

Antrim County
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County Employment Opportunities-

- ACT-Mechanic (FT) Dale Reeves will begin work July 11th.
- 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)
- Sheriff's Office-Animal Control Officer-(PT)
- Sheriff's Office-Assistant Cook-Jail (PT)
- Sheriff's Office-Corrections (FT) (3 positions)
- Sheriff's Office-Road Deputy – (FT) (2 positions) 1 candidate in background check.
- Maintenance- Jail Annex (FT)

Household Hazardous Waste 2022-

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

Saturday, **July 16th** 8 a.m. to noon (Bellaire) High School Parking Lot, 204 W. Forest Home Ave.

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

Questions call 231-533-8363 ext.7

9-1-1 Millage

The 9-1-1 millage will be placed on the August 2nd ballot for a 4 year renewal. The proposal is a renewal of the previously approved millage and will permit the County to levy up to ½ of one mill to provide funds for the continued operations of the comprehensive countywide 9-1-1 emergency telephone and central dispatch system.

Maintenance of Facilities-

The board approved to repair catch basins, storm drains, and potholes in the parking lots for \$3,500.

Freedom of Information Administrator-

James Rossiter, Antrim County Prosecutor has notified the board that he will not be the (FOIA) as of July 1, 2022. The Administrator will take over this position. All FOIA requests should be directed to the Administrator.

Hydrology Study-

On June 22, Mark Stone, Antrim County Operator of Dams/Drain Commissioner with the hydrologists of the Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) presented the results of the hydrology study. It was videotaped and will be made available on the new Antrim County website as well as the County Facebook page. The accompanying information on floodplain management study and hydraulic modeling report provided by the USACE is also available on the County website. A presentation on where we go from here will be given on July 12th at the Central Lake Schools at 5 p.m.

Tax rate-

After much discussion, the board approved of the following L4029 tax form for next year:

	Voted date with rate		Approved millage rate in June
General Fund	8/2020	5.4000	5.0500
COA	8/2020	.4000	.2550
Meadowbrook	8/2010	1.0000	1.0000
E911	11/2017	.5000	.5000 (up Aug. 2022)
Conservation Distr.	8/2020	.1000	.1000
Recycling	8/2020	.2500	.1710

This total tax cut is roughly 1 million dollars. According to the May 19, 2022 minutes which are online at antrimcounty.org this was the motion that passed.

Moved by LaVanway, and seconded by Rubingh, that the Board approve to reduce the 2022 tax Request (L-4029) for County operating millage be set at 5.2737 mill to 5.050 mill, the Commission on Aging 0.3905 mill to 0.2550 mill, and the recycling millage at 0.1780 mill to 0.1710 mill. Discussion followed. Amendment vote passed as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Watrous, Boettcher, VanAlstine, LaVanway, Helwig; No - Bargy, Ricksgers, Marcus; Absent – None.

Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP)-

Leslie Meyers, emergency service coordinator, has held meetings with the Local Emergency Planning Committee which provided input, and Community planners from Networks Northwest working on a draft NHMP (plan) that will reflect all input received.

Lawsuit-

Randy Bishop has filed a lawsuit against Antrim County. He is suing the County Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff and every commissioner individually and in each official capacity as an elected official in circuit court for alleged wrongful conduct of Antrim County officials and election officials revolving around the Presidential Election for 2020 and wants 1 million dollars or more. At the June 30th hearing, on the County’s motion to dismiss the Complaint, Judge Elsenheimer informed the parties that the judge of the 13th Circuit court has recused themselves from this case. According to the Judge, because the case involves a monetary demand from the County and because the County is the funding unit for the Court “as well as for other reasons”, the Judges decided to recuse themselves. An order of recusal has been filed with the State Court

Administrator's Office (SCAO). This case will now be assigned to a different judge by SCAO.

Commissioner election-

I will be running again for County Commissioner of the new District #5 (Jordan, Echo, Chestonia, Warner, Star and the east side of Mancelona Township) due to redistricting.

The election will be decided on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 in the primary election as you will only be able to vote straight Republican or Democrat. I am running Republican. I have enjoyed working for the people of District #7 and will continue to work for the taxpayers of Antrim County to stand up for our constitutional rights and individual freedoms if re-elected. I have a website at <http://dawnlavanway.com>. It has my information, events, county reports from the beginning of the year to date, county fliers, and the primary election ballots for each township for the August 2nd election.