

**PROPOSED  
MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING HELD MARCH 24, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Gary Girardin, James Madison, Geyer Balog, Don Edwards,

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Robert Stacey

**PLEDGE**

**ADD/DELETIONS:**

Add: MCCOA Appointment; County Attorney Bids

Delete: None

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving the agenda with the additions. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Girardin approving the regular meeting minutes of March 10, 2022. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

Desk: \$24,153.61 & Claims: \$240,926.26 for total of \$265,079.87. Motion by Girardin, seconded Edwards approving payment of bills. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Madison, Girardin, Edwards, Balog) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Cheri Eggett present. ARPA request for money. Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin approving ARPA Committee expenditures in the amount of \$94,000.00 to eligible Direct Pay and Small Business applicants. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Girardin, Edwards, Balog, Madison) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

MCSD applied to ARPA for body cameras. Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog approving ARPA committee expenditure in the amount of \$21,624.00 for General Application of Body Worn Cameras by the Montmorency County Sheriff Department. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Edwards, Balog, Madison, Girardin) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Other topics: Settlements, Delinquent taxes, auditor.

**CONTROLLER:**

Aprille Williamson present. Minutes on website 2018 to current and meeting recordings. BS&A module policy to be put on next agenda. Other topics: Pension funding legislation, Opioid, Election Security grant. ID card printing, no equipment in Controller's office to do task, asked Clerk to continue doing it in their office and Clerk refused to learn how and said had no time to accomplish this task.

**SHERIFF REPORT:**

Sheriff Brown present. Fund raiser for Drone program coming up. Discussion of health stipend, received final 911 compliance report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

HVAC UPDATE: Joe Stone not present.

EWING TRIAL UPDATE: Letter in packet.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES:** Donna Hardies and Randy Mullard present. Discussion on prevention and working with and in the schools. Requesting to use a part of the OPIOD settlement dollars when they are received and forming a committee down the road.

**MR. WILLIAM HOUSTON/ORV:** Mr. Houston present. Discussed ORV damage. He has obtained 500 copies of the current ORV Handbook and will be distributing to the local businesses throughout the county for distribution. Recent resolution passed by the Road Commission for changes to the ORV ordinance. Discussed the 2010 ordinance passed by this board, asking Board to approve the updated ordinance for Montgomery County.

**ALBERT TOWNSHIP REZONING REQUEST:** Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog approving Albert Township request for re-zoning as presented. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**TREASURER/NEW HIRE:** Need to fill vacancy, ½ paid by general fund and ½ by ARPA. Requesting current rate of \$16.00 p/hr. Discussion. Motion by Madison, seconded by Girardin authorizing treasurer to hire at \$16 p/hr. Discussion. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**MCCOA APPOINTMENT:** Motion by Edwards, seconded by Balog approving appointment of Dr. Jean Truscott, as the Lewiston representative to MCOA Board (term exp. 8/31/2025). Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:** Bids for county attorney discussed. Looking for copy of current contract. No action taken.

9: 54 A.M. Break

10:04 A.M. Back in session.

**NEW BUSINESS CON'T:**

**EMERGENCY MANAGER POSITION:** Personnel interviewed 4. Discussion. Balog and Girardin met with Alpena on Emergency Manager position on possibility of sharing. Motion by Balog, seconded by Girardin for Commissioner Balog and Girardin to get paid per diem for meeting with Alpena on Emergency Manager. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Board members Madison and Edwards to meet with candidates and bring back to the full board.

**FINANCE/OTHER:**

**COUNTY CLERK:** Two employees time sheets were changed and then discussed at Finance unbeknownst to the Clerk or the two employees. Clerk Neilsen asked that the two employees that were authorized to work 40 hours per week be paid for their time that they were here that was outside of the normal business hours. Discussion. Matter was discussed at Finance meeting for clarification and the Board agreed employees were allowed to work UP TO 40 hours per week and will be paid when hours are worked not for vacation or personal time over 35 hours.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Balog: ARPA, Personnel, Health Department, Mental Health, Finance, Claims & Accounts, Emergency Manager  
Stacey: absent  
Edwards: ARPA  
Girardin: EDC, Claims & Accounts, Finance, Personnel, Landfill, Emergency Manager  
Madison: DHHS, MI. Works, NEMSCA

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

10:31 A.M. Motion Madison, second Balog to adjourn. No objections. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes given by:

\*\*DECLINE TO SIGN/SEE BELOW COMMENTS

**Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk**

**\*\*Declining to sign as the highlighted changes to my proposed minutes were made after my distribution by someone other than myself. I note that the minutes were approved with the highlighted changes. They were not the minutes prepared by myself County Clerk Neilsen. Attached find my proposed minutes submitted for March 24, 2022 along with corrections to typo's/clerical errors only.**

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BEAR RIVER HEALTH: No one appeared/no discussion.

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