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County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners

Board Meeting Agenda
July 23, 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: July 9, 2026:
        i. Correction to Claims Amounts – Desk Checks $86,438.08 and Total $317,285.35

6. Claims & Accounts
    a. July 10, 2026, through July 23, 2026

7. Limited Public Comment *(3 minutes)*

8. Special Presentations: None
9. Department Head Reports:
    ~~a. Emergency Management Director~~ Removed

10. Committee Reports
11. Controller's Report
    a. FY26 Budget Adjustments

12. Discussion Items
13. Unfinished Business (Action Items)

14. New Business (Action Items)
    a. Headlee Override Millage Language Proposal

15. Adjourn

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held at 9:00 AM on Thursday, August 13, 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 JULY 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 Peltier, seconded by Hamlin approving the agenda. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

MINUTES:
Motion by DeVriendt, seconded by Hamlin approving the regular meeting minutes of June 25, 2026 (Desk Checks corrected from $85,838.08 to $86,438.08 and totals from $316,685.35 to $317,285.35). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Hardies, Peltier, Hamlin, Madison, DeVriendt) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:
Motion by Hamlin, seconded by Hardies approving payment of claims for July 10, 2026-July 23, 2026 (Claims: $131,732.09; EFT'S: $143,751.86 Desk Checks: $66,435.97 for a total of $341,919.92). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Peltier, Hamlin, Madison, DeVriendt, Hardies) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
William Houston, Atlanta Senior Center Trustee: MCCOA and actual action vs what said or written, communication.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:
None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Hamlin: FPS, DHD#4
Peltier: N.E. Community Mental Health
Hardies: FPS, ILA, DHD#4
DeVriendt: Landfill
Madison: Landfill

CONTROLLER REPORT:
Aprille Williamson present. Topics: Mileage rate effective 7/1/26 went to .76 cents.

Budget amendments 2026-02: Motion by Hardies, seconded by Peltier approving the 2026 budget amendments as presented by the Controller (see attached). Discussion. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Hamlin, Madison, DeVriendt, Hardies, Peltier) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Motion by Hardies, seconded by Peltier approving a $40,000.00 transfer from the Personnel Contingency Fund to the General Fund to offset increased FY2026 MERS retirement costs reflected with Budget Amendment #2026-02. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Madison, DeVriendt, Hardies, Peltier, Hamlin) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Motion by Hardies, seconded by Hamlin authorizing the Controller to complete the necessary journal entries transferring $37,977.34 of accrued interfund interest (2021 through June 30, 2026) to General Fund in accordance with

Budget Amendment #2026-02. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: DeVriendt, Hardies, Peltier, Hamlin, Madison) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Continued topics: 2027 budget, MERS 2027 Actuarial and increase for 2027; Sheriff patrol vehicle update; MMRMA Rap grant; Materials Management public hearing set for 10/8/26, draft to be placed on website.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
HEADLEE OVERRIDE MILLAGE LANGUAGE PROPOSAL: Discussion.

Resolution 2026-11	RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE A TAX LEVY OF 0.9296 MILLS FOR EIGHT (8) YEARS TO OFFSET THE REQUIRED MILLAGE ROLLBACK OF THE PREVIOUS VOTED MONTMORENCY COUNTY TAX ALLOCATION RATE OF 5.75 MILLS (Hardies/Hamlin) Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Hardies, Peltier, Hamlin, Madison) Nays: 1 (DeVriendt) Resolution passed.

9:46 A.M. Meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

Minutes prepared by:

Cheryl A Neilsen

Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk
Date approved: 8.13-2026

COUNTY OF MONTMORENCY
BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVAL FORM
FPS Committee & Board of Commissioners

Amendment # 2026-02

PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT

Pursuant to the County General Appropriations Act the following budget amendment(s) are presented for review and approval. Amendments exceeding $5,000 require approval by the Finance, Personnel & Sheriff Committee. Amendments exceeding $10,000 additionally require approval by the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners.

AMENDMENTS ATTACHED

TOTAL AMENDMENTS PRESENTED: Multiple Funds – See Attached Report

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FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The requested amendment(s):

☐ Do not increase the overall department budget appropriation.
☑ Require reallocation within existing appropriations.
☑ Require use of contingency and/or fund balance.
☑ Require recognition of additional revenue.
☒ Other: Recognition of additional revenues, expenditure appropriations, retirement and fringe benefit adjustments, workers' compensation updates, grant corrections, capital project appropriations, interfund interest allocations, departmental budget reallocations, and transfer appropriations affecting multiple county funds.

Controller/Administrator Review Notes:

Fund	Revenue	Expenditures	Surplus/Deficit Increase
General Fund-101	$95,817.30	$93,852.06	Surplus $1,965.24
Sheriff Millage-207	$2,000	$13,368.28	Deficit $11,368.28
Building Dept-249	$0	($10)	Surplus $10
911 Service-261	$0	$37,832.65	Deficit $37,832.65
DTRF-516	$78,970	$0	Surplus $78,970
Cty Foreclosure-519	($73,720)	$86,900	Deficit $160,620

Personnel Contingency Fund Transfer Out $40,000 to GF, subject to board approval.

County Improvement Fund Transfer Out – already Board approved.

Interest Allocations: Interfund transfers totaling $37,977.34 from accrued interest (2021–6/30/2026), subject to Board approval. See attached funds on details sheet.

COMPLIANCE REVIEW

The Controller's Office has reviewed the submitted amendment request(s) and determined:

☑ Supporting documentation has been provided.
☑ Requested amendment complies with the adopted General Appropriations Act.
☑ Sufficient appropriations and/or funding sources are available.
☑ Amendment requires FPS Committee approval pursuant to County policy.
☑ Amendment additionally requires BOC approval pursuant to County policy.

FPS COMMITTEE ACTION *(Required for amendments over $5,000)*

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

☐ Approved
☐ Denied
☐ Tabled

FPS Committee Action Date: _____

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACTION *(Required for amendments over $10,000)*

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

☐ Approved
☐ Denied
☐ Tabled

Board Action Date: _____

CONTROLLER CERTIFICATION

I certify that the attached amendment(s) have been reviewed for compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (PA 2 of 1968), the County General Appropriations Act, County financial policies, and available appropriations. Supporting documentation has been reviewed and is attached.

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Controller/Administrator **Date**

7/23/2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT REPORT FOR COUNTY OF MONTMORENCY

GL Number	Description	Revenue Increase (Decrease)	Expenses Increase (Decrease)	Notes
101-000-441.000	LOCAL/OTHER TAXES	75.00	-	Increased Revenue
101-000-667.000	RENTAL COURTHOUSE SPACE	193.11	-	Space Rental - additional income received
101-000-676.000	REIMBURSEMENTS	42,692.09	-	RAP Grant Reimbursements Incoming
101-000-678.000	OTHER REVENUE	850.00	-	Increased Revenue
101-000-687.000	REFUNDS	1,000.00	-	Increased Revenue
101-000-699.000	INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN	122,923.40	-	Interest Allocations from Other funds, Contingency Fund Transfer Ins
101-101-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(65.50)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-172-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(184.50)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-192-805.000	ACCOUNTING		2,125.00	Increase to Audit Cost for Significant Deficiencies Found and Documented
101-192-900.000	PUBLICATIONS/NOTICE FEES		500.00	Increase for ordinance postings, MMP postings, and job postings
101-192-956.000	BANK FEES, TAXES, & PENALTIES		2,175.00	Additional amount for monthly charges on bank accounts
101-215-718.000	HEALTH INSURANCE		(6,760.38)	Change in insurance costs for employee change in Clerk's office
101-215-718.010	DENTAL INSURANCE		(286.84)	Change in insurance costs for employee change in Clerk's office
101-215-718.020	VISION INSURANCE		(64.70)	Change in insurance costs for employee change in Clerk's office
101-215-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(220.50)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-253-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(88.00)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-257-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(169.50)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-257-752.000	SUPPLIES		(61.96)	Equalization adjustment request
101-257-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS		61.96	Equalization adjustment request
101-262-704.000	PER DIEMS		(600.00)	Clerk request
101-262-860.000	TRAVEL/GEN EXPENSE		600.00	Clerk request
101-265-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		204.50	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-265-814.000	SECURITY		(8,928.00)	New contract w/EPS - waived the first year of all monitoring costs for access & camera system
101-265-971.000	EQUIPMENT - CAPITAL OUTLAY		44,946.06	Board approved - camera and access system install costs
101-286-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(256.00)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-294-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(660.00)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-296-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(258.50)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-301-717.000	RETIREMENT		147,781.43	MERS pension retirement cost increases
101-301-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(1,222.50)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-302-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(68.00)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-302-752.000	SUPPLIES		(100.00)	Budget adjusment request
101-302-813.000	FLEET LEASES		(25,878.18)	Fleet Leases received later in year than expected
101-302-862.000	TOWING		100.00	Budget adjusment request
101-333-717.000	RETIREMENT		6,693.93	MERS pension retirement cost increases
101-333-718.000	HEALTH INSURANCE		(1,068.90)	Insurnace cost adjustment
101-333-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		0.42	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-333-752.000	SUPPLIES		(225.03)	Adjustment to SRP grant for Retirement increase
101-333-803.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		(4,000.00)	Adjustment to SRP grant for Retirement increase
101-333-860.000	TRAVEL/GEN EXPENSE		(900.00)	Adjustment to SRP grant for Retirement increase
101-333-960.000	TRAINING		(500.00)	Adjustment to SRP grant for Retirement increase
101-335-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		34.00	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-351-803.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		1,983.40	CPI increase for Jail Contract with Alpena County higher than budgeted
101-425-528.000	FEDERAL GRANTS - OTHER	(71,916.30)		Funds were accounted for in FY25 audited financials
101-425-700.000	EXPENDITURES		(71,916.30)	Funds were accounted for in FY25 audited financials
101-426-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(24.50)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
101-682-860.000	TRAVEL/GEN EXPENSE		82.00	Budget adjusment request
101-690-957.000	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE		11,264.65	CDBG Housing Payments Received 7/1/25 to 6/30/26 $61,264.65 paid to SOM
101-711-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(192.50)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
		95,817.30	**93,852.06**	**Overall Budget Surplus Increase of $1,965.24**
207-000-665.000	INTEREST-INVESTMENTS	2,000.00		Interest Update
207-303-717.000	RETIREMENT		34,327.86	MERS pension retirement cost increases
207-303-718.000	HEALTH INSURANCE		(12,162.58)	Health Insurance cost update
207-303-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(1,197.00)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
207-303-813.000	LEASES		(7,600.00)	Fleet Leases received later in year than expected
		2,000.00	**13,368.28**	**Overall Budget Deficit Increse of $11,368.28 (Fund Balance Sufficient)**
249-371-801.000	SUBSCRIPTIONS		(450.00)	Budget Request Adjustmet - no FPS/BOC approval needed
249-371-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS		540.00	Budget Request Adjustmet - no FPS/BOC approval needed
249-371-853.000	POSTAGE		(100.00)	Budget Request Adjustmet - no FPS/BOC approval needed
249-371-860.000	TRAVEL/GEN EXPENSE		(200.00)	Budget Request Adjustmet - no FPS/BOC approval needed
249-371-932.000	VEHICLE REPAIRS		200.00	Budget Request Adjustmet - no FPS/BOC approval needed
		-	**(10.00)**	**Overall Budget Deficit Decrease of $10 (Fund Balance Sufficient)**
261-325-717.000	RETIREMENT		51,491.79	MERS pension retirement cost increases
261-325-718.000	HEALTH INSURANCE		(2,247.64)	Health Insurance cost update
261-325-726.000	WORKER'S COMP		(411.50)	Decrease to Workman's Comp Renewal for all Departments
261-325-971.000	EQUIPMENT - CAPITAL OUTLAY		(11,000.00)	Removed to help offset deficit budget - waiting on congressional spending project
		-	**37,832.65**	**Overall Budget Deficit Increase of $37,832.65 - Fund Balance is Low - Evaluate**
516-022-445.000	INTEREST ON BASE TAX	550.00		Treasurer Updates All Lines Based on Foreclosures/Sales - Changes Regularly
516-022-447.000	PROPERTY TAX ADMIN FEE	70.00		
516-023-445.000	INTEREST ON BASE TAX	(17,000.00)		
516-023-447.000	PROPERTY TAX ADMIN FEE	250.00		
516-024-445.000	PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES	20,000.00		
516-024-447.000	PROPERTY TAX ADMIN FEE	25,000.00		
516-024-626.000	MISC/NSF/OTHER FEES	100.00		
516-025-445.000	PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES	25,000.00		
516-025-447.000	PROPERTY TAX ADMIN FEE	25,000.00		
		78,970.00	-	**Overall Increase to Revenues**

