

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 3, 2012**

PRESENT: Albert LaFleche, Margaret D'Agostino, Brock Baggett, Daryl Peterson

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jackie McKerchie, Stacy Carroll, Connie Danks, Gene Thornton, Jon D'Agostino

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

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:

County Clerk opened the floor for nominations to the office of Chairperson. Nomination made by Peterson for LaFleche as chairperson. Nomination made by D'Agostino for Baggett as chairperson. No other nominations. Vote taken by show of hands for LaFleche as Chair. Two: Peterson and LaFleche. Votes taken by show of hands for Baggett as Chair. Two: Baggett and D'Agostino. Tied vote. Discussion.

Second vote taken by show of hands for LaFleche as Chair. 2 For: (Peterson/LaFleche) 2 Opposed: (D'Agostino/Baggett).

Second vote taken by show of hands for Baggett as Chair. 2 For: (Baggett/D'Agostino) 2 Opposed: (LaFleche/Peterson).

Tied Vote for Chair again after second attempt. Discussion.

9:15 A.M. Break

9:30 A.M. Back in Session

Discussion. To seek advice of county counsel. Talked to Attorney Peter Cohl via speaker phone in open session on what to do. Counsels opinion was that if board members could not come to an agreement on the Chairperson that the acting Vice-Chair remains and it was recommended to hold an election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson as soon as the vacancy in County Commissioner District #5 is filled (election 2/28/12).

One final attempt to obtain a majority was taken for Chairperson by secret ballot. Results are as follows:
2 Votes LaFleche
2 Votes Baggett

Still a tied vote. Pursuant to counsels recommendation Clerk turned meeting over to acting Vice-Chair Baggett to commence with the rest of the meeting. No other nominations taken at this time (i.e. Vice-Chair).

ORGANIZATIONAL:

PLEDGE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None ready to approve

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Skipped

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

COMMITTEES: Discussion. To leave as is and will look at again in March.

PUBLISHER: Motion by LaFleche, seconded by Peterson designating the Montmorency County Tribune as the Publisher of Record. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

AUDITOR: Motion by LaFleche, seconded by D'Agostino designating Anderson, Tackman and Company PLC as Auditor of Record. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ATTORNEY OF RECORD: No change for right now. No action taken.

BANK DEPOSITORIES: Motion by Baggett, seconded by D'Agostino approving Chase, PNC and Alpena, Alcona Area Credit Union as depositories. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

BOARD RULES: Leave as is until March. No action taken.

MILEAGE AND MEALS: Motion by Peterson, seconded by LaFleche approving mileage at a rate of .50 cents per mile and meals as follows: Breakfast: \$9.00; Lunch: \$11.00 and Dinner: \$16.00. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Peterson, D'Agostino, LaFleche, Baggett) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

MEETING DATES: Motion by LaFleche, seconded by Baggett setting the County Board meetings for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month for 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

OTHER: FMLA folder turned over to Board by County Clerk. No action taken. Discussion on board per diems for committees. Motion by Baggett, seconded by D'Agostino changing per diems to per committee meeting rather than by ½ day or whole day. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: D'Agostino, LaFleche, Baggett, Peterson) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Decided to do bills on Tuesdays the day before the regular board meeting at 10:00 a.m. and do Finance on Mondays at 1:00 P.M. the same week as the regular board meetings.

10:11 A.M. Meeting adjourned subject to call of the Vice-Chair.

Brock Baggett, Vice-Chair

Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk