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## County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners

### Board Meeting Agenda

March 12, 2026

9:00 AM

Boardroom/Courtroom B

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. BOC Meeting: February 26, 2026
6. Claims & Accounts
  - a. February 27, 2026, through March 12, 2026
7. Limited Public Comment (*3 minutes*)
8. Special Presentations: NONE
9. Department Head Reports: NONE
10. Committee Reports
11. Controller's Report
12. Discussion Items:
  - a. District 4 Commissioner Candidate Interview Questions
13. Unfinished Business (Action Items) *Brownfield Redevelopment Reso. Discussion*
14. New Business (Action Items)
  - a. Avery Township Zoning Amendment – Waiver of Review
  - b. Appointment of New District 4 Commissioner
  - c. Reassignment of Committee Appointments
15. Adjourn

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held at 9:00 AM on Thursday, March 26, 2026

**THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT OF MICHIGAN, PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 267 OF 1976 PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES. PROFANITY AND PERSONAL ATTACKS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 2026**

PRESENT: Bob DeVriendt, Mary Hardies, Lloyd Peltier, Michelle Hamlin  
ABSENT/EXCUSED:  
PLEDGE

**AGENDA:**

Additions: Brownfield Redevelopment Resolution discussion  
Deletions:

Motion by Hardies, seconded by Hamlin to approve the agenda with the addition. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Peltier, seconded by Hamlin approving the minutes from the regular meeting held February 26, 2026. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Peltier, seconded by Hardies to approve claims and accounts from February 27, 2026, through March 12, 2026. (Claims: \$49,752.87; EFT's: \$348,901.42; Desk Checks: \$69,983.95; Grand Total: \$468,638.24) Yeas: 4 (Roll Call: DeVriendt, Hardies, Peltier, Hamlin) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Doug Morrison commented on the meeting times being changed.

Christine Tolan commented on the first amendment.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

DeVriendt: Landfill  
Hamlin: Finance, Personnel and Sheriff  
Peltier: NEMCSA  
Hardies: Finance, Personnel and Sheriff

**COUNTY CONTROLLER REPORT:**

Aprille Williamson, County Controller present. TOPICS: Critical Incident Mapping Grant has been submitted to the state. The preliminary FY25 budget adjustments have been completed for the audit to begin. Sheriff Brown and Aprille spoke about removing the Undersheriff position and creating a union captain position so that promotion allows the individual to stay within the union contract. Will be added to the agenda in April. Nicole Coss with MERS will be here on Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> to meet with everyone and answer questions. All MERS accounts had great investment gains for 2025. Soil Erosion Ordinance was supposed to be on the agenda today; however, it must be postponed till she gets approval from EGLE to move forward. Once she gets the approval she will add it to the agenda. Currently looking into getting Congressionally Directed Spending for the county to make upgrades to the Sheriff Department, Dispatch

Center, Radios and Emergency Operations Center. Also requested appropriations be committed for Lake Hiawatha Special Assessment projects to help offset those costs. Sheriff Brown is getting a list of items that need to be repaired or replaced at the Sheriff's Department so she can put together a project scope to start requesting bids. Auditors will be onsite starting April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS: Interviewed John Sokoll and James Madison.

9:29 A.M. Break  
9:34 A.M. Back in session. All present.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner DeVriendt asked some questions on the 2025 revenue and expenditure report. Aprille explained that the auditors will make some journal entries and that they go over the entire report.

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION DISCUSSION: Motion by Hardies, seconded by Peltier to rescind the resolution of intent that was adopted on January 22, 2026 (Resolution #2026-04). Yeas: 4 (Roll Call: Hardies, Peltier, Hamlin, DeVriendt) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

2026-06 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO ACT 381 OF 1996 (DeVriendt/Hamlin) Yeas: 2 (Roll Call: DeVriendt, Hamlin) Nays: 2 (Roll Call: Peltier, Hardies) Resolution failed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

AVERY TOWNSHIP ZONING AMENDEMENT-WAIVER OF REVIEW: Motion by Hardies, seconded by Peltier to waive the County's right to review the Avery Township Zoning amendment from February 2026. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER: Motion by Peltier, seconded by Hamlin to appoint James Madison to fill the District #4 Commissioner vacancy effective immediately until the next general election. Yeas: 3 (Roll Call: Hamlin, Hardies, Peltier) Nays: 1 (Roll Call: DeVriendt)

REASSIGNMENT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Hardies, seconded by Peltier to approve the reassignment of the committee appointments to James Madison as presented effective immediately (Alternate for 911 LEPC & LEPT; Michigan Northern Counties Association; Solid Waste Management and Local Court Management). Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

10:01 A.M. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Hardies.

Minutes prepared by:

  
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Lori Curwin, Deputy Clerk

Approved Date 3-22-26

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## **County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners**

### **Resolution #2026-06 FAILED**

#### **RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO ACT 381 OF 1996**

At the meeting of the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners held in the County of Montmorency Building located in Atlanta, Michigan on **March 12, 2026**.

**PRESENT: Bob DeVriendt, Michelle Hamlin, Mary Hardies, and Lloyd Peltier**

**ABSENT: None**

The following resolution was made by **Bob DeVriendt** and seconded by **Michelle Hamlin**, to-wit:

**WHEREAS**, the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed information indicating that there are or may be environmentally distressed, functionally obsolete, and/or blighted areas within the County of Montmorency; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued existence of such conditions can limit, hinder, or delay the redevelopment and revitalization of property within the County of Montmorency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interest of the public to facilitate the identification and treatment of such areas in order to promote redevelopment and revitalization within the County of Montmorency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners is authorized under the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act"), to create and provide for the operation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4(2) of the Act requires the Board of Commissioners to hold a public hearing on the adoption of a resolution creating a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and to provide notice of such public hearing.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. **Public Purpose.** The Board of Commissioners hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the public to promote the redevelopment of environmentally distressed, functionally obsolete, and/or blighted areas within the County of Montmorency.

2. **Intent to Establish Authority.** The Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent to create and provide for the operation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the County of Montmorency pursuant to and in accordance with the Act.
3. **Public Hearing.** A public hearing shall be held before the Board of Commissioners on May 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Montmorency County Building, Courtroom B, 12265 M-32, Atlanta, Michigan 49709, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed creation of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.
4. **4. Notice of Public Hearing.** Notice of the public hearing shall be provided by the County in accordance with Section 4(2) of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, including publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the County of Montmorency not less than twenty (20) days nor more than forty (40) days prior to the hearing date, and posting of notice as required by law.

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**RESOLUTION DEEMED FAILED**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**APPROVE: Robert DeVriendt & Michelle Hamlin**

**DENY: Mary Hardies and Lloyd Peltier**

**ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None**

Signed by:  
*Mary Hardies*  
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Mary Hardies, Chairperson  
County of Montmorency BOC, Michigan

Dated: **March 12, 2026**

**CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF MICHIGAN                    )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF MONTMORENCY        )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Montmorency County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the   12th   day of March, 2026, and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, and further certify that the above resolution was adopted at said meeting.

Dated: 3-12-2026

*Cheryl A. Neilsen*  
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Cheryl A. Neilsen, Clerk  
County of Montmorency, Michigan