519-013-804.000	LEGAL		2,500.00	Treasurer Updates All Lines Based on Foreclosures/Sales - Changes Regularly
519-017-804.000	LEGAL		150.00	
519-018-804.000	LEGAL		100.00	
519-018-984.000	REFUNDS & REBATES		92,000.00	
519-019-660.000	STATUTE COSTS	5.00		
519-019-804.000	LEGAL		100.00	
519-021-639.000	TITLE SEARCH FEE	80.00		
519-021-641.000	PRE-FORFEITURE MAILING NOTICE COST	5.00		
519-021-644.000	SITE INSPECTION FEES	25.00		
519-021-660.000	STATUTE COSTS	10.00		
519-022-639.000	TITLE SEARCH FEE '22	(11,670.00)		
519-022-641.000	PRE-FORFEITURE MAILING NOTICE COST	(600.00)		
519-022-644.000	SITE INSPECTION FEES	(2,870.00)		
519-022-660.000	STATUTE COSTS	(955.00)		
519-023-639.000	TITLE SEARCH FEE	500.00		
519-023-641.000	PRE-FORFEITURE MAILING NOTICE COST	(600.00)		
519-023-642.000	SALES-AUCTION PROCEEDS	(50,000.00)		
519-023-644.000	SITE INSPECTION FEES	1,350.00		
519-023-660.000	STATUTE COSTS	(9,000.00)		
519-023-804.000	LEGAL		(3,500.00)	
519-023-853.000	POSTAGE (CERT MAILING/CURRENT YR DLQ)		(4,950.00)	
519-023-900.000	PUBLICATION COSTS/NOTICE FEES		500.00	
		(73,720.00)	**86,900.00**	**Overall Decrease to Revenue & Increase to Expenses - Deficit increase $160,620**
601-000-995.000	TRANSFERS OUT		40,000.00	Transfer from Personnel Cont. Fund to Cover MERS Pension Cost Increases
602-000-995.000	TRANSFERS OUT		44,946.06	Transfer from County Improvement Fund for Access Door & Camera System Project
		-	**84,946.06**	**Motion to Approve Personnel Contingency Transfer/ County Improvement already approved**
239-000-995.000	TRANSFERS OUT		4,072.50	
244-000-995.000	TRANSFERS OUT		939.86	
255-000-995.000	TRANSFERS OUT		8,956.89	
260-000-995.000	TRANSFERS OUT		8,403.81	
279-000-995.000	TRANSFERS OUT		13,474.50	
701-000-995.000	TRANSFERS OUT		2,129.78	
				Accured Interest in Funds from 2021 to 6/30/2026 to be Transferred to GF - Requesting BOC
		-	**37,977.34**	**Motion to make Journal Entry to move these allocations.**

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County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners

Resolution #2026-11

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE A TAX LEVY OF 0.9296 MILLS FOR EIGHT (8) YEARS TO OFFSET THE REQUIRED MILLAGE ROLLBACK OF THE PREVIOUS VOTED MONTMORENCY COUNTY TAX ALLOCATION RATE OF 5.75 MILLS

At the meeting of the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners held in the County of Montmorency Building located in Atlanta, Michigan on **July 23, 2026.**

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

ABSENT: None

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

WHEREAS, in 1976, the voters of Montmorency County approved a tax levy of up to 5.75 mills as the Montmorency County allocation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to various constitutional and statutory requirements, that taxing authority has been reduced in 2026 to 4.8204 mills; and

WHEREAS, although the Board of Commissioners believes returning the authorization up to the 1976 level is needed to finance necessary County services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Montmorency seeks to have the voters of the County determine whether or not they desire to raise funds to offset the various constitutional and statutory tax rate reductions by approving a special millage of .9296 mills for a period of eight (8) years, 2026 through 2034, inclusive, which would then return the total authorized County general operational tax level to the 5.75 mills as approved by the voters in 1976.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the following proposal be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Montmorency at the next General Election to be held in the County on November 3, 2026:

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PROPOSAL TO OFFSET MILLAGE ROLLBACKS OF COUNTY OPERATING TAX LEVY

Shall the voted allocated Montmorency County millage rate of 5.7500 mills ($5.75 per $1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 4.8204 mills ($4.8204 per $1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be increased by up to 0.9296 mills ($0.9296 per $1,000 of taxable value) to the 1976 original allocated rate to recover that millage reduction and be levied by Montmorency County for Eight (8) years (2026-2034 inclusive), for general operating purposes?

If approved and levied in full, this Millage will raise an estimated additional $643,427 for general County operating purposes in the first calendar year of the levy based on state taxable valuation.

YES _____

NO _____

2. Said proposition is hereby certified to the County Clerk and shall be stated on the ballots to be prepared and distributed in the matter provided by law.

3. All Public Officials of the County of Montmorency, State of Michigan, and all Governmental units thereof, within such time as shall be required by law, be and are directed to perform all acts which shall be necessary to be performed in order to submit the above stated proposition to the duly qualified voters of Montmorency County at the General Election to be held in the County on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

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RESOLUTION DEEMED APPROVED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

APPROVE: Hardies, Peltier, Hamlin and Madison

DENY: DeVriendt

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

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

Dated: **July 23, 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 __23rd___ day of July 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, Clerk
County of Montmorency, Michigan

Dated: 7-24-2026