



Shelley Dennis: Payroll & Accounts Payable Specialist



A proud graduate of Mancelona High School, Shelley Dennis joined Antrim County in 2018 in Abstract/Equalization. She moved to the Clerk’s Office in 2020 and shifted to the Administration Suite in August 2024.

Ms. Dennis noted that her new position allows her to manage processes from start to finish, adding that she is “excited about the learning opportunities and challenges it brings.”

Outside of work, Ms. Dennis and her husband of 10 years enjoy their blended family of four children and four grandchildren, with another grandchild on the way.

1905 Courthouse Entrance Closures

The main courthouse entrance will be closed Monday 10/21 and Tuesday 10/22 to clean the building’s face. Courthouse access will be through the south doors (facing Cayuga St.) and the handicap ramp. Removal and replacement of the entrance steps has been delayed until a key part is on site.

Dates for future entrance closures and reopenings will be released as soon as possible. For the most current information, please visit the Antrim County Facebook page.

November 5 Election

Absentee ballots for the November 5 primary have been distributed and can be submitted to the polling place where you are registered. Absentee ballots must be submitted before November 5.

Early voting is Sat., October 26 through Sun., November 3. There is no early voting on Mon., November 4.

During the early voting period, voting sites are required to be open at least 8 hours a day. To learn what times your site will be open, contact your polling place directly.

County Building Parking Lot Completed

Reconstruction of the parking lots adjacent to the County Building was completed in mid-October.

The project included thorough compaction, which will help ensure a long life for the new asphalt.



Proposed Public Safety Center (PSC): Facts To Consider

- Four independent assessments have said the same thing: our current jail is **non-compliant, deficient, and unsafe**.
- The November 5 election includes a request for a 20 year construction bond of 0.56 mills.
- Construction bond amount is \$25.5 million; total project cost is estimated at \$32.5 million.
- The County is committed to keeping the annual bond cost to the taxpayers as low as possible; the full 0.56 mills might never be put on property tax bills.
- A PSC would create a safer and more secure jail that meets the required standards.
- Two-thirds of the PSC would house the Sheriff, road patrol, detectives, emergency management, dispatch, training, and secure flex spaces.
- A PSC would focus on **mental health, flexibility, and efficiency** to foster a stronger community.

For more information about the proposed PSC, enter tinyurl.com/AntrimPSC into your favorite web browser or use the QR code.



Barnes Park Maintenance

After many years of loyal and dedicated service to campers, visitors, and staff, the Barnes Park septic drain field finally reached the end of its long life in September. The drain field was replaced in October.



Barnes Park drain field replacement.

Proposed Public Safety Center: RFPs Have Been Published

To keep construction costs as low as possible, Requests for Proposals for Architectural/Engineering and Construction Management services have been published. If Antrim County voters **do not approve the construction bond proposal on November 5, the RFPs will be withdrawn.**

Jail Release Simulation

On October 11, a Jail Release Simulation was held at the Kearney Township Hall. The goal was to better understand difficulties faced by individuals recently released from incarceration and how best to utilize existing services. The event was coordinated by the Antrim County Community Collaborative and Northern MI Opioid Response Consortium.