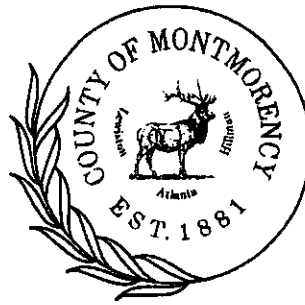


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## County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners

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### Board Meeting Agenda

April 23, 2026

9:00 AM

Boardroom/Courtroom B

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. BOC Meeting: April 9, 2026
6. Claims & Accounts
  - a. April 10, 2026, through April 23, 2026
7. Limited Public Comment (*3 minutes*)
8. Special Presentations: None
9. Department Head Reports:
  - a. Emergency Management Director
10. Committee Reports
11. Controller's Report
12. Discussion Items:
  - a. Flooding Local & State of Emergency Update
13. Unfinished Business (Action Items)
  - a. MCCOA Millage Language Approval
14. New Business (Action Items)
  - a. MCCOA Appointment-- Fred Kochis, Hillman Trustee at Large – term ending 3/19/2029
  - b. Clerk's Office – Chief Deputy Retirement
15. Adjourn

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held at 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 14, 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 APRIL 23, 2026**

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

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None

**PLEDGE**

**ADD/DELETIONS:**

Add: None

Delete: None

Motion by Hardies, seconded by Peltier approving the agenda. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Peltier, seconded by Madison approving the regular meeting minutes of April 9, 2026. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Motion by Hamlin, seconded by Hardies approving payment of claims dated April 10, 2026-April 23, 2026 (Claims: \$23,637.93; EFT'S: \$197,316.48 Desk Checks: \$10,224.95 for a total of \$231,179.36). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Hardies, Peltier, Hamlin, Madison, DeVriendt) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Denny Davis: Atlanta Senior Center to be repaired; Supreme Court Justice Speech; Opposes MCOOA millage request.

Beverly Crawford: MCOOA services that have continued, including home delivered meals.

Corleen Proulx, MCOOA board member: Request to renew the MCOOA millage.

William Houston, Atlanta Senior Center Trustee: MCOOA, services not guaranteed.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

None

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR:** Sarah Melching present. Northern training exercises have been cancelled. Working with Red Cross and sending out surveys to organizations to see who would be interested in becoming a shelter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Hamlin: FPS, District Health #4

Peltier: Mental Health

Hardies: FPS, District Health #4, ILA, E.M. meetings

DeVriendt: Landfill

Madison: Landfill

**CONTROLLER REPORT:**

Aprille Williamson present. Letters of support requested. Motion by Hardies, seconded by Madison to send a letter of support to NEMSCA supporting MCOOA and their programs, and for continued funding through the state. Yeas: 4 Nays: 1 (DeVriendt). Motion passed.

Topics: RAP grants for doors and camera's; MERS education June 22<sup>nd</sup>; Soil Erosion still under review; update on auditors, full report in June; will get roof and leaks looked at as soon as things dry up.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**FLOODING LOCAL AND STATE OF EMERGENCY UPDATE:** Sarah Melching, E.M. present. A local and state emergency declaration was made. Various meetings were held during the week of the flooding, contact with Todd Behring, Drain Commissioner on the dams, road washout, and water over roads. Financial impacts on budget and importance of proper documentation and gathering of as much information as possible. The County web page will have a self-assessment link for reporting of damage for residents and businesses.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**MCCOA MILLAGE LANGUAGE APPROVAL:** Motion by Peltier, seconded by Madison accepting the MCCOA millage language and place on the August ballot. Discussion. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Peltier, Hamling, Madison, Hardies) Nays: 1 (DeVriendt) Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**


**MCCOA APPOINTMENT:** It was stated that MCCOA was still working from the old by-laws. Motion by Hardies, seconded by Peltier confirming the appointment of Fred Kochis, as Hillman Trustee, At Large, for the term ending 3/19/2029. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Hamlin, Madison, DeVriendt, Hardies, Peltier) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Motion by DeVriendt, seconded by Hardies re-establishing a County Commissioner for the MCCOA board. Discussion (Commissioner DeVriendt assigned). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Madison, DeVriendt, Hardies, Peltier, Hamlin) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**COUNTY CLERK CHIEF DEPUTY RETIREMENT:** Clerk Neilsen present, Chief Deputy Morton retiring May 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Clerk Curwin will be taking over as Chief Deputy effective May 18<sup>th</sup>. Will be advertising for a vacant position.

10:01 A.M. Meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

Minutes prepared by:

  
Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk  
Date approved: 5-14-2026