuate this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Stacey and declared adopted by following vote:

AYES: Girardin, Stacey, Balog, Hubbard, Edwards

NAYES: None

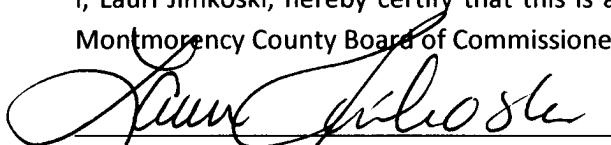
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

  
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Don Edwards, Board Chair

6-23-2021  
Date

I, Lauri Jimkoski, hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on June 23, 2021.

  
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Lauri Jimkoski, County Clerk's Office

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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**

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT OF MICHIGAN,  
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 267 OF 1976.

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**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.

  
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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

### **Regular Board Meeting**

### **Agenda**

**August 11<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 7-25-21
- Claims and Accounts from 8-9-21

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

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS - Wage Study Update**  
**East/Front Entrance Door Deck Repair**  
**ARPA Update**

#### **NEW BUSINESS- Jury Board Appointment**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **OTHER**

**Adjourn Subject to Chairman**

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**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 11, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Geyer Balog, Dawn Hubbard, Robert Stacey  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** No sign in due to COVID

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Additions: Veterans Administrator, Grant request from Long Lake Association, HVAC System.

Deletions: None

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, approving agenda with additions. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Motion Hubbard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, approving minutes from July 28, 2021. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Hubbard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, approving minutes from closed session held July 28, 2021. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, approving payment of claims & accounts with additional bills. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey, Balog, Edwards), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, Treasurer present. Topics included: Updated Finance report, Taxpayer that was accidentally given 2 refunds has agreed to begin repayment, Revenue Sharing Funds are starting to come in, ARPA Report is due by 8/31/21.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Chad Brown present. Topics included: All inmates have been transferred to Alpena County Jail, Covid outbreak at the Sheriff Department, they are following the CDC guidelines as well as DHHS recommendations, there have been no gaps in coverage, V.J. Day this weekend in Hillman.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**WAGE STUDY:**

Discussed increase of wages for Non-Union Employees, 2 different proposals have been prepared, Treasurer will obtain multiple quotes for a Professional Wage Study, tabled to the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**FRONT ENTERANCE REPAIRS:**

Commissioner Stacey has not received a new quote from Schulze Construction for the replacement of deck screws including screw caps as requested. Discussed if the repair should be covered under warranty, discussed that the issue may have been caused from over salting. Tabled to next meeting, Stacey to request new quote from Schulze Construction.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT:**

All board members attended the ARPA Training, discussed the possibility of paying officers wages out of the ARPA Fund, board believes that the county will need some expert advise before disbursing any of the funds, MAC has provided 3 quotes for different services that they offer.

Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, to hire Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards Auditing Firm at their hourly rate for consultation on use of the ARPA Funds. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Further discussion on forming a committee to oversee the program, feel it would be best to have a small in-house committee made up of the Board of Commissioners. Discussed possibly holding the meetings regarding the ARPA Funds on Wednesday afternoons following the commissioner's meetings when necessary. Also discussed the reporting that will have to be completed for the ARPA, the forms are very complex and will take a lot of time and effort to complete.

Break 10:02 – Back 10:08

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**JURY BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, approving re-appointment of Colleen Hanson (Republican) to the Montmorency County Jury Board term will begin immediately and expire on 4/30/2027. Yes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

**LONG LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION:**

Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving request from Long Lake Association in the amount of \$825.00 to help with cost of aquatic vegetation survey, funds will come from the Invasive Species Grant. Yes: 4, Nays: 0 (Hubbard), Abstain: 1 (Stacey). Motion passed.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATOR:**

Veterans Affairs Administrator Michael Burzynski present. Topics included: rental agreement for office space in the county building, 211 Michigan Northeast proposed annual allocation Mike is going to pay the allocation for years 2019 & 2020, board suggested he contact the Treasurer to see if ARPA Funds can be used to for this, communities confusion between the Soldiers/Sailors Relief Fund and the Veterans Services Fund, mandatory 3-person committee to oversee and assist with the budgeted funds and grants, over spending budgeted amount, accrual of comp-time for extra hours worked, counties mandatory annual allotment of \$14,000.00 could be used to hire a parttime person to reduce Mike's work load.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, annual contribution to the Veterans Relief Fund be increased by \$6400.00. Yes: 4, (Roll Call: Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin), Nays: 1 (Hubbard), Motion passed.

Motion Hubbard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, authorizing Michael Burzynski to hire a parttime person to assist with his office duties for the remainder of this fiscal year, wages and payroll taxes not to exceed \$14,000.00. Yes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

**HEATING, VENTILATION AND COOLING UNIT:**

Stacey states that the current HAVC System in the County Building is over 20 years old and needs to be replaced within the next year, building and grounds committee to figure out specifications and request bids.

**CHRISTI CROSS:**

Administrative Assistant to the Board of Commissioners has submitted her resignation letter stating she will be leaving her duties effective August 20, 2021. The board extends their gratitude for her service and states that she will be greatly missed. Christi will be paid her regular wages for training of the new hire if she is available.

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, place advertisement for position of Administrative Assistant to the Board of Commissioners in the Montmorency County Press. Yes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, allowing board members to work in the office with Christi to learn what her duties are so they can help to keep the office open while finding someone to replace her, they will be paid ½ day per diem in the amount of \$40.00. Yes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Balog: MCCOA (3 meetings), NEMSCA  
Stacey: Sheriff  
Girardin: Finance, Claims, Sheriff  
Hubbard: None  
Edwards: Finance, Claims

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

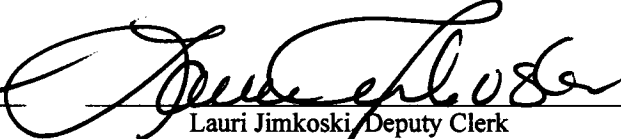
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**OTHER:**

None

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, to adjourn meeting. Yes: 5, Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned 11:18 A.M..

  
Donald Edwards, Chairman

  
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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting

### Agenda

August 25<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 8-11-21
- Claims and Accounts from 8-23-21

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### OLD BUSINESS -

ARPA Funds/ Stipend  
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Commissioners vacancy update

NEW BUSINESS- MERS Presentation- Tony Radjenovich ✓  
N.E. Michigan Community Foundation- Patrick Heraghty, Executive Director ✓  
Budget Adjustment for 101-146-802.000, juvenile & family division attorneys ✓  
Contract for Juvenile/Family attorney matters ✓  
Landfill Audit ✓  
Professional Wage/Benefit Study ✓  
Union Negotiations (closed Session)  
HVAC System

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### OTHER

Adjourn Subject to Chairman

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT OF MICHIGAN, PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 267 OF 1976.

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 25, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Geyer Balog, Dawn Hubbard, Robert Stacey  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** No sign in due to COVID

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Additions: Election Integrity's presentation.

Deletions: None

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving agenda with addition. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, approving minutes from August 11, 2021. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving payment of claims & accounts with additional bills. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Balog, Stacey, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, Treasurer present. Topics included: 2020 Foreclosure Auction is complete with all 8 properties being sold, total of sales \$227,656.77, this amount does not reflect any charges or payouts that still need to be completed, there has been no clear direction as to how to handle the excess funds, on-line payments for delinquent taxes has been set-up and it seems to be working quite well so far, working on completion of the ARPA Fund Report that is due on August 31, 2021.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Chad Brown present. Topics included: There was an Emergency Training Program held at the Hillman Community School, the event was hosted by the Hillman Fire Department, inmate count is at 9, holding a Water Rescue Course on 8/25/2021, new cars are being worked on as quickly as possible, running into issues with back ordered items due to COVID, have a new Deputy starting 8/26/2021 he is a recent graduate from Northern Michigan University. Researching if the new employees can be paid from the ARPA Funds.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**STIPEND FOR COUNTY TREASURER:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, allowing a \$5,000.00 annual stipend for extra responsibilities pertaining to the ARPA Fund, stipend will be paid bi-weekly to the County Treasurer. Yes 5, (Roll call: Stacey, Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Balog), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT VACANCY:**

Total of 5 applicants have applied for the open position prior to the advertisement in the Montmorency County Press. Personnel Committee will review applications and resumes and give the top recommendations to the board so interviews can begin as soon as possible.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FAMILY COURT CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY'S:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, authorizing Chairman Edwards to review and sign a contract for payment of Court Appointed Attorneys for the Family Court when it is received, the contract should state not to exceed \$1,000.00 per attorney per month and not to exceed total payment of \$5,000.00 per month for all services rendered in any given month. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Balog, Stacey), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**ELECTION INTERGRETY SPEAKER:**

Sally Petrik addressed the board regarding the election held November 3, 2020, power point presentation was given by Ms. Petrik.

**MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE’S RETIREMENT PROGRAMS:**

Tony Radjenovich gave a brief outline of all Pension Plans that are currently being offered to county employees working and retired. Question and Answer session after presentation was finished.

**BREAK 10:20 a.m., BACK IN SESSION 10:27 a.m.**

**N.E. MICHIGAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SERVICES:**

Patrick Heraghty, Executive Director of the program informed the Board of many services and grants that are available to our community for current and future needs. The presentation was very informative and will be researched by the board.

**LANDFILL AUDIT:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hubbard, authorizing Chairman Edwards to sign Montmorency-Oscoda-Alpena Landfill letter in support of Financial Audit as presented. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**PROFESSIONAL WAGE AND BENEFIT STUDY:**

Treasurer has received 4 bids and has presented the lowest bid to the Board, matter tabled to the next meeting.

**WAGE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING:**

The Board will meet with Wage Committee and Elected Officials that are able to attend on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 1:30 to discuss proposed for wage adjustments for non-union employees.

**HEATING VENTIALATION AND COOLING:**

Building and Grounds Committee to meet with Building Department and John LaFleche to determine specifications for a new system to be installed. The specifications will be brought to the board for approval to submit for bids.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, to enter closed session to discuss Union Negotiations. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Closed session 11:03 a.m.

Back in open meeting at 11:39 a.m., short break

Back in open meeting 11:45 a.m.

**ADDITION TO SPECIAL MEETING:**

Personnel committee is to review all application and resumes that are presented for open position of Administrative Assistant to the Board of Commissioners and present their suggestions for interviewee’s so this can be completed before the next scheduled board meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Balog: Personnel, MCCOA, Health Department, Mental Health
- Stacey: District Health
- Girardin: Finance, Claims
- Hubbard: DHHS, also worked 2 days in the board office
- Edwards: Finance, Claims, also worked 2 days in the board office


**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

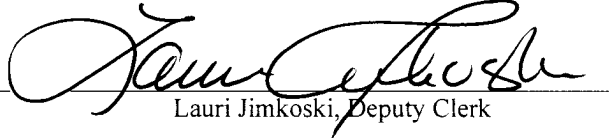
**OTHER:**

None

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, to adjourn meeting. Yes: 5, Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned 11:51 a.m.



Donald Edwards, Chairman



Lauri Jimkoski, Deputy Clerk



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**Montmorency County Board of Commissioner**

**Special Board Meeting  
Agenda  
September 1, 2021 @ 1:30 p.m.  
Boardroom/Courtroom**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

- . Overview of Resumes for Administrative Assistant to the Board**
- . Wage and Salary Committee**

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

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

ABSENT/EXC.: None

ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE

WAGE AND SALARY COMMITTEE:

Overview and discussion of wages and study. Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Girardin to mesh Brian Crane and Aprille Williamson proposal, go over in committee and then bring back to full board. Discussion. Yeas: 4 Nays: 1 (Balog) Motion passed.

Discussed paying for a wage study. Money could come from the foreclosure fund. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving a wage study from Professional Municipal Consulting Services, money to come from the foreclosure fund (estimated cost \$20,000.00). Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Hubbard, Stacey) Nays: 1 (Balog) Motion passed.

RESUMES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO BOARD:

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey appointing Dawn Hubbard as Administrative Assistant at \$16.65 p/hr. (which includes \$1.65 p/hr. for EDC duties) effective 9/13/2021. Yeas: 4 (Edwards, Girardin, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Hubbard) Motion passed.

3:07 P.M. Motion Hubbard, seconded Stacey adjourning meeting. All in favor.

  
Don Edwards, Chairperson

  
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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting Agenda

September 8, 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 8-25-2021
- Claims and Accounts from 9-7-2021

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS - ARP Funds (Update)  
Incentive bonus payout correction officers  
Wage / Salary update

NEW BUSINESS - County Clerk - *Canvasser Appts.*  
Senior citizen building request Atlanta/Hillman( air conditioner units)  
*NEMCSA*

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT-

#### OTHER

**ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN**

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NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON September 22,2021

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**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

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

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Dawn Hubbard

**PLEDGE**

**ADD/DELETIONS:**

Add: NEMCSA Annual Report

Delete: None

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approving the regular meeting minutes of August 25, 2021. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog approving the special meeting minutes of September 1, 2021. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin approving the closed meeting minutes of August 25, 2021, and removing the word Sgt. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Cheri Eggett present. Topics were auction, excess proceeds from auction, ARP report submitted, collection of summer taxes.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Brown and Under Sheriff Crane present. Discussed \$1000.00 incentive bonus. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin amending a previous motion made July 14, 2021, authorizing bonus money of \$1000.00 for corrections officer to also include the part time cook. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Girardin, seconded Stacey approving payment of bills (Regular: \$108,013.25 & Desk \$43,132.23). Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

ARP FUNDS: Discussed forming a committee. Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey forming an ARP Committee and appointing Balog and Edwards as well as the Treasurer, Cheri Eggett, and Joe Stone, Building Dept. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

INCENTIVE BONUS: Taken care of under Sheriff Report.

WAGE/SALARY UPDATE: Committee met yesterday. Discussion. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to table to the next regular meeting. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

COUNTY CANVASSER APPOINTMENTS: Clerk Neilsen present. Pursuant to statue the clerk should receive 3 names from each political party chair along with qualifications. No names or qualifications were submitted from the democrats and technically no names were submitted from the republican party chair just an e-mail from Commissioner Balog as a county commissioner rather than the Republican Party chair indicating 3 names (and only one of those

candidates submitted qualifications). Discussion. Clerk Neilsen also contacted the current canvasser Adelia McElroy representing the republicans who submitted her letter and qualifications and desire to continue for another term. Motion by Balog, seconded by Edwards to table the republican nominee. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Stacey appointing Amy Soncrainte to the County Board of Canvassers representing the democrats for another term expiring 10/31/2025. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

SENIOR CITIZEN BLDG. REQUEST ATLANTA/HILLMAN AIR COND. UNITS: Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin to table and wait for estimates. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

NEMCSA: Francis Omnani present and gave an overview and annual report for 2020.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**


- Balog: MCCOA, Special MCCOA, BOC Special Meeting
- Stacey: Wage and Salary, HUNT Annual Report Recv'd, BOC Special Meeting
- Edwards: Finance, Claims & Accounts, BOC Special Meeting
- Girardin: Claims & Accounts, Finance, BOC Special Meeting
- Hubbard: BOC Special Meeting


**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chad Brown, Sheriff, and budget adjustment request to fund new officers and comments.

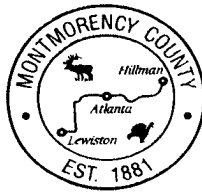
Misc. items: Security System bid discussed. Building & Grounds needs to meet with Joe Stone on HVAC.

9:51 A.M. Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin to adjourn. All in favor.

  
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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting Agenda

September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

Adjourn Subject to Chairman

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

**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. Moton 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 BUSINISS:**

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.

  
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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting Agenda

October 13, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Boardroom/Courtroom

#### CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from
- Claims and Accounts

Add on:  
Closed Session: Union  
Neg-

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Gypsy Moth
- Schulze Construction on front ramp
- ARPA counseling service

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Paradigam Agency (medical insurance)
- NMCMHA Contract
- County Incentive Program
- Appointment to MCCOA Board Dawn Hubbard & new bylaws
- Vaccinations Medical Freedom Resolution
- Contracts Services Agreements - Indigent Council

Co. Comm. Appt. #4  
Child Care Fund Budget  
Health Dept #4 Budget  
TBTA - Art. of Inc.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### OTHER

ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN

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**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING HELD OCTOBER 13, 2021**

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

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None (1 vacant seat)

**PLEDGE**

**ADD/DELETIONS:**

**Add:** Closed Session Union Negotiations; County Commissioner #4 Appointment; Indigent Council Contracts; Child Care Fund Budget; Health Department Budget; TBTA Articles of Inc.

**Delete:** None

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin approving the regular meeting minutes of September 22, 2021 with the amendment of any ARP's to ARPA's. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Balog, seconded Girardin approving payment of bills (Regular: \$117,896.67 & Desk \$82,059.80). Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Cheri Eggett present. New hire L. Rogers, Revenue & Expense Report, Fund balance, Interest rates down, CUSO money liquidated.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Brown present. Inmate count at 9. Two new cars, making progress.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**GYPSY MOTH:** Alisha Wallace presented on the Gypsy Moth and suggested spraying for next year. 28 proposed spray areas. Budget and fund balance: \$374,000.00 at a cost of \$50 p/acre.

**RAMP:** Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin authorizing Schulze to repair front ramp and pay when bill comes in, not to exceed \$753.30. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**ARPA COUNSELING:** To receive a quote for counseling on ARPA from CPA firm in Alpena, Straley, Lamp & Kraenzlein.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER #4 VACANCY:** Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin to appoint James Madison to County Commissioner District #4. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PARADIGAM AGENCY:** Representatives Christina Bialas and Sam Varaljai appeared and gave presentation. They are a third-party administrator for health care, dental, life insurance programs and can get quotes for insurances.

9:40 A.M. James Madison was sworn in and takes his seat on the board.

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH:** Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey approving the contract with NCMCHA for 2022 (\$30,655.00). Discussion. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COUNTY INCENTIVE PROGRAM:** Deleted

MCCOA APPOINTMENT: Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin appointing Dawn Hubbard to the MCCOA board as the Lewiston representative. Discussion. Term ends 8/31/2024. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

VACCINATIONS MEDICAL FREEDOM RESOLUTION: Commissioner Balog presents resolution.  
RESOLUTION 2021-11 SUPPORT OF VACCINE AWARENESS AND  
MEDICAL AUTONOMY Balog/Stacey  
Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Madison)  
Nays: 1 (Girardin) Resolution passed.

INDIGENT CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENTS: Discussion on the two contracts. One has a date typo, no action taken on either. Need correction and clarification.

CHILD CARE BUDGET: Janelle Mott present. \$172,000.00 fund balance for child-care so far. Total budget being requested for 2022 is \$244,315.00. Presentation given. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin approving the 2022 Child Care budget as presented. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Madison, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET: Discussion. A 3% increase over last year. Motion by Madison, seconded by Girardin approving the 2022 allocation for District Health #4 \$87,084.00. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Edwards, Madison, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 1 (Balog) Motion carried.

THUNDER BAY TRANSPORTATION: Articles of Inc. changes (mainly Article 13). Discussion. Motion by Balog, seconded by Edwards approving changes to TBTA as presented. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:17 A.M. Break  
10:33 A.M. Back in session.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog to go into closed session for union negotiation discussion. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:52 A.M. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog to return to open session. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Balog: MCCOA, Thunder Bay Transportation, ARPA, Building & Grounds, MCCOA Personnel  
Stacey: Building & Grounds  
Edwards: Finance, Claims & Accounts, ARPA, Landfill  
Girardin: Claims & Accounts, Finance, Landfill

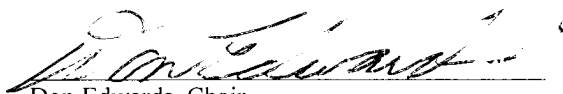
**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

MCCOA BY LAWS: Motion by Balog, seconded by Edwards approving the MCCOA By Law changes (Art. 5 Section 1). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

11:04 A.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Edwards to adjourn. All in favor.

  
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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

### **Resolution 2021-11**

**October 13, 2021**

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VACCINE AWARENESS AND MEDICAL AUTONOMY

WHEREAS, we elected officials have solemnly sworn an oath to support the Constitution of the State of Michigan,

WHEREAS, citizens being both informed about the risks and benefits of any available medical treatment such as vaccines; as well as maintaining the sacred inalienable right to make autonomous choices about their own health are essential to securing both the general Welfare and securing the Blessings of Liberty,

THEREFORE, all Montmorency County encourages all businesses within the county to respect individuals right to medical freedom.

THEREFORE, Montmorency County shall not require of or mandate to any employee, prospective employee, or contractor any form of vaccine or similar medical treatment verification as a general condition of employment; and will not encourage employers located within Montmorency County to establish such mandates that so hinder medical autonomy,

THEREFORE, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners recognizes and commends all healthcare workers throughout the county for their hard work during this difficult time.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Geyer Balog and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Robert Stacey and declared adopted by the following vote:


Roll Call:

Aye: Balog, Madison, Edwards, Stacey

Nay: Girardin

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

By:   
Donald Edwards, Chairman

I, Cheryl Neilsen, County Clerk hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on October 13, 2021.

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk Cheryl Neilsen

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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting

#### Agenda

October 27, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Boardroom/Courtroom

#### CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from
- Claims and Accounts

*Add: Veterans Admin.  
88th Dist. CRT: New Hire +  
Veterans Court grant  
AED  
Emerg. Manager grant  
Montmorency Twp. DRD.  
(Shipping Containers)*

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### OLD BUSINESS

Contractual Service Agreement update

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Policy for Network Security
- Quotes of I.T. Right that need to be finalized
- 2021 Apportionment Report
- Contract with Straley Lamp & Kraenzlein P.C. about ARPA Funds

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### OTHER

**ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN**

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NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, November 10, 2021.

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING HELD OCTOBER 27, 2021**

PRESENT: Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Robert Stacey, James Madison

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Geyer Balog

**PLEDGE**

**ADD/DELETIONS:**

Add: Veterans Admin; 88<sup>th</sup> District Court: New Hire & Veterans Treatment Court; AED; Emergency Manager Grant; Montmorency Twp. Ordinance

Delete: None

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey 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 October 13, 2021. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin approving the closed meeting minutes of October 13, 2021. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS/FINANCE:**

Bills: Regular: \$182,544.83; Desk: 8,212.68 Total: \$190,757.51.

Sheriff in need of a copy machine, discussed at Finance. Two quotes obtained (Michigan Office Solutions and Dunn's). Discussion. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving the contract with Michigan Office Solutions to lease (\$109.69 p/month f/5 years). Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Stacey, seconded Madison approving payment of bills. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Madison, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Cheri Eggett present. Revenue and Expense report provided. Mutt Contest and request to display out in hall. Fund Balance at \$1.294.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Brown and Under Sheriff Crane present. Discussed MMRMA wrap grant for the 2 new cars; Inmate count at 10; Upgrading body worn camera's and needing cloud storage. Sheriff Brown named Vice Chair on the HUNT board. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin authorizing the chair to sign the MMRMA Wrap Grant. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS:** Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving the Public Defender Non-Profit Vendor Contractual Services Agreement (Term: 7/1/21-09/30/22) and the Counsel Administrator agreement (Term: 10/1/21-09/30/22). Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Girardin, Madison, Stacey, Edwards) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

AED: Defibs are old and need updated. Quotes of \$1995.00 and \$2995.00 to purchase through CINTAS or rent. Training discussed.

VETERAN ADMINISTRATOR: Mike Burzynski, present. Discussed waiving veterans' office space rental of \$6480.00. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to stop charging rent to the Veterans Department effective 10/1/2021. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Madison allocating \$11,900.00 of county money to the MVAA grant for fiscal year 2021/2022. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Request the board to review property tax and levy for Veteran Relief Fund. Discussion on that and possible millage proposal as well as persons appointed to commission.

88<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT COURT: Kristen Cheedie appeared via zoom. They have filled the Deputy position. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Stacy approving the hiring of Guest starting 11/2/21 @ \$15 p/hr. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Madison authorizing the chair to sign the Veterans Treatment Court Grant (\$60,000.00). Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:02 A.M. Break  
10:10 A.M. Back in session

**NEW BUSINESS:**

POLICY FOR NETWORK SECURITY: Motion by Madison, seconded by Girardin approving policy for network security upgrades for free from I.T. Right. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

QUOTES F/I.T. RIGHT: Motion by Girardin, seconded by Madison approving computer quote for \$670.00 for District Court. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Discussion on another quote from I.T. Right for Ethernet Switch's. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to table quote for Ethernet Switch's and have Dawn investigate items in quote. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

2021 APPORTIONMENT REPORT: Amber Woehlert, E.Q. Director present. 2021 Apportionment report presented.

CONTRACT F/ARPA COUNSELING: Letter and quote received from Straley, Lamp & Kraenzlein for ARPA counseling and cost (Rates \$70 to \$170 p/hr.). Discussion. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Edwards accepting proposal of Straley, Lamp & Kraenzlein for ARPA counseling and authorize the chair to sign the agreement. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGER GRANT: Question on the dates of the grant contract. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to table the Emergency Manager Grant. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

MONTMORENCY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE: Motion by Edwards, seconded by Stacey approving Montmorency Township Ordinance #1 of 2021 (zoning ordinance amendment on shipping containers and fences). Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

OTHER: Commissioner Stacey would like to see an open meetings resolution. Dawn to prepare and have ready at next meeting.

RETURN TO EMERGENCY MANAGER GRANT: Clarification received. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Stacey approving the Emergency Manager Grant for 2021/2022. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Balog: absent  
Stacey: District Health #4  
Edwards: Finance, Claims & Accounts, Landfill, Election Forum, DHHS  
Girardin: Claims & Accounts, Finance, Landfill, Local Court Council  
Madison: HUNT, NEMCOG



**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

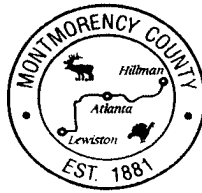
None

10:54 A.M. Motion Stacey, second Girardin to adjourn. No objections. Meeting adjourned.

  
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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting Agenda November 10, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Boardroom/Courtroom

#### CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from
- Claims and Accounts

*Add: Holiday Closing  
Senior Citizen Reg.  
Nemcog grant perm  
COVID time off*

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Open Meeting Resolution
- Update on Veteran's Request Thru the Lawyer

#### NEW BUSINESS

- DHHS Appointment letter ✓
- KNK Snow Plowing sealed bid ✓
- MCCOCA Appointment ✓
- County-Wide Cost Allocation Plan
- Remon Grant Application & approval for unspent funds
- Revised 4029 for Invasive Species signed

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### OTHER

**ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN**

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

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Robert Stacey, Geyer Balog, James Madison

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

**Additions:** COVID time off; Holiday hours, Senior Citizen Request, NEMCOG Grant

**Deletions:** None

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Madison approving the regular meeting minutes of October 27, 2021. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog approving payment of the bills (Regular: \$120,590.28; Desk: \$82,093.61). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Madison, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, present. Topics: PILT, County Incentive, Revenue, and fund balance at \$1.3 and budget being worked on.

**SHERIFF:**

Sheriff Brown present. New vehicle work is progressing. Nine inmates lodged in Alpena Jail. Donna B. present with 911 update on new radios. Looking to meet with union on 911 negotiations. Also requests the board consider bringing longevity back to employees.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

RESOLUTION #2021-12

SUPPORT AMENDMENTS TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (Stacey/Madison) Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Madison, Stacey) Nays: 1 (Balog) Resolution passed.

**VETERAN UPDATE REQ. TO LAWYER:** Information received from the county attorney on the Veterans Officer request for a tax levy. Chair Edwards indicated he wanted time to look over before deciding. Mike Burzynski present indicates after his reading he does not see a need right now with the money they have with the grant. Discussion with E.Q. Director on timeline if there was to be something put on summer or winter tax bills.

**HOLIDAY CLOSING:** Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog closing courthouse building as follow for the Christmas and New Year holidays: Thursday & Friday, December 23 & 24 and Thursday & Friday, December 30 & 31. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SENIOR CITIZEN REQUEST:** Dennis Davis present with a letter to the board regarding replacement of the air conditioning unit at the Atlanta Senior Center. Also discussion on a generator to run the building in case of an emergency and using it as a shelter. Two quotes to be submitted to the board office for ARPA committee to investigate.

COVID TIME OFF: Discussion on paid time off for COVID that was motioned and passed earlier in the year. No action taken.

DHHS APPOINTMENT: Motion by Madison, seconded by Edwards to appoint Teresa Collins to fill the unexpired term of Mr. James Madison on the DHHS Board (exp. 9/30/2022). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

KNK SNOW PLOWING: Bid received from KNK for snow plowing as the 3-year contract has expired. Discussion. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey approving the contract with KNK for snow plowing etc. for 3 years. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

MCCOA APPOINTMENT: Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey re-appointing Elaine Ableidinger to the MCCOA board (term: 9/1/2021-8/31/2024). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

COST ALLOCATION PLAN: Motion by Girardin, seconded by Madison authorizing the chair to sign the Cost Allocation Plan with MGT. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

REMONUMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION: Teresa Walker, Remon Grant Administrator present. Looking to get the new grant approved for 2022 and requesting a budget adjustment and unspent funds of \$222.00 be paid to her from the 2021 grant. Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey authorizing the grant adjustment and authorize the \$222.00 in excess funds be paid to the grant administrator. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Discussion on 2022 grant and increase of \$6000.00 due to raise for surveyors. Motion by Balog, seconded by Stacey approving the 2022 Remonumentation Grant. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Girardin, Madison, Stacey, Balog, Edwards) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:07 A.M. Break

10:17 A.M. Back in session.

**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

REVISED L-4029: Amber Woehlert, E.Q. Director present. Needed to revise the L-4029 approved previously because Invasive Species Millage was only for one year and that needed to come off. Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin authorizing the chair to sign the Revised L-4029. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

NEMCOG EGLE GRANT SUBMISSION: Correspondence received from NEMCOG requesting approval to apply for the Mi Materials Engagement Grant (formerly Solid Waste). Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin authorization NEMCOG to proceed with the grant process in accordance with their correspondence to the BOC. Discussion. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

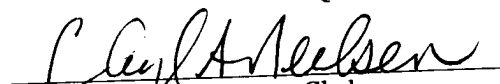
Mike Benefield from M-33 Access (Mio) introduces himself and looking to help local government understand Broadband Infrastructure and help on how to proceed and what funds are available.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Balog:	MCCOA, MCCOA Personnel, NEMSCA
Girardin:	Finance, Claims & Accounts
Stacey:	None
Edwards:	Claims & Accounts, Finance
Madison:	Thunder Bay Transportation

10:35 A.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey to adjourn. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

  
Don Edwards, Chair

  
Cheryl A. Nilsen, County Clerk

# Montmorency County, Michigan

## Resolution to Support Amendments to the Open Meetings Act

Resolution # 2021-12

WHEREAS, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners has a vested interest in decisions made regarding the Open Meetings Act (Act 267 of 1976, being MCL 15.261 et seq); and

WHEREAS, prior to the recent changes made to the Open Meetings Act, members of a public body could attend and participate in a public meeting virtually so long as quorum of the public body was physically present at the meeting location ; and

WHEREAS, a series of Executive Orders and statutory amendments issued in 2020 authorized remote participation in public meetings and specifically allowed public bodies to hold meetings electronically, either by telephone or in video conferencing: and

WHEREAS, after December 31, 2021, members of a public body will be allowed to participate in a meeting electronically only to accommodate the absence of any member of the public body due to military duty as described in Section 3 (2) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, this eliminates a public body's previous flexibility to allow one or two members to participate in public meetings virtually; and

WHEREAS, the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners believes that technology is sufficient to provide a reliable and clear method of virtual communication, that flexibility is essential to the recruitment and retention of qualified county commissioners, and that having a county commissioner attend and participate in a board meeting virtually is better than not having a county commissioner attend at all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners request that the State of Michigan Legislature and Governor Whitmer make changes to the Open Meetings Act to exempt counties with a population of 75,000 or less be exempt from the portions of the Open Meetings Act that restricts a member of a public body to attend and participate in a public meeting virtually, as long as a physical quorum of the public body is in attendance at the meeting location.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Jim Stamas, Representative Ken Borton, the Michigan Association of Counties and the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

Motion made by Robert Stacey and James Madison 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

On Roll Call:

Ayes: 4 Edwards, Girardin, Madison, Stacey

Nays: 1 Balog

RESOLUTION ADOPTED:



Don Edwards, Chairperson

Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

Dated: 11-22-2021

I, Cheryl Neilsen , County Clerk hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on November 10, 2021.

Signed: 

County Clerk Cheryl A. Neilsen

## Dawn Hubbard

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**From:** Diane Rekowski <drekowski@nemcog.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 10:48 AM  
**To:** Jm43561@hotmail.com; Dawn Hubbard  
**Cc:** Nico Tucker  
**Subject:** EGLE Materials Management County Engagement Grants

**Importance:** High

Good Morning! The MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) has released its initial grants to begin the Materials Management (formerly known as Solid Waste) planning process. As you know our Solid Waste Plans have not been updated in over 20 years and now the focus will be on the reuse/recycling of materials and less dependency on landfills. The first step in the new process is for counties to participate in the MI Materials Engagement Grant. Essentially, the purpose of this phase is to bring counties together to review data the State has gathered per county, determine and understand deficiencies and opportunities, understand changes to the planning process and determine steps to take for the development of the future materials programs and infrastructure. A Final Report along with attendance of state webinars is required to be submitted prior to full grant reimbursement.

NEMCOG has been the 8- county's designated planning agency for solid waste planning since its inception. We can, on your county's approval submit the County Engagement Grant. The grants are for \$10,000/county or \$12,000/county if multiple counties. We would bring together the counties of Alpena, Alcona, Presque Isle, Montmorency and Oscoda to work collaboratively on recycling and other resource recovery activities.

If you could please let me know if the County is good with NEMCOG proceeding with the grant, **by November 19<sup>th</sup>**, I'd appreciate it. I do not need a formal approval from the Board, just an okay to apply for the grant.

Thank you,

Diane

Diane Rekowski  
Executive Director

Sent from Mail for Windows

Don Edwards  
Gary Girardin  
Robert Stacey  
Geyer Balog  
James Madison



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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting Agenda November 24, 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
- Claims and Accounts

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### OLD BUSINESS

Veteran's clarification

Maximum Security clarification

Longevity

#### NEW BUSINESS

MSU Extension Annual Report

Montmorency County Library Budget Approval

Albert Township Master Plan for Review

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### OTHER

ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN

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PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 267 OF 1976

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, December 8, 2021

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES**



**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 24, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Geyer Balog, James Madison, Robert Stacey  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** No sign in due to COVID

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

**Additions:** Opioid Settlement Resolutions 2021-13 & 14 (closed session), Union Negotiations (closed session), Budget Adjustments, Animal Shelter.

**Deletions:** Maximum Security

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving agenda as amended. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Madison, approving minutes from November 10, 2021. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, approving payment of claims & accounts with additional bills. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Edwards, Madison, Girardin, Balog, Stacey), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, Treasurer present. Topics included: Working on PILT Fund, Fund Balance, Mutt Contest, Next year's foreclosure, Budget.

**BUDGET:**

Aprille Williamson states she has received proposed Budget's from all Department's; Board needs to meet with Department Heads to review. Question if Health Insurance will be increasing as it would affect how to prepare proposal with raises. Need to hold a special meeting for budget review. Special Meeting will be December 1, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M., each Department Head will be allotted ½ hour to review their budget proposal.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Chad Brown present. Topics included: radio programming is in progress, inmate count 9, meeting with Area Law Enforcement.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwards to enter closed session to discuss Opioid Settlement (Resolutions 2021-13 & 14) Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Closed Session 9:18 A.M.

Return to Open Meeting 9:40 A.M.

**OPIOID SETTLEMENT:**

RESOLUTION #2021-13

AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTRASTATE AGREEMENT CONCERNING ALLOCATION OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION. (Stacey/Girardin) Yes: 5 (Roll call: Madison, Girardin, Balog, Stacey, Edwards), Nays: 0 Resolution Passed.

RESOLUTION #2021-14

AUTORIZING ENTRY IF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS IN PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION. (Stacey/Balog) Yes: (Roll call: Girardin, Balog, Stacey, Edwards, Balog), Nays: 0 Balog), Resolution passed.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS:**

Present Michael Burzynski, Topics discussed: Request for the Board to adopt an act creating soldiers' relief commission according to Act No. 214 of the Public Acts of 1899 and section 1 of Act No. 192 (supplement to 214) and levy 1/10 of a mill on each dollar of property tax collected be distributed to the soldiers' relief fund, the Act indicates that voter approval is not necessary and the funds can be taken away at any time, need a resolution drafted. County needs to return unused Grant Money in the amount of \$9,495.52 to Department of Military and Veteran Affairs.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, authorizing Balog to begin drafting a resolution using Veterans' Act No. 210 of 1988 and Act No. 192 of 1953. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Balog, Stacey, Edwards, Madison, Girardin), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, return grant funds in the amount of \$9,495.52 to the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Break 10:08 Return 10:08

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MSU ANNUAL REPORT:**

Adam Koivisto District 14 Director explained many programs that have been offered thorough out our area including Farm Stress Programs that have benefitted local farmers immensely.

**LIBRARY BUDGET:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey to approve Montmorency County Public Library budget as presented. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**ALBERT TOWNSHIP ZONING:**

Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, to approve conditional rezoning proposal for Albert Township as presented. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**ALBERT TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN:**

Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, approving Albert Townships amended Master Plan as presented. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**UNION NEGOTIATIONS:**

Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Madison, enter closed session to discuss Union Negotiations. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Enter closed session 10:22 A.M., back in session 10:45 A.M.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:**

Motion Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, to move \$50.00 from Emergency Management line to District Health line 101-605-835.000 to cover bill from the Health Department. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**ELK COUNTRY ANIMAL SHELTER:**

Discussion on fees and court ordered payment, Edwards suggest offering more on a quarterly basis rather than paying daily fees. Tabled to next meeting.

**CMS PRIORTY HEALTH:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, authorizing Edwards to sign demand letter verifying group size to determine primary/secondary status. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**LONGEVITY PAY:**

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, reimplementing longevity pay to all employees who have completed 9 years of service according to the POAM Contract for fiscal year 2021 and for each following year, with the funds coming from County Improvement Fund. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Stacey, Edwards, Madison, Girardin, Balog), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Stacey:	None
Balog:	MCCOA, Health Department
Girardin:	Finance, Claims, Landfill
Madison:	DHHS
Edwards:	Finance, Claims, Landfill

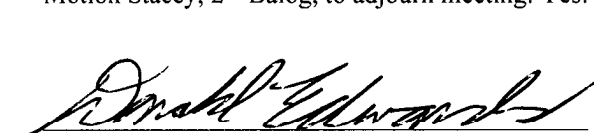
**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

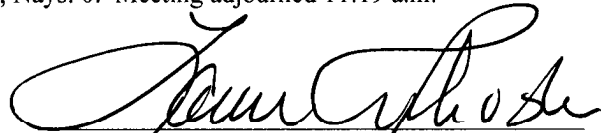
**OTHER:**

None

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, to adjourn meeting. Yes: 5, Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned 11:19 a.m.



Donald Edwards, Chairman



Lauri Jimkoski, Deputy Clerk

## Montmorency County Resolution 2021-13

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTRASTATE AGREEMENT CONCERNING ALLOCATION OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS IN THE NATIONAL OPIOIDS LITIGATION

WHEREAS, the County of Montmorency filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic, which named, among other companies, the following four Defendants (“Settling Defendants”):

1. Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a prescription opioids manufacturer);
2. Amerisource Bergen Corp. (a prescription opioids wholesaler distributor);
3. Cardinal Health, Inc. (a prescription opioids wholesaler distributor); and
4. McKesson Corporation (a prescription opioids wholesaler distributor)

AND WHEREAS the lawsuit was subsequently transferred to the United States District Court in the Northern District of Ohio and centralized as part of *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL 2804; Case No. 1:17-md-2804, which is presided over by the Honorable Dan Aaron Polster, United State Federal District Court Judge;

AND WHEREAS the Settling Defendants have negotiated proposed national settlement agreements (“Proposed Settlements”) with the State Attorneys General, and a Plaintiff Executive Committee-designated negotiating committee that represents approximately 4,000 local governments that have brought lawsuits similar to Montmorency County's lawsuit;

AND WHEREAS the Proposed Settlements contain a “default” allocation method where settlement funds that are allocated to a particular state to resolve the claims asserted by state and local governments within that state are allocated as follows:

- 15% of settlement proceeds paid under the Proposed Settlements are allocable to the State;
- 15% of the settlement proceeds are allocable to local governments; and
- 70% of the settlement proceeds are allocable to an opioid abatement fund;

AND WHEREAS the Proposed Settlements enable the state and local governments within a State to negotiate alternative allocation methods to the “default” allocation method referenced above;

AND WHEREAS Montmorency County desires to enter into an alternative allocation method which allocates settlement funds solely to:

1. Participating Local Governments who have elected to participate in the Proposed Settlements; and
2. the State of Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE, Montmorency County authorizes the execution of a Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement For Allocation of Distributor Settlement Agreement and Janssen Settlement Agreement substantially similar to the proposed agreement attached to this resolution. Montmorency County also authorizes execution of a similar state-subdivision agreement to the extent that it provides a substantially similar allocation of settlement or bankruptcy proceeds obtained from opioids litigation with any other entity.

