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**County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners**

# Board Meeting Agenda
## August 13, 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 23, 2026:
6. Claims & Accounts
   a. July 24, 2026, through August 13, 2026
7. Limited Public Comment *(3 minutes)*
8. Special Presentations:
   a. MCCOA Update – Bev Crawford
9. Department Head Reports: None
10. Committee Reports
11. Controller's Report
12. Discussion Items
13. Unfinished Business (Action Items)
14. New Business (Action Items)
    a. Cadet Sponsorship & Scholarship Opportunity
    b. Road Commission Board Vacancy
    c. FOIA Fee Appeal
15. Adjourn

Add on: FOIA Fee Appeal

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held at 9:00 AM on Thursday, August 27, 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 AUGUST 13, 2026**

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

**AGENDA:**
Additions: FOIA Fee Appeal
Deletions: None

Motion by Hardies, seconded by Peltier to approve the agenda with the addition. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**
Motion by Madison, seconded by Hardies approving the minutes from the regular meeting held July 23, 2026. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**
Motion by Hamlin, seconded by Peltier to approve claims and accounts from July 24, 2026, through August 13, 2026. (Claims: $47,704.47; EFT's: $551,370.92; Desk Checks: $348,725.96; Grand Total: $947,801.35) Yeas: 5 (Roll Call: Peltier, Hamlin, Madison, DeVriendt, Hardies) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**
William Houston gave the board members the newsletter for the Alpena-Montmorency Conservation District along with a flyer regarding scrap tires.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
MCCOA UPDATE: Beverly Crawford thanked the board for putting them on the ballot and the voters for putting their trust in them.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**
None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
DeVriendt: Landfill
Madison: Landfill
Peltier: Thunderbay Transportation, NEMCCAB, NEMCSA
Hamlin: FPS
Hardies: MICIMS, FPS

**COUNTY CONTROLLER REPORT:**
Aprille Williamson, County Controller present. TOPICS: FEMA Next Generation Warning System Grant; FEMA Category Z Management Costs; Marine Safety Grant; MMRMA RAP Grant; Opioid settlement; FY2027 County Veteran Service Fund Grant; FY2027 budget is still being worked on. Need approval to get proposals for a new IT company.
Motion by Hardies, seconded by Peltier to authorize the Controller to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Managed Information Technology Services and return proposals to the board for review and consideration. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

TOPICS CONTINUED: Recruiting in the Controller's Office for the Administrative Assistant position; Prosecutor's Office hired for the position they had available. Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control;

Facilities & Operations need approval to purchase a paging system. Motion by Hardies, seconded by Peltier to use the County Improvement Fund to purchase the hallway paging system for the County building up to $2,500. Yeas: 5 (Roll Call: Hamlin, Madison, DeVriendt, Hardies, Peltier) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Badge printing system needs approval to purchase. Motion by Madison, seconded by Hamlin to purchase an in-house employee badge printing system up to $3,000 to come from the County Improvement Fund. Yeas: 5 (Roll Call: Madison, DeVriendt, Hardies, Peltier, Hamlin) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Sheriff's Vehicle Upfit Project is 65% complete. County Records Management & Storage-we are running out of storage space. Motion by Hardies, seconded by Hamlin to coordinate the records management initiative and have the Controller's Office oversee the records relocation, storage and assignment as needed. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Materials Management Plan public hearing is October 8, 2026. County Security Policies will be presented to the Board soon. Corrective Action Plan was provided to the Treasurer for review.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
None

**NEW BUSINESS:**
CADET SPONSORSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: Sheriff, Chad Brown explained what the program is and introduced Bryan Tauriainen as the deputy they want to send to the academy. County Controller, Aprille Williamson explained that they need approval to create the position and to apply for funding.

Motion by Hardies, seconded by Madison to establish the position of Academy Cadet within the Sheriff's Office as a temporary, non-union, at-will employment classification under the terms and conditions presented, compensated at Pay Grade 1, Step 1 of the County Wage Schedule, with only those benefits required by law. The Academy Cadet classification is established solely for academy attendance and training and shall not increase the Sheriff's Office authorized staffing level or create an additional budgeted Deputy Sheriff position. Individuals appointed to this classification may continue serving in their existing budgeted Sheriff's Office assignment while attending the academy. Appointment to a Deputy Sheriff position shall occur only upon the existence of an authorized budgeted vacancy and at the discretion of the Sheriff in accordance with County hiring policies. Yeas: 5 (Roll Call: DeVriendt, Hardies, Peltier, Hamlin, Madison) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Motion by Hardies, second by Hamlin to authorize the Sheriff to prepare and submit an application for funding through the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) Public Safety Academy Assistance (PSAA) Program upon release of the FY2027 application materials and subject to all MCOLES program requirements. Approval of this motion authorizes submission of the grant application only and does not authorize the creation of an additional Deputy Sheriff position or increase the Sheriff's Office authorized staffing level. Any Academy Cadet participating in the program shall continue in an existing budgeted Sheriff's Office assignment while attending the academy. Appointment to a Deputy Sheriff position shall occur only upon the existence of an authorized budgeted vacancy and at the discretion of the Sheriff in accordance with County hiring policies. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

ROAD COMMISION BOARD VACANCY: Motion by Hardies, seconded by Peltier to approve the notice of vacancy for the Montmorency County Road Commission Board and authorize the Controller to publish the notice requesting letters of interest from qualified electors of Montmorency County, contingent upon the Road Commission Board approving the vacancy at its August 13, 2026, meeting, with letters of interest accepted through August 24, 2026. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

FOIA FEE APPEAL: Aprille Williamson, County Controller went over the FOIA request Justin Meyers filed and the total cost for the request is $4,625. Mr. Meyers filed an appeal due to the cost. Motion by Hardies, seconded by Hamlin to deny the FOIA fee appeal submitted by Justin Meyers and uphold the County Equalization Department's established fee of $0.25 per parcel for the requested GIS shape file, for an estimated total fee of $4,625.00. Yeas: 5 (Roll Call: Hardies, Peltier, Hamlin, Madison, DeVriendt) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Aprille Williamson, County Controller, wanted to let the board know that Bill will be taking over the day-to-day FOIA process that Dawn previously handled once she retires.

10:05 A.M. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Hardies.

Minutes prepared by:

Lori Curwin, Chief Deputy Clerk

Approved Date 8-27-26