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County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners

Board Meeting Agenda

April 9, 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: March 26, 2026
6. Claims & Accounts
 - a. March 26, 2026, through April 9, 2026
7. Limited Public Comment (*3 minutes*)
8. Special Presentations: NONE
9. Department Head Reports:
10. Committee Reports
11. Controller's Report
12. Discussion Items:
13. Unfinished Business (Action Items)
14. New Business (Action Items)
 - a. Motion to Begin Union Negotiations and Possible LOA for Captain Position
 - b. Opioid Settlement Additional Participation Agreements – Resolution #2026-08
 - c. End of Year Assess Value – Amber Woehlert
 - d. Treasurer Office: Employee Resignation & appointment of new Chief Deputy
15. Adjourn

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

PRESENT: Michelle Hamlin, Mary Hardies, Lloyd Peltier, Bob DeVriendt, James Madison
ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

PLEDGE

AGENDA:

Add: None

Delete: None

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Hardies, seconded by Hamlin approving the regular meeting minutes of March 26, 2026. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Motion by Hamlin, seconded Peltier approving March 27-April 9, 2026, claims (Claims: \$24,546.16; EFT's \$242,599.46; Desk Checks: \$308,726.51; Total: \$575,872.13). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Hamlin, Madison, DeVriendt, Hardies, Peltier) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Buchey, MCCOA Chair: MCCOA costs

Beverly Crawford, Executive Director: MCCOA funding sources & what they provide

Doug Morrison, Hillman Resident: Requests 2 public comments, requests answers to questions, budget shortages and auditor, lease cars.

William Houston, Atlanta Senior Trustee: Atlanta Seniors meeting at old VFW hall, MCCOA minutes, revenue data.

Beverly Crawford: Response to Mr. Houston comments on MCCOA

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DeVriendt: Landfill

Peltier: TBTA

Hamlin: FPS

Madison: Landfill

Hardies: FPS

CONTROLLER REPORT:

Controller Williamson present. Topics: Cameras and door system upgrade to start next week with EPS \$65,913.15, 5-year contract and request 50% reimbursement with MMRMA. Funding request sent for Emergency Communications, Dispatch and Operations Modernization project. MEDC Food Grant money received and distributed. MMRMA RAP grant approved for body camera reimbursement. Audit 4/21, MERS education meeting, comments on ending 2025 preliminary budget figures, lease cars, union negotiations.

Motion by Hardies, seconded by Peltier to authorize the Controller/Administrator to initiate collective bargaining discussions with the POLC, including soliciting union proposals and developing a preliminary successor agreement for the board's consideration. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

UNION NEGOTIATIONS/CAPTAIN POSITON: Sheriff Brown, present and not interested in pursuing a Captains position in lieu of an Under Sheriff and requests the board consideration to sit down and discuss option of being able to promote within but not have the person lose their benefits, specifically retiree health. Motion by DeVriendt, pursue the option of looking into maintaining the benefits for any promotion to the Under Sheriff position and maintaining the pension/retirement benefits. No support. Motion fails for lack of support.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT:

Resolution 2026-08

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS IN PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION (Madison/Hardies) Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Madison, DeVriendt, Hardies, Peltier, Hamlin) Nays: 0 Resolution passed.

END OF THE YEAR ASSESS VALUE: Amber Woehlert, E.Q. Director present. Motion by Hardies, seconded by Hamlin authorizing signature on the L-4037, 4027, 4022 & 4024. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

TREASURER OFFICE EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION & APPT. OF NEW CHIEF DEPUTY: Elizabeth has resigned her position as Chief Deputy and Camille LaPorte is taking her place. Motion by Hardies, seconded by Hamlin removing Elizabeth Bloxsom (White) effective immediately and adding Camille LaPorte. Bank Accounts will have the following names on all accounts: Aprille Williamson, County Controller; Linsey Rogers, County Treasurer and Camille LaPorte, Chief Deputy Treasurer. Accounts are as follows:

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union ending in:

- XXX6842-000, -040
- XXX3386-000, -030, -031, -032, -033, -034, -035, -036, -037, -040, -820
- XXX5194-000, -030
- XXX2722-000, -040
- XXX1778-000, -040
- XXX7825-000, -030, -040

Community Financial Credit Union ending in:

XXX8174-00

Nicolet National Bank ending in:

- XXXXXX12401
- XXXXXX3296
- XXXXX2004
- XXXXXX12609
- XXXXXX12807
- XXXXXX12757
- XXXXXX03304

For MiClass Accounts ending in:

XXXX0933

10:04 A.M. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Cheryl A. Neilsen
Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk

Approved Date: 4-23-2024

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Resolution #2026-08

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

At the meeting of the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners held in the County of Montmorency Building located in Atlanta, Michigan on **April 9, 2026**.

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

ABSENT: None

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

WHEREAS, the County of Montmorency filed a lawsuit to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic;

AND WHEREAS Associated Pharmacies, Inc.; J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; United Natural Foods, Inc.; and their subsidiaries ("Six Remnant Defendants") have negotiated a proposed settlement agreement ("Proposed Settlement") for Eligible Entities;

AND WHEREAS the Proposed Settlement contains an agreement for the Six Remnant Defendants to pay a combined \$97,625,000.00 in cash to resolve pending opioid-related litigation;

AND WHEREAS the County of Montmorency previously executed Participation Agreements for the Distributor and Janssen Settlements, the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart, Walgreens Settlements, the Kroger Settlement, the Sandoz Settlement, and the Secondary Manufacturer and Purdue/Sackler Settlements, which have conferred and continue to confer valuable benefits;

NOW THEREFORE, the County of Montmorency authorizes the execution of a Participation Agreement for the Remnant Defendants Settlement.

(Left blank intentionally)

RESOLUTION DEEMED APPROVED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

APPROVE: Madison, DeVriendt, Hardies, Peltier and Hamlin

DENY: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

Signed by:
Mary Hardies

Mary Hardies, Chairperson
County of Montmorency BOC, Michigan

Dated: **April 9, 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 9th day of April, 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.

Cheryl A. Neilsen

Cheryl A. Neilsen, Clerk
County of Montmorency, Michigan

Dated: 4-16-2026