Motion made by: Stacey, was seconded by Girardin

On Roll Call

Ayes: Edwards, Girardin, Stacey, Madison, Balog

Nays: 0

Resolution Adopted:



Dated: 11-24-2021

Don Edwards, Chairperson

Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

I, Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on November 24, 2021.

Signed 

County Clerk Cheryl A. Neilsen  
Deputy Lausi J. Jimkastei

Montmorency County Resolutions 2021-14

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS  
IN PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE  
LITIGATION

WHEREAS, the Count of Montmorency filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic, which named, among other companies, the following four Defendants (“Settling Defendants”):

1. Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a prescription opioids manufacturer);
2. Amerisource Bergen Corp. (a prescription opioids wholesaler distributor);
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AND WHEREAS the lawsuit was subsequently transferred to the United States District Court in the Northern District of Ohio and centralized as part of *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL 2804; Case No. 1:17-md-2804, which is presided over by the Honorable Dan Aaron Polster, United State Federal District Court Judge;

AND WHEREAS the Settling Defendants have negotiated proposed national settlement agreements (“Proposed Settlements”) with the State Attorneys General, and a Plaintiff Executive Committee-designated negotiating committee that represents approximately 4,000 local governments that have brought lawsuits similar to Montmorency County's lawsuit;

AND WHEREAS the Proposed Settlements contain significant equitable and monetary relief, including:

1. An agreement by Janssen that it will discontinue the manufacture and distribution of prescription opioids products for at least the next ten years;
2. An agreement by Janssen that it will suspend any lobbying efforts that concern prescription opioids products;
3. The creation of a National Clearinghouse for wholesale distributors that will assist in the detection, suspension and reporting of suspicious orders of prescription opioids products; and
4. The payment of up to \$26 billion (depending upon the level of participation of state and local governments in the Proposed Settlements) in funding installments over the next 18 years, the bulk of which will be dedicated to

funding abatement and prevention strategies associated with the opioids public nuisance.

NOW THEREFORE, Montmorency County authorizes the execution of Participation Agreements for: 1. the Master Settlement Agreement with Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; and 2. the Master Settlement Agreement with the three wholesale distributor defendants (Cardinal, Amerisource Bergen and McKesson), both of which are listed and available to the public at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>. Specimen copies of the material terms of the participation agreements are attached as an exhibit to this resolution.

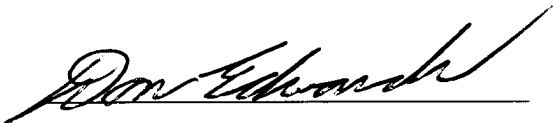
Motion made by: Stacey, and was seconded by Balog

On Roll Call:

Ayes: Edwards, Girardin, Stacey, Madison, Balog

Nays: 0

Resolution Adopted

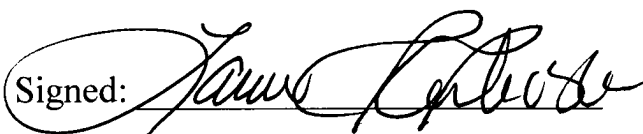


Don Edwards, Chairperson

Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

Dated: 11-24-2021

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Signed: 

County Clerk Cheryl A. Neilsen .  
Deputy Lauri J. Jimkoski

**Settlement Participation Form**

Governmental Entity:	State:
Authorized Signatory:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

The governmental entity identified above (“Governmental Entity”), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated July 21, 2021 (“Distributor Settlement”), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Distributor Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Distributor Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Election, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Distributor Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Governmental Entity shall, within 14 days of the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed.
3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Distributor Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions as defined therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the Distributor Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Distributor Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.
6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity’s state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court’s role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Distributor Settlement.
7. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Distributor Settlement as provided therein.




8. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Distributor Settlement, including but not limited to all provisions of Part XI, and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Distributor Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Distributor Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
9. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision as set forth in the Distributor Settlement.
10. In connection with the releases provided for in the Distributor Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

**General Release; extent.** A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Distributor Settlement.

11. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Distributor Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Election and Release is interpreted differently from the Distributor Settlement in any respect, the Distributor Settlement controls.

I swear under penalty of perjury that I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Election and Release on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature:   
Name: Don Edwards  
Title: Board Chair  
Date: 12-8-21

**Settlement Participation Form**

Governmental Entity:	State:
Authorized Signatory:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

The governmental entity identified above (“Governmental Entity”), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated July 21, 2021 (“Janssen Settlement”), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Janssen Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Janssen Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Election, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Janssen Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Governmental Entity shall, within 14 days of the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed.
3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Janssen Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions as defined therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the Janssen Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Janssen Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.
6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity’s state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court’s role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Janssen Settlement.
7. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Janssen Settlement as provided therein.


8. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Janssen Settlement, including but not limited to all provisions of Section IV (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Janssen Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Janssen Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
9. In connection with the releases provided for in the Janssen Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

**General Release; extent.** A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Janssen Settlement.

10. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Janssen Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Election and Release is interpreted differently from the Janssen Settlement in any respect, the Janssen Settlement controls.

I swear under penalty of perjury that I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Election and Release on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: 

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners.

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Date: 11/24/2021  
To: Cheryl Neilsen  
From: BOC  
Re: Special Meeting 12/1/2021

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MONTMORENCY COUNTY CLERK  
BY \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Madam Clerk,

Please accept this letter as notification that there will be a special meeting held on December 1, 2021, at 10:00am in Courtroom B. At the request of Board Chairman and Commissioners. This meeting will be on the 2022 Montmorency County Budget. The meeting will break for lunch and continue thru the afternoon.

Sincerely,

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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

**Special Meeting  
Agenda  
December 1, 2021**

**10:00 a.m.  
Boardroom/Courtroom**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Budget Meeting  
Department Heads by Appointment

**ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN**

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

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, December 8, 2021

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MONTMORECY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 1, 2021

PRESENT: James Madison, Don Edwards, Robert Stacey, Geyer Balog  
ABESENT/EXCUSED: Gary Girardin

PLEDGE

WAGES:

Discussion on Alpena County using ARPA Fund for wages, will inquire how they are doing that.

CLERK'S BUDGET:

Revenues and expenses reviewed.

Commissioner Gary Girardin is in attendance @ 10:27 A.M.

SUMMER LEVY TAX:

Reviewed.

REGISTER OF DEEDS:

Revenues and expenses reviewed.

10:58 A.M. Break – Back in session 11:04 A.M.

Discussed Medical Examiner Contract, Health rates, MERMA, rates and contracts that Aprille still needs to complete the final budget.

DISTRICT COURT/VETERANS COURT:

Expenses and revenues reviewed.

Motion Girardin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwards, add GL Line 101-136-704.040 for Deputy Magistrate to the budget for fiscal year 2022, allotted amount will be \$3,500.00 stipend for Shanna Firman. Yes: 4, (Roll call: Edwards, Stacey, Madison, Girardin), Nays: 1, (Balog), Motion passed.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, adding \$5,000.00 stipend for Kristen Cheedie be added to budget line 282-150-701.050 for fiscal year 2022. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Stacey, Balog, Madison, Girardin, Edwards), Nays: 0. Motion passed.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION:

Revenues and expenses reviewed.

12:02 A.M. break for lunch – Back in session 1:04 P.M.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION:

Revenues and expenses reviewed, discussed where to pay 211 Services, will pay from 101-269-752.000.

COUNTY REVENUES:

Topics discussed: Stabilization Fund, Convention Facility Tax, Summer Levy Tax, 2019, 2020 & 2021 (delinquent).

TRANSFER OUTS:

The transfer outs need to be reviewed to determine if they are still necessary.

PROSECUTOR:

Prosecutor Vicki Kundinger questions the board on recent decision to reinstate Longevity for County Employees, request board to approve payment of longevity to herself, Sherrie Collier & Joe Stone, also, inquired about the public Defender wage versus her salary.

Reviewed revenues and expenses.

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwards, to pay Prosecutor Vicki Kundinger longevity based on prior and current years of service. Yes: 4, (Roll call: Madison, Girardin, Edwards, Stacey), Nays: 1, (Balog), Motion passed.

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, to pay Sherrie Collier longevity based on prior years of service. Yes: 3, (Roll call: Madison, Girardin, Stacey, Nays: 2: (Edwards, Balog), Motion passed.

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Madison, to pay Joe Stone longevity based on years of service.

Chairman Edwards suggest a break to get thoughts together before proceeding with anymore motions.

Break 2:17 P.M. – Back in session 2:26 P.M.

Will not have enough time to review remaining departments proposed budgets, will continue after Board Meeting on 12/8/2021. Dawn will add to the agenda.

Sheriff request permission to turnover Department of Correction's Supplies that have not been used since the Montmorency County Jail closure.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwards, Permit Sheriff Brown to turnover Correction's Supplies to Alpena County Jail for staff safety. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

LONGEVITY:

Discussed current motions that have passed and still pending regarding longevity.

Motion to Rescind/Reconsider Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwards, Rescind the motion to pay Prosecutor Vicki Kundinger longevity based on prior and current years of service. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Girardin, Edwards, Stacey, Balog, Madison), Nays: 0. Motion rescinded.

Motion to Rescind/Reconsider Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, Rescind the motion to pay Sherrie Collier longevity based on prior years of service. Yes: 5, (Roll call: Edwards, Stacey, Balog, Madison, Girardin) Nays: 0: Motion rescinded.

Longevity question will be addressed at the next board meeting on 12/8/2021.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Edwards at 2:36 P.M.



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Donald Edwards, Chairman



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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

### **Regular Board Meeting Agenda**

**December 8, 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
- Claims and Accounts

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

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

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Update on Ewing case
- Update on new security
- Update on ARPA Funds usage

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Agreement for Extension Services
- New Longevity Policy
- Paradigm Agency
- Contract for Probate Attorney Ken Radizbom
- Join Tuscola County on OMA

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **OTHER**

**Budget**

**ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN**

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**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 8, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Geyer Balog, James Madison, Robert Stacey  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** No sign in due to COVID

**PLEDGE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Additions: Priority Health

Deletions: None

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving agenda as amended. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving minutes from November 24, 2021. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approving minutes of closed session held November 24, 2021, yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, approving minutes of special meeting held December 1, 2021. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Madison, approving payment of claims & accounts with additional bills. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TREASURER:**

Cheri Eggett, Treasurer present. Topics included: completed Treasurer Training, request permission to close Treasurer's Administration Fund Account, ARPA fund balance is \$896,587.35, discussed if ARPA Funds could pay for the keyless entry project, wrap grant would cover safety-oriented projects, contact MERMA to see if funds would be available.

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Balog, directing Treasurer to close the Treasurer's Administration Fund at Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union and deposit the balance of \$9,078.98 into the County Improvement Fund and use that balance for improvements to the Treasurer's Office. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Chad Brown present. Topics included: Toys for Tots event at Family Dollar on December 11, 2021, from 10 – 4, Purple Pillow Organization who provides blankets and pillows to families that are in need contacted Sheriff Brown to obtain names of people who could use the gifts, snowmobile grant in the amount of \$1,700.00, have received no applicant for 3 open positions, discussed way to attract applicants.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**EWING LAWSUIT:**

Letter regarding the Ewing lawsuit has been prepared and provided to all board members to review later.

**KEYLESS ENTRY:**

Keyless entry project was scheduled to be begin on Monday, but the Court House was closed because of severe weather.

**ARPA FUND:**

Report from Straley, Lamp & Kraenzlein outlined who qualifies as essential workers, after annual raise if given, premium pay could be given to essential workers using the ARPA Funds, elected officials will be included.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**EXTENSION SERVICES AGREEMENT:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, table agreement to the next board meeting. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**LONGEVITY PAY:**

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, all county non-union employees are entitled to longevity pay after 9 years of service at the rate of \$50.00 per year. Service is defined as, full-time (1 year) part-time is 2 years equal (1 year) up to 30 years of employment for a maximum of \$1,500.00. Longevity is paid to eligible employees the month of December beginning fiscal year 2022. Yes: 3 (Madison, Girardin, Stacey), Nays: 1 (Balog), Abstained: 1 (Edwards), Motion passed.

**PARADIGN MEDICAL BENEFIT:**

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, authorizing Paradigm to prepare a quote for medical benefits and give presentation to the board on 1/24/2021. Yes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**PROBATE COURT ATTORNEY CONTRACT:**

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, approve annual contract to Probate Court Attorney Kenneth Radzibon in the amount of \$13,200.00 for the year to be paid monthly. Yes: 5 (Roll call: Madison, Girardin, Edwards, Stacey, Balog), Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**TUSCOLA COUNTY LAWSUIT (OPEN MEETING ACT AMENDMENTS):**

Motion Madison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, to support Tuscola County with monetary support with a cap of \$100.00. Yes: 1 (Roll call: Madison), Nays 4: (Roll call: Girardin, Edwards, Stacey, Balog), Motion failed.

Motion Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Girardin, supporting the Tuscola County Lawsuit with monetary support not to exceed \$1,500.00. Yes: 4 (Roll call: Edwards, Stacey, Madison), Nays: 1: (Roll call: Balog), Motion passed.

**LONGEVITY FOR YEAR 2021:**

Vicki Kundinger addressed the board about longevity pay for Sherrie Collier and herself, discussed what could be done to compensate for accumulated years of service and how they could be compensated in fiscal 2021.

10:05 AM break, back in session 10:13 AM

Vice Chairman Girardin takes charge of meeting in Chairman Edwards absence.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, to table 2021 Longevity to the next board meeting. Yes: 4, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Madison: None  
Balog: NEMSCA  
Stacey: Security  
Discussed right to carry firearms in the county building.  
Girardin: Finance, Claims

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Teresa Walker ask for more clarification on employees carrying firearms into the building. Main concern would be liability to the county.

**OTHER:**

None

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey, to take a break and return at 11 AM. Yes: 5, Nays: 0.

Back in session 11:02 AM

**BUDGET:**

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

Present John LaFleche, Request to inactivate line 101-265-752-170 and combine with 101-265-752.000, memo to be prepared.

Topics included: contract with Cintas for uniforms and mats, if ADA or ARPA funds can be used to replace the elevator in the front entrance of the building, John is to see if the generator can be connected to Annex Building B, check into Infrastructure Bill to see if funds would be available to cover cost of repaving parking lots, budget lines 101-265-030.000 through 101-265-060.000 will be deactivated and combined with 101-265-913.020 memo to be prepared.

**EQUALIZATION:**

Present Amber Woehlert present, budget reviewed.

Break for Lunch will return at 1:00 PM.

Back in session 1:11 PM.

**SHERIFF BUDGET:**

Present Sheriff Chad Brown, Under Sheriff Brian Crane, Topics included: Sheriff request that all Overtime Training Lines be marked inactive and coded under overtime, Union Contract offered and rejected, need addition of a radio repair line in the budget, small changes to names of general ledger line items, negative balance in the in gas expense line are due to journal entries that have been made, inactivate the internet line in the budget.

**MECHANIC BUDGET:**

Reviewed.

**JAIL BUDGET:**

Reviewed.

**MILLAGE FUND:**

Eliminate overtime training line.

