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County Employment Opportunities

- Antrim County Transportation-Driver (PT)
- Antrim County Transportation-Mechanic (FT)
- Antrim County Transportation-Lead Dispatcher (FT)
- Sheriff's Office-Civil Process (PT) (2 positions)
- Sheriff's Office-Deputy (FT)
- Sheriff's Office-Corrections (FT)

County Building-

Installation of the energy-efficient windows are being completed. Internal work is being done in offices. Work on the new public entrance is underway. Departments will be moving either back to their previous locations or to their new office locations. Funding for this project was through the American Rescue Plan Act grant. The DHHS offices in the county building are being renovated. This project is being funded by the State.

FEMA Floodplain Maps-

FEMA has been working on maps for Antrim County. The maps are in draft state right now and are expected to be in final state late 2024. The County has five communities that have opted into the FEMA flood insurance program (NFIP) prior to maps existing: Banks Township, Torch Lake Township, Milton Township, Elk Rapids Township and Elk Rapids Village. Up until this point, Antrim County has not had a FEMA flood plain map. While this is not the County's responsibility, it is willing to help a few townships who have inquired about the County assisting with the requirements necessary to be a participating community. Each Township and/or Village would have ordinance and enforcement requirements from FEMA in order to participate and make their residents eligible for the National Flood Insurance.

Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan-

Every five years all level of government must adopt a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan explaining what action will be taken to reduce the impact of a disaster before it occurs. The main goal of the plan is to prevent the loss of life, preserve property and to reduce the cost of a incident and its recovery. This plan will also provide the County access to certain FEMA grants and disaster assistance when an emergency is declared. Motion by LaVanway, and seconded by Hefferan to approve the plan. Yes-Hefferan, Rubingh, VanAlstine, Helwig, LaVanway; No-none; Absent-None.

Emergency Services grant-

Emergency services obtained 100 radios and 8 fire blankets for seven fire departments in the county through the AFG grant. Our emergency services director will keep a blanket in his vehicle for hazmat situations. The total cost of the grant received was \$310,000 with a ten percent in kind match from the fire departments.

Barnes Park-

Camping reservations for the 2024 season opened on April 12th for bookings of 7 nights or longer & pavilion rentals, and on April 15th for bookings of 2 nights or longer. Camping at the park opens on Thursday, May 23rd.

Paddle Antrim-

Paddle Antrim is in the process of updating the Chain of Lakes Water Trail Plan. Antrim County owns two access sites along the water trail: Willow Day Park and Notewares Landing. They have used surveys and hosted informational meetings to gather input from users. They are prioritizing trail and access site improvements including barrier free access sites, improved restroom facilities and places to clean watercraft to discourage the spread of invasive species.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA)-

This is an invasive insect that infests eastern hemlock trees, and has been detected near Torch Lake. The extent of the infestation has not yet been determined, but an extensive survey of the surrounding area is underway. With this new detection, Antrim County is the eighth county in the state with an active infestation. Early detection is critical, the sooner an infestation is found the sooner treatments to save trees can begin. For more information contact CAKE CISMA at 231-533-8363 ext. 5.

Tax millages for August primary election-

All renewals-

This proposal being a renewal, shall separate tax limitations be established for a period of four (4) years, 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028, or until altered by the voters of the County of Antrim, and the Townships and Intermediate School Districts within the County, the aggregate of which shall **not exceed** 6.67 mills, as follows:

County of Antrim	5.40 mills
Townships	1.00 mill
Intermediate School Districts	<u>.27 mill</u>
TOTAL	6.67 mills

This proposal is a renewal of the previously approved millage and will allow the County to continue to levy up to **25/100 of one mill** (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of a **county-wide recycling program**.

This proposal is a renewal of the previously approved millage and will allow Antrim County to continue to levy **.40 mills** (\$.40 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) to provide funds for the operation of the **Commission on Aging**.

This proposal is a renewal of the previously approved millage and will allow Antrim County to continue to levy **.10 mills** (\$.10 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) to provide funds for the operations of the **Antrim Conservation District**.