

Antrim County
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County Employment Opportunities-

- Barns Parks-Park Ranger-Seasonal Dominic Brodeur & Christopher Taylor were hired.
- Sheriff's Office-Marine Patron Daniel Golubski was hired.
- Commission On Aging- Homemaker (PT)
- Commission On Aging-CENA (PT)
- Commission On Aging-Cook (FT)
- Commission On Aging-Site Coordinator (PT)
- MSU-Secretary (PT) Coriane Laird-Fleet was hired.
- Sheriff's Office-Animal Control Officer-(PT)
- Sheriff's Office-Assistant Cook-Jail (PT)
- Sheriff's Office-Civil Process (PT) (2 positions)
- Sheriff's Office-Corrections (FT) (3 positions)
- Sheriff's Office-Dispatcher (FT) (2 positions)
- Sheriff's Office-Road Deputy – (FT) (1 position)

Staffing-

Pete Garwood, County Administrator will retire on December 2, 2022.

Moved by LaVanway, and seconded by Rubingh, that the Board approve to contract with search firm with Michigan Municipal League (MML) for limited services at the cost of \$17,000.00 in the hiring of a County Administrator. Motion failed as follows: Yes – VanAlstine, LaVanway; No – Rubingh, Watrous, Bargo, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig; Absent – Marcus.

Stephanie Murray, HR Director addressed the Board on the surrounding Counties that have used or not used a search firm for assistance in the hiring of a County Administrator. The Human Resource Director will proceed to conduct an in-house search for the hiring of a County Administrator.

Dean Pratt, Antrim County Undersheriff retired July 15th. The new undersheriff is Kevin Hoch.

Todd Rawlings, Antrim County Jail Administrator retired in July. The new Jail administrator is Sherry Knight.

John Strehl, Antrim County Airport Manager announced his retirement as of December 31, 2022.

Household Hazardous Waste 2022-

ERG Environmental will be doing HHW this year. The last date is:

Saturday, September 10th 8 a.m. to noon (Mancelona) Road Commission Garage.

Questions call 231-533-8363 ext.7

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS-

Courthouse Clock-

Moved by Bargy, and seconded by LaVanway, that the Board approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$ 2,300.00 for services by Brien K. Dews, Certified Clockmaker to perform full maintenance detail on the clock movement (1905 Clock Tower), and to authorize the Finance Director to make the appropriate budget amendment. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig; No – Rubingh; Absent – Marcus.

County Admin Building-

Tom Frey, Progressive AE Construction Management (CM) firm addressed the Board on the Antrim County Building Facade Plan options.

Motion by Bargy, and seconded by Rubingh, that the Board approve to TABLE the County Building Facade Plan pending further discussion and planning. Motion as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Bargy, Ricksgers; No – Boettcher, VanAlstine, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; Absent – Watrous. MOTION TO TABLE – FAILS

Moved by Boettcher, and seconded by LaVanway, that the Board approve the facade replacement plan and budget provided by Progressive AE, Inc. and proceed with an amendment to the contract with Progressive AE, Inc. to provide specifications and drawings for the full building façade replacement option, with a corresponding budget amendment of \$3.45 million to come from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. Motion as follows: Yes – Boettcher, VanAlstine, LaVanway, Helwig; No – Rubingh, Bargy, Ricksgers, Marcus; Absent – Watrous. TIE VOTE – FAILS

Commission on Aging Building-

Moved by Boettcher, and seconded by Ricksgers, that the Board authorize the Chairman to execute a ten (10) year lease agreement between Forest Home Township, Kearney Township and the County of Antrim, Commission on Aging for the Bellaire Senior Center building effective July 7, 2022. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Helwig.

Sale of County Building-

County Administrator suggested selling the County Maltby building (Nifty Thrifty) by a public auction. It failed approval.

Motion by Bargy, and seconded by Boettcher to direct the County Administrator to sell the Maltby Building via a realtor in the County. Yes – Jarris Rubingh, Joshua Watrous, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Terry VanAlstine, Brenda Ricksgers; No – Dawn LaVanway, Jason Helwig; Absent – Christian Marcus

Administration has put an ad in the newspaper, on Facebook, and on the County website inviting realtors to express their interest in listing the property. If administration gets a show of

interest from multiple realtors, administration will utilize a random pick method as a part of the process, but may also include some type of interview or questionnaire process as well.

Capital Improvement Plan-

A Capital Improvement Plan was approved of by the board. A majority of the plan includes maintenance of the County Buildings which have been neglected for the past 30 years.

Moved by LaVanway, and seconded by VanAlstine, that the Board approve the Capital Improvement plan (CIP) for 2023-2028 as presented. Motion carried as follows: Yes –Rubingh, Watrous, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig; No – Bargy, Boettcher; Absent – Marcus.

Radios-

Moved by Bargy, and seconded by Boettcher, that the Board authorize the Emergency Services Coordinator to apply for a tribal grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 with a County match of 25% (\$10,000.00) for twenty 800MHz radios to serve as the emergency cache of radios for the use as needed by the first responders. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Marcus; No – Watrous; Absent – Helwig.

Soccer Field Road-

Moved by Boettcher, and seconded by Helwig, that the Board approve the request from Forest Home Township, authorizing them to proceed with paving the road which provides access to the County property previously known as the Hunt Club property, the Village of Bellaire Soccer Park and the Forest Home Township park referred to as The Meadows, at no cost to the County. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Watrous.

Lawsuit-

Randy Bishop lawsuit against Antrim County was dismissed by the Judge due to no evidence to support Bishop Lawsuit.

County Commissioner election-

The primary election on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 LaVanway won to Marcus by a total of 524 to 398. The new 5 commissioners will begin on January 2023.