**260, 261 & 266 FUNDS:**

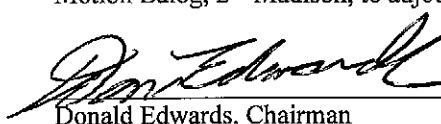
Reviewed

**PROBATE COURT:**

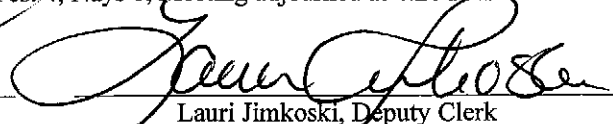
Present Jodi Gordon, Topics included: need a better way to track probate attorney line as it is operating in the negative due to Family Court indigent attorney fees, 101-146-818.000 will be used for Kenneth Radzibon and out of county attorney fees for Probate Court only, request for reimbursement for cost of cell phones for Lora Green and Jodi Gordon in the amount of \$35.00 for Lora and \$20.00 for Jodi per month as they use their personal phones for court services, request a stipend for Official Court Reporter, request for parttime person for year. Requests for stipend and parttime person will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Will continue Budget discussion at 11 AM on Monday 12/13/2021, Special Board Meeting will be posted.

Motion Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> Madison, to adjourn meeting. Yes: 4, Nays 0, Meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM.



Donald Edwards, Chairman



Lauri Jimkoski, Deputy Clerk

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, December 22, 2021

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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners.**

### Special Meeting Request

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Date: 12/14/2021  
To: Cheryl Neilsen  
From: BOC  
Re: Special Meeting 12/14/2021

Dear Madam Clerk,

Please accept this letter as notification there will be a special meeting held on Tuesday December 14 at 9:00 am in Courtroom B. At the request of the board chairman Don Edwards and Commissioners regarding Budget for 2022. This could be a full day session again. But they are hoping to complete it.

Sincerely,

Dawn Hubbard  
Montmorency County BOC  
Administrative Assistant



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## **Montmorency County Board of Commissioners**

### **Special Board Meeting Agenda**

**December 14, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Boardroom/Courtroom**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Budget for 2022

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **OTHER**

#### **ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN**

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NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, December 22, 2021

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**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 14, 2021**

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

ABSENT/EXC.: None

ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE

BUDGET 2022:

Animal Shelter amount discussed; MMRMA decrease in premium; Retirement; Pay Increases; Premium Pay

Budget amounts from last meeting already posted in the Tribune and with today's modifications:

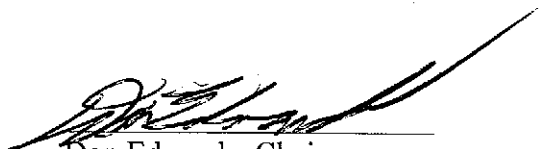
Expenses: \$4,721,147.61

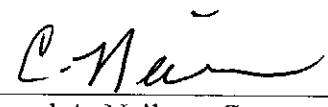
Revenues: \$5,382,743.01

Discussed putting in budget for the 3 new sheriff officers. No additional raises above the 4% being done today.

Motion by Geyer, second by Girardin giving a 4% raise (non-union) for full time, part time and elected (not including contractual and BOC) effective 1/1/2022. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Madison, Girardin, Edwards, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:28 A.M. Motion Balog, seconded Stacey adjourning meeting. All in favor.

  
Don Edwards, Chairperson

  
Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk

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## Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

### Regular Board Meeting Agenda December 22, 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
- Claims and Accounts

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Longevity (Vicki Kunding)
- Approval of 2022 Budget
- MSU Extension Contract

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Millennia Contract
- Building inspector benefits
- Valley Insurance/ Dental Plan
- Person at large for MCCOA Lewiston

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### OTHER

*Add on's:*  
App. of Spec Min. 12-14-21  
Budget Hearing / 10 Am  
Probate Ct P.T. Position  
Ewing Case Update  
Pay Inc. BRD. Admin.  
Veteran officer Disc.  
Closed Session: Union  
Employee Benefits  
Emerg. Manager Benefit

ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN

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**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING HELD DECEMBER 22, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Robert Stacey via zoom, Geyer Balog

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** James Madison

**PLEDGE**

**ADD/DELETIONS:**

**Add:** Approval of Minutes Dec. 12, 2021; 2022 Budget Hearing @ 10 AM; Probate Part-time position; Ewing Case update; 90 Day Pay Increase f/Board Administrator; Veteran Officer Discussion; Closed Session-Union Negotiations; Employee benefits; Emergency Manager Benefits

**Delete:** None

Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approving the agenda with the additions. Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.  
(Stacey zoomed into meeting)

**MINUTES:**

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

Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approving the special meeting minutes of December 14, 2021. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Balog, seconded Girardin approving payment of bills (Regular: \$51,435.65, Desk \$259,543.58 & Not Entered \$6184.72 Totaling: \$317,163.85). Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Cheri Eggett present. Revenue and Expense report handed out. Fund Balance at \$1.3. Mutts contest went well and netted an additional fifty tags. Swamp Tax received.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Brown present. Inmate count at 10. Investigating threat at the Hillman School. Donations collected for Pillows For All.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**LONGEVITY:** Prosecutor Kunding present. Requesting longevity pay for herself and Sherri for prior years of service. Discussion. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin authorizing payment of longevity to Vicki Kunding for years 1985-1989 and 1/2015 forward. Yeas: 3 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 1 (Balog) Motion carried.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin authorizing payment of longevity to Sherrie Collier for prior years' service. Yeas: 3 Nays: 1 (Balog) Motion carried.

**MSU EXTENSION CONTRACT:** Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approving agreement for MSU year 2022. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**EWING CASE UPDATE:** Letter received, information only.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MILLENNIA CONTRACT:** Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog approving the Silver Support 5-year contract. Discussion. Withdraws motion. Need more info on what the current plan is.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR BENEFITS:** Motion by Edwards, seconded by Stacey effective 1/1/2021 Joe Stone is full time; to receive \$125 p/month in lieu of health insurance and longevity. Discussion. Yeas: 3 (Edwards, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 1 (Balog) Motion carried.

**VETERANS OFFICER:** Discussion on Veterans Officer going to other counties for ceremonies and charging the county. He is to request approval ahead of time before going.

**PROBATE PART TIME REQUEST:** Jodi Gordon, Probate Register appeared via zoom. Requesting part time person for 2022. Discussion. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving hiring a part time person for 2022 for 27 hrs. per week @ \$15 p/hr. Yeas: 3 (Roll call: Girardin, Stacey, Edwards) Nays: 1 (Balog) Motion carried.

**MCCOA:** Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approving appointment of Richard Perry to MCCOA Lewiston at Large. Discussion on what is the term. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Balog, seconded by Edwards to inform MCCOA to submit a letter for members appointed along with contact info and terms. Yes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**BOARD ADMIN PAY INCREASE:** 90-day probation period up. Discussion. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Stacey to raise pay to \$16.83 p/hr. for Dawn Hubbard, Board Admin. Discussion. Yeas: 0 Nays: 4 Motion failed.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog to raise pay to \$17.65 effective 12/13/2021. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2022 BUDGET**

New numbers put in for pay increases etc. New numbers are

REVENUES: \$5,322,746.01

EXPENSES: \$5,014,507.90

Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approving the 2022 General Fund budget. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:10 A.M. Break

10:17 A.M. Back in session.

**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

**VALLEY INS. DENTAL PLAN:** Information only. No action taken. Already in place for employees if they want to participate.

**MILLENNIA CONTRACT CON'T:** We currently have the Bronze program. Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin to go with the Bronze program for 5 years. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**10:30 A.M. CLOSED SESSION/UNION NEG.:** Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin to go into closed session for union negotiation discussion. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**11:00 A.M.** Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin to return to open session. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**UNION CONTRACT:** Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approving the POAM Union agreement as presented by Attorney Schultz tentative agreement 12/19/2021. Discussion. Yeas: 3 (Roll call: Girardin, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 1 (Edwards) Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ARPA PAY:** Discussed ARPA pay for non-union. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Edwards that all non-union, ARPA eligible including Part Time, Contractual, Elected and Salary except for Board of Commissioners receive \$2000.00 Hazard Pay bonus during calendar year 2021 and prorated to hire date. Discussion. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

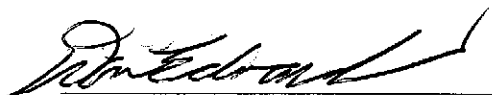
**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Balog: MCCOA, Michigan Works  
Stacey: Sheriff  
Edwards: Finance, Claims & Accounts, Landfill, District Health #4  
Girardin: Claims & Accounts, Finance, Landfill, Sheriff  
Madison: absent

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

11:27A.M. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Balog to adjourn. All in favor.

  
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Don Edwards, Chair

  
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Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk