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County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting

Agenda

September 5, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Boardroom/Courtroom B

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from: August 15, 2024
- Claims and Accounts

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

NEW BUSINESS

- NEMSCA Annual Report: Frances Ommani
- ~~MCCOA Board Appointment: James Madison~~ Delete
- EDC Funding: Lisa McComb
- CDBG Mortgage Release

OLD BUSINESS

- Materials Management Plan: Planning Committee Nominations
- Enterprise Fleet Updates
- Personnel: Hires, Rates, and Updates
Recount PAY - ADDED

REPORTS:

- Controller
- Treasurer
- Sheriff
- Standing Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Thursday, September 19, 2024

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

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 5, 2024**

PRESENT: Gary Girardin, Dell Bolser, Don Edwards, Mary Hardies, Lloyd Peltier

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

PLEDGE

ADD/DELETIONS:

Add: Recount Pay

Delete: MCCOA Board Appointment

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Peltier approving the regular meeting minutes of August 15, 2024. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Motion by Girardin, seconded by Edwards approving payment of the bills (Claims: \$24,658.96; EFT'S: \$473,137.03; Desk Checks: \$9631.78; TOTAL: \$507,427.77). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Girardin, Peltier, Hardies, Bolser, Edwards) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lindsay Rogers comments on minutes that were just approved from the August 15th meeting not mentioning untrue/slandering comment by Ms. Klotz during Public Comment at the end of that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEMSCA Annual Report: Frances Ommani present and she introduces Laurie Sauer from Area Agency on Aging who then gives a report on her duties. Ms. Ommani gives her annual report, and the services provided. Question about food commodities (NEMSCA not doing anymore). New program being introduced soon called P.A.C.E. and highlights of that program. Discussed the need for communication of services they provide and getting that information out to the people. The page on NEMSCA website has their services and programs.

EDC FUNDING: Lisa McComb, Executive Director of MI. Economic Development Corporation out of Gaylord serving 6 counties and offering grants for small businesses as well as hired business consultants to work with business owners. Funded through ARPA monies and will be done in 2026. She went over other services provided.

CBDG MORTGAGE RELEASE: Money received from the tax sale to cover the counties liability on a piece of property. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Peltier authorizing the chair to sign on a mortgage discharge of the Melvin Ostrander property. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLAN/COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS: Deadline for nominations is Sept. 10th. No one applied. Went over criteria of committee members. BOC can appoint 2. Michelle Hamlin volunteers to be on committee.

9:47 A.M. Break

9:54 A.M. Back in session

OLD BUSINESS CONT'S:

ENTERPRISE FLEET UPDATES: E-mail received by A. Williamson, Controller. One new vehicle has been received; the building departments should be here soon. Maintenance utilization for 20 old units not logged in for oil changes. Says information on old vehicles needed to determine future cost. Old Building Department vehicle was logged into the system. Discussed gas cards, bills for warranty work, recalls on the Explorers, one vehicle not on road and needs new engine. Lengthy discussion on using maintenance program for old vehicles not owned by Enterprise, Sheriff and Undersheriff opposed and see no value and some board members disagree. Motion by Peltier, seconded by Hardies to go with the Enterprise Fleet and Maintenance program. Discussion. Yeas: 2 (Roll call: Peltier, Hardies) Nays: 3 (Bolser, Edwards, Girardin) Motion failed. The mechanic is requested to complete the inputting of the remaining county fleet vehicles into the Enterprise Maintenance Record as he was trained to do this summer. Will bring back in October.

PERSONNEL HIRES, RATES AND UPDATES: Hiring freeze recommended in anticipation of a budget deficit next year. Discussion.

10:51 A.M. Break
11:02 A.M. Back in session

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Peltier to put in place a hiring freeze and do a case-by-case review. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Probate Court had their part time employee leave, and they are requesting to fill that position. Motion by Bolser, seconded by Girardin authorizing Probate Court to re-hire the part- time position they just lost. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

A request was received to have retiree Lori Stanley come back part time. Per Controller that would cause issues with her retirement status.

Discussion on ORV Patrol rate and request to raise rate to \$39.78 for MCOLES officers. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Bolser to have the rate for ORV Patrol go to \$39.78. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Hardies, Bolser, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 1 (Peltier) Motion passed.

RECOUNT PAY: Clerk Neilsen requesting to pay recount team (3 persons) same per diem as board members and canvassers. Motion by Bolser, seconded by Girardin to pay the recount team a per diem of \$60 for a half day and \$120 for a full day. Discussion. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Bolser, Edwards, Girardin, Peltier, Hardies) Nays: 0 Motion passed.

REPORTS:

CONTROLLER: Aprille Williamson present. Topics: 2025 Budget requests sent out; SRP grant submitted; Waive 120 probation period for returning officer Tom Santer; Materials Management Plan; Court summons on alley by Ace Hardware; MERS actuarial and increase in payment; Clerks office and pre-paid cards for jury and restitution.

11:53 A.M. Break
11:59 A.M. Back in session

Controller Report Cont.: MAC anniversary poster; Wolverine Power work; Albert Township Master Plan; Controller comments on her position.

TREASURER REPORT: Cheri Eggett present. Topics: Foreclosure and Bankruptcy reply to public comment from Mr. LaMore at the last meeting as well as on dog tags.

Foreclosure update on sold properties at auction. Millage money from summer taxes is coming in.

SHERIFF REPORT: Sheriff Brown and Under Sheriff Crane present. Topics: Labor Day holiday, Inmate count at 10; met with jail in Alpena; comments on continuing communication issues with the controller.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

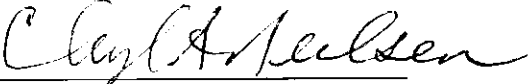
Girardin: Claims & Accounts, Landfill
Bolser: MAC mtg., DHHS, Mi. Works
Hardies: District Health #4
Peltier: District Health #4, Thunder Bay Transportation
Edwards: Landfill, MCCOA, Claims & Accounts

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cheri Eggett, Treasurer on dog licenses and that township also sells dog tags. Judi Ruppahn on changes and transparency in government. Lloyd Peltier, board member thanks Controller for her work. Cheryl Neilsen, Co. Clerk on communication issues with controller and need for discussion ahead of decisions being made for her office.

12:31 P.M. Chair adjourns meeting. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by:



Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk