

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 4, 2010**

PRESENT: Albert LaFleche, Garry Ferguson, Margaret D'Agostino, Tom Young, Louis Hubert

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Candy Fox, Teresa Walker, Jon D'Agostino, Rosemary Nuhfer, John Zollars, , Joe Stone, Steve Schwiltz, John Fitzgerald, Gene Thornton, William Houston, Marvin McLaren, Ken Ploe, Richard Stawecki, Zac Weaver, Yvonne Swager, Connie Danks, Barb Huntly, Donna Kirby, Don Kirby, Phil Lamore

Meeting called to order by County Clerk Cheryl Neilsen at 9:00 A.M.

ORGANIZATIONAL:

County Clerk opened the floor for nominations to the office of Chairperson. Nomination made by Ferguson, for Albert LaFleche as chairperson. Nomination made by D'Agostino, for Tom Young as chairperson. Discussion held (Tom Young declines.) No other nominations, nominations closed.

Roll call vote for Albert LaFleche: Yeas: 3 (Young, Hubert, Ferguson) Abstain: 1 (LaFleche)

Roll call vote for Tom Young: Yeas: 1 (D'Agostino)

Albert LaFleche declared chairperson by a majority vote.

Meeting turned over to chairperson LaFleche. Nominations opened for office of Vice-Chair. Nomination by LaFleche, for Tom Young as vice-chairperson. No other nominations, nominations closed.

Roll call vote for Tom Young as Vice-Chair: Yeas: 5 (Hubert, LaFleche, Ferguson, D'Agostino, Young)
Nays: 0

Tom Young vice-chair by a majority vote.

PLEDGE

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions: 911 coordinator
Discuss recall election expenses
Deletions: None

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by LaFleche approving the agenda with the additions. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No minutes to approve

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young pre-approving payment of year end claims and accounts. Yeas: 5
Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Discussion on committee appoints as presented (D'Agostino wanted on sheriff Committee). Motion by

Hubert, seconded by Ferguson approving committee appointments as presented. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Hubert designating the Montmorency County Tribune as the Publisher of Record. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Young) Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young designating Anderson, Tackman and Company PLC as Auditor of Record. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young designating Terrie Case as the County Civil Attorney and Young, Graham, Elsenheimer & Wendling as Labor Attorney of Record (Discussion w/Case). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Hubert approving use of any financial institution that complies with P.A 20 including banks, credit unions, savings and loans, etc. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Proposed County Board rules for 2010 discussed. Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson approving County Board rules for 2010. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Young, seconded by Hubert approving mileage rate for 2010 at .44 cents per mile and meals as follows: Breakfast: \$9.00; Lunch: \$11.00 and Dinner: \$16.00. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Hubert approving schedule of regular meeting dates for 2010 as attached. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson approving HIPPA Compliance Plan as amended (changes in personnel/adding Treasurer Teets and Admin. Asst. Coy). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A waiver and consent form will need to be signed from each commissioner if they are choosing to opt out of the MERS Retirement plan and returned to Admin. Fox.

Motion by Hubert, seconded by Ferguson appointing Zac Weaver as 911 Coordinator. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Young, Hubert, LaFleche, Ferguson, D'Agostino) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ADMIN. REPORT:

MAC 2010 Conference to be held March 29-31, 2010 in Lansing, MI. Discussion on who would like to attend. No agenda items received yet. Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson to table discussion on who to attend MAC conference. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner D'Agostino comments on Committee Appointments and differences in list from what she was told she would be sitting on (i.e. Sheriff Committee) from Chairman LaFleche. Indicates she will take no other committees than those that she is on now. (?)

Questions on Recall of Commissioner District # 5 in February and who pays for what. Clerk responds that it is pursuant to statute who pays for what.

Sheriff Edwards present and is questioned about his choice in purchasing a used 4-wheel drive pick up with the money authorized at the Nov. 12, 2009 meeting. Sheriff Edwards indicates it was to replace the Jeep and would be equipped for patrol. Discussion on cost and not using a purchase order number. Clerk informs board that she was not aware of any P.O. numbers used on any purchases, that in this case board minutes were reviewed and found authorization for spending up to \$12,000.00 for vehicle. Motion by Hubert, seconded by Ferguson to not buy the vehicle. Yeas: 3 (Roll Call: Hubert, LaFleche, Ferguson) Nays: 2 (D'Agostino, Young) Motion passed.

Discussion on policy from year 2006 that indicates purchase order numbers are to be used. Department heads request copy of policy if it is now going to be followed. Discussion on where the \$12,000.00 that

was approved for purchase of a vehicle for the sheriff will now go (any monies left over in budget put into Fund Balance for the next year).

Commissioner Ferguson submits a letter of resignation for Commissioner District #3 effective January 5, 2010. Motion by Hubert, seconded by D'Agostino accepting Commissioner Ferguson's resignation with regrets. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Board will seek letters of interest from Commissioner District 3 to fill the position. Motion by Hubert, seconded by D'Agostino to run ad for letter of interest in the Tribune for 2 weeks. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

9:50 A.M. Meeting adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Albert LaFleche, Chair

Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk