

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 29, 2022**

PRESENT: Don Edwards, Gary Girardin, Robert Stacey, Geyer Balog, James Madison

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

PLEDGE

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions: Contract with Sheriff and Under Sheriff for Retiree Health, MIDC Plan Bill Pfeifer, Emergency Manager, CBIZ Valuation Group (Insurance Co.), ARPA update

Deletions: None

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Madison approving the agenda with the additions. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving the regular meeting minutes of April 14, 2022 with corrections as follows: on pg. 1, under Old Business the motion for hiring Emergency Manager Trisha Moore from “Yeas: 5 Nays: 0” to “Yeas: 4 Nays: 1 (Balog)” ; correction on pg. 2, under 911 AC UNIT from “Money is in the budget for the radio installation....” to “Money is in the budget for the “AC Unit”” Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Balog, seconded by Edwards approving the special meeting minutes from April 21, 2022. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Motion by Madison, seconded by Edwards approving payment of the bills (Regular: \$143,812.67; Desk: \$1,228,417.11;). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Madison, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TREASURER:

Not present. Dawn Hubbard gave ARPA update for direct pays and small businesses. Discussed waiting on some items until next year to avoid having to do a special audit.

COUNTY CONTROLLER:

Aprille Williamson present. Motion by Madison, seconded by Girardin approving the BSA Software User Policy as presented. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Other items discussed: Qualified Statement due June; Revenue Sharing; Wage Study, Unfunded Pension Proposal.

SHERIFF:

Sheriff Brown present. Inmates at 11. Topics were Fire Chief meeting and ARPA funding for equipment.

OLD BUSINESS:

HVAC DECISION: Already done at the special meeting.

BSA USE POLICY: Taken care of under Controller report.

INVASIVE SPECIES MILLAGE: Motion by Stacey, seconded by Madison to do a ¼ mill for 2 years, Invasive Species Millage for the August 2022 ballot. Discussion. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Madison to table motion to May 12th meeting. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR PENSION:

Resolution #2022-03

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 5054
(PENSION FUNDING) Balog/Stacey Yeas: 5
(Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Madison, Stacey, Balog)
Nays: 0 Resolution passed.**

CONTRACT WITH SHERIFF & UNDER SHERIFF FOR RETIREE HEALTH: Sheriff Committee met with sheriff on a request for a contract for himself and the Under-Sheriff to not have retiree health insurance diminish and have the same as the POAM bargaining unit (provided other criteria met as laid out in proposed contracts). Discussion. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to accept the two contracts (Retiree Health Insurance Agreement) for the Sheriff & Under-Sheriff. Discussion. Yeas: 3 (Roll Call: Girardin, Madison, Stacey) Nays: 2 (Balog, Edwards)

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Stacey that all elected officials presently sitting receive the same retiree health as stated for the sheriff and under-sheriff with the same criteria of 15 years-service and 55 years of age. Discussion. Yeas: 4 (Roll Call: Madison, Stacey, Edwards, Girardin) Nays: 1 (Balog) Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLERK OFFICE BACK TO 35 HOURS: Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin having the Clerks office go back to 35 hours per week. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CAMERA & DRIVE FOR ID CARDS: Clerks office is working on getting ID card program back up and running.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY: Dr. Greg Corace appearing for the Conservation District. Needs assessment done every 5 years, funded by grants, opportunity to provide input, deadline May 13th. New District Manager Charlie Doan.

9:54 A.M. Break

10:02 A.M. Back in session

MIDC COMPLIANCE PLAN COST ANALYSIS: Bill Pfeifer, Manager present. Requesting a renewal of the plan which has a slight increase, amount requested is \$282,206.91. Majority of the money comes from the state if they approve. Local share \$17,047.53. Overview of changes being made. Grant application period Oct-Sept. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog approving the Grant Application for MIDC. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

OPERATIONAL MILLAGE INCREASE: Commissioner Stacey requested discussion on a County Operational Millage. Discussion. No action taken.

PARTKING LOT UPGRADE: Discussion on if ARPA money could be used to upgrade parking lots. Tabled.

EMERGENCY MANAGER: Trisha Moore, E.M. present and introduces herself. Discussion on her office's hours and board expectations. Discussed hourly vs. salary option. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog to go to a contract employee rather than hourly employee. Discussion. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried. To get with Controller and look at a contract.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog appointing Commissioner Girardin to the LEPC and LPT meetings. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CBIZ VALUATION GROUP SITE VISIT: MMRMA requests a site visit for county property insurance purposes. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin to have John LaFleche, Maintenance Supervisor work with the insurance agent and get what they need. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ARPA DISC. CON'T: Need approval for APRA funds for HVAC at 50 Plus Club in Lewiston. Discussion. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog approving Onsite Outdoors bid from Hillman for HVAC system for the 50 Plus Club. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Stacey, Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Madison) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Balog: MCCOA, ARPA, V.A. Public Forum, Local Court, Health Dept. #4
Girardin: Finance, Claims & Accounts, Sheriff, Landfill
Stacey: HUNT, Claims & Accounts, Finance, E.M. Interview
Edwards: Landfill, ARPA, E.M. Interview
Madison: DHHS, Thunder Bay Transportation

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Melissa Ward, Briley township resident asks for boards thoughts on Marijuana Ordinance. Discussion.

11:20 A.M. Motion by Balog, seconded by Edwards to adjourn. No objections, meeting adjourned.


Robert Stacey, Chair


Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk

Montmorency County Resolution 2022-03

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 5054 (PENSION FUNDING)

WHEREAS, the County of Montmorency has a large unfunded pension liability

AND WHEREAS the County of Montmorency would be greatly unburdened if the pension was to be fully funded

NOW THEREFORE, Montmorency County asks that the Michigan legislature move quickly to pass HB 5054 and for the Governor to sign HB 5054 into law.

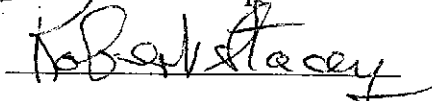
Motion made by: Geyer Balog and seconded by Robert Stacey

On Roll Call

Ayes: Edwards, Girardin, Madison, Stacey, Balog

Nays:

Resolution Adopted: 4/29/2022


Robert Stacey, Chairperson

Dated: 4/29/2022

Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

I, Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on April 29, 2022.

Signed 

County Clerk Cheryl A. Neilsen