



Probate & Family Court:

Heather Bootz



Originally from Battle Creek, Heather Bootz has a BA in History from Hillsdale College where she had a volleyball scholarship. Ms. Bootz and her family moved Up North in 2017 and started with Antrim County in 2019. Ms. Bootz was recently promoted to Probate/Family Ct. Administrator.

When asked what she likes most about her current position, Ms. Bootz said “the staff here are unbelievable.” She added that “We have the privilege of assisting people in some of their most difficult times of their lives. Everyone here goes above and beyond to help the citizens of Antrim County.”

Ms. Bootz and her family love being on the water and are looking forward to introducing their rescue puppy to boat life this summer.

Commission on Aging (COA) Programs

Did you know that the COA offers literally dozens of programs? In addition to home-delivered meals and meal sites in Mancelona, Elk Rapids, Central Lake, and Bellaire, the COA offers medical transportation for non-emergency appointments to Traverse City, Gaylord, and more.

Foot care, durable medical equipment loans, and assistance with estate planning are also available. Additionally, residents can get help understanding the complexities of Medicare/Medicaid. For information, call 231-533-8703.

Antrim County Building Renovations: April 2024 Update

Installation of the new, more energy-efficient windows is nearly complete. Work on the new public entry is underway (see photo). The yellow is sealant and will be covered with white metal siding.

Departments displaced since last June will be able to return to their offices once all the window interior trim work is final. The project remains on track for completion this spring.



Work on new public entry

Proposed Public Safety Center (PSC):

Work Group Discusses Financials

The topic of April’s PSC Work Group meeting was the many financial aspects of the project. Points discussed were the county’s existing finances, options for a possible millage, and possible changes in future expenditures and revenues.

The work group is expected to release a report in late summer that will cover the many questions discussed. If you would like to be part of efforts regarding the PSC, contact us at countyadmin@antrimcountymi.gov or 231-533-6265.

Do I Need a Burn Permit?

Weather conditions change quickly, and it can be hard to know when a burning permit is required. To find out, call 866-922-BURN (866-922-2876).

You can also go online at <https://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits/> and click on “Antrim” on the state map. You’ll see a township by township list of whether or not burning permits are being issued, along with other guidelines.

Become an Official Weather Spotter!

Volunteer SKYWARN spotters are the front line of defense against hazardous storms. Spotters help the National Weather Service provide early warnings to the public about severe damaging weather.

A two-hour spotter training is available Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm. Location is the Forest Home Township Hall, 321 N. Bridge St., Bellaire. This training is free and there is no need to register ahead of time.

The Board of Commissioners’ boardroom is now in the more spacious Room 209. Room 209 is the former location of the Building Department.



Concrete sidewalks being poured.

Funding for this safety-oriented renovation project is primarily through the Federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant.

County Building visitors may notice that DHHS offices are being renovated. That project is being funded by the State.