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Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting

Agenda

July 14, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Boardroom/Courtroom

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from June 23, 2022
- Claims and Accounts

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

TREASURER'S REPORT

COUNTY CONTROLLER REPORT

SHERIFF'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

- 90 Day Raise for Clerks Office, and Treasurers
- MCRC Drain Commission resignation: They want it back on the ballot
Veteran's Affairs officer

NEW BUSINESS

- CMH : Nena Sork
- Lake Avalon Request: Richard Wolf
- GovInvest Presentation
- New Hire: ROD office

*Closed session:
POAM Grievance*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Thursday July 28, 2022

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 JULY 14, 2022**

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

PLEDGE

ADD/DELETIONS:

Add: POAM Grievance (Closed Session); Veterans Affairs Officer

Delete: None

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog 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 June 23, 2022. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Motion by Edwards, seconded Balog approving claims. (Regular: \$301,424.74; Desk \$59,831.08; EFT's \$56,656.72 Total: \$417,912.54). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Balog, Edwards, Girardin, Madison, Stacey) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TREASURER REPORT:

Cheri Eggett, Treasurer present. Topics included: Foreclosure Surplus Proceeds cases; PRE and Veterans property exemptions changes; Briley to purchase 2 properties for back taxes; possible temporary part time for office while personnel off on maternity leave.

COUNTY CONTROLLER:

Aprille Williamson present. Topics included: HB for electronic meetings; 2023 state budget shows 6% increase at state level; may not meet criteria for grant funding for retirement; 3 quotes for county counsel obtained; MAC dues bill received. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Madison authorizing payment of MAC dues (\$7738.39). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Edwards, Girardin, Madison, Stacey, Balog) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Discussion with Trisha Moore on Blue Lakes fire and request for payment of 58 additional hours; where to pay from; documentation needed; Aprille to check with State to see if could be covered.

Working on contracts; recycling and to review list of new grants.

SHERIFF REPORT:

Sheriff Brown present. Requesting signature on RAP grant for 2-factor authentication (reimb. \$6585.57). Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving RAP grant and authorize chair to sign. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Inmates at 11; 1 new vehicle has arrived; Active shooter training to take place in Alpena in August; meeting with Atlanta and Hillman school boards, looking for safety options and may be requesting to use ARPA funds.

Discussed potential loss of another deputy and safety issues and need for discussion on pay here. Wage study discussed and if it included the union. Treasurer to check on.

OLD BUSINESS:

VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICER: Mike B. present. Introduces Diana Marquardt who was hired as Administrative Assistant.

90 DAY RAISE CLERKS OFFICE AND TREASURER: Clerk Neilsen present. Request for raise after 90-day probation period for Danielle. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin authorizing a .50 cent raise, effective 7/7/2022 for Danielle Reimer. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Clerk Neilsen requested board consider one-year step raise for Lori Curwin. Discussion.

Cheri Eggett, Treasurer requested raise after 90-day probation period for Sherry. Motion by Girardin, seconded by Madison to put off any raises until after wage study. Discussion. Commissioner Girardin leaves meeting. Chair calls for a break.

9:55 A.M. Break

10:11 A.M. Back in session, all present. Continued discussion on motion. Motion amended by Girardin and Madison to put off any raises until after the wage study with the exception of the .50 cent probation raises until wage study completed. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving automatic 90-day probation raises. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

MCRC DRAIN COMMISSION RESIGNATION: Letter received from Todd Behring at Road Commission resigning from duties of Drain Commission effective Dec. 31, 2022 and requesting the County Board consider putting the office of Drain Commissioner back on the ballot as an elected office. Discussion. More information needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH: Nena Sork, Executive Director present. Annual report for 2021 went over. Fiscally sound; County appropriations based on census and utilization of state hospital; County allocation of \$38,524.00.

LAKE AVALON REQUEST: Richard Wolf present. Lake Avalon Property Owners Association requesting renewal of county grant (\$2000.00). Discussion. Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approving request (\$2000) provided there are sufficient funds in the account. Yeas:5 (Roll call: Girardin, Madison, Stacey, Balog, Edwards) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

NEW HIRE REGISTER OF DEEDS: Teresa Walker, Register of Deeds present. Hired a new employee to replace Dell Bolser. Went to finance requesting \$16 p/hr. based on Connie Brandt being a 15-year former county employee. Discussion. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Balog to start (Connie Brandt) at \$15.50 per hour full time with benefits effective 7/5/2021. Yeas: 4 Nays: 1 (Edwards) Motion carried.

GOVINVEST PRESENTATION: Michael Kopacz and Max Stoff appear via zoom. Govinvest offers a Pension, OPEB and Labor Cost management tracking for managing pension liabilities. Can also provide GASB reporting. Cost: \$15,000 - \$19,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Balog: None
Stacey: Finance, Claims & Accounts
Edwards: Landfill
Girardin: Claims & Accounts, Finance, Landfill
Madison: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judge Lora Greene comments on employee wages/inconsistency.

11:26 A.M. Break

11:32 A.M. Back in session.

POAM GRIEVANCE/CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Stacey, seconded by Girardin to go into closed session for purpose of POAM Grievance. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11:59 A.M. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Edwards to return to regular open session. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Madison to adjourn the meeting. No objections. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:


Cheryl A. Weilsen, County Clerk