

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2009**

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Wanda Teets, Ron Lounsbury, John D'Agostino, Terrie Case, Jacky McKerchie, Marvin McLaren, Yvonne Swager, Gary Gamble, Barry Danks, Don Edwards, Russell Dennis, Kevin Keller, Steve Schulwitz, Kevin Hibner, Curt Marsee, Larry Pascador, Vanessa Coy, Connie Danks, Bob Hosmer

PLEDGE

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions: Closed Session to discuss Sheriff Union Negotiations

Deletions: None

Motion by Hubert, seconded by Ferguson approving the agenda with the addition. Yeas: 4 Nays: 1 (D'Agostino) Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson approving the regular minutes from September 9, 2009 with correction on Page 3 Public Comment: Comments by Mr. McLaren changed to Comments by Mr. Lounsbury. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Motion by Hubert, seconded by Ferguson approving payment of claims and accounts. Yeas: 4 Nays: 1 (D'Agostino) Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Request that Norm Burden not be confirmed by this board to MCCOA (previous resignation in Sept. 2008 and letter was accepted by MCCOA).

TREASURERS REPORT:

Wanda Teets present. Account Balance report for August 2009 handed out as well as Trial Balance for 2009. Have enough money now to pay tax revolving back. Some expenditure lines in payroll for jail needs adjusting. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young authorizing budget adjustments for sheriff in jail accounts. Yeas: 3 (Roll Call: Young, LaFleche, Ferguson) Nays: 2 (D'Agostino, Hubert) Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORT:

Sheriff Edwards present. Wall up and electronics working. Ambulance contract will be submitted when received by Sheriff Edwards. The only thing that went up that he is aware of is mileage.

The gas bills from Suiter have not been submitted because he is working on a new computer program and it is not done yet. Should have bills submitted sometime next month.

Sheriff Edwards indicates there is 5 weeks left to get the word out on the election. He would like to attend some township board meetings and get the word out there, but the board still has not indicated their intentions as to what they plan on doing with the money if passed, or what plans for his department budget if doesn't pass. The board indicates that they don't know yet due to the fact that they don't know what the state budget cuts are and how they would impact us. Brief discussion on cars. Will be discussed later on agenda with mechanic.

FINANCE:

Committee met with Library members and still no mutual agreement reached on MAXIMUS. Committee recommends they pay but they don't want to. Prosecutor Case would like to talk with Alpena County and see if we could combine our efforts before committing to the Title IV-D program reimbursement piece w/ MAXIMUS.

The Committee recommends keeping Dave Utt's contract price of \$15,500 for Emergency Management this next time around. Some grant monies were awarded to go towards a Wireless Alarm System (\$561.00). This however would only cover a portion of what is needed. Will continue to work on.

An offer to purchase property behind the courthouse was received and discussed. It could turn out to be a good investment but there is no money to be had for a purchase.

Prosecutor Case requests that she be allowed to use some of her budget money to have an intern come here for court days for the remainder of the year at a cost of \$50.00 for each court appearance. Discussion held. Motion by Young, seconded by D'Agostino authorizing up to \$900.00 out of prosecutors budget for an intern to come here for court days. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Young, Hubert, LaFleche, Ferguson, D'Agostino) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9:30 A.M. Break
9:37 A.M. Back in session

ADMIN. REPORT:

Mechanic, Bernie Neilsen present. He is working on the two new used cars that were purchased at auction. Time wise, he is on track since he only works part time and has other duties he is taking care of at the sheriff department. He estimates that he will have spent less than \$2000.00 to get these cars on the road (includes paint, brakes etc.). It was suggested to have him work an additional 3 hours a week only on these vehicles until they are on the road. Money will need to be found first. No further action taken at this time.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Discussion on heating and cooling system. It is estimated that it will cost \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 to balance the system and we just don't have the money right now.

ADMIN. REPORT CON'T:

MCCOA Board members need to be confirmed. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young confirming Jacky McKerchie to the MCCOA Board commencing Sept. 1, 2009 to Aug. 31, 2012. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by D'Agostino confirming Larry Pascador to the MCCOA Board commencing Sept. 1, 2009 to Aug. 31, 2012. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young confirming Arnold Ives to the MCCOA Board commencing Sept. 1, 2007 to Aug. 31, 2010. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by D'Agostino to not confirm Norm Burden to the MCCOA Board. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young confirming John Williams to the MCCOA Board commencing Sept. 1, 2008 to Aug. 31, 2011. Yeas: 4 Nays: 1 (D'Agostino) Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by D'Agostino confirming Anne Brown to the MCCOA Board commencing Sept. 1, 2007 to Aug. 31, 2010. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A letter was received and read from the attorney representing the county on the VanWulfen case indicating that the time has lapsed for the VanWulfens to seek reconsideration. Case to be closed and a final bill will be sent. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young to file letter from Plunkett & Cooney. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Kevin Keller, Equalization Director presents the County's Tax Rate Request Form (L-4029) and needs signatures. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Hubert authorizing the Chair to sign the 2009 L-4029 for the County. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A letter has been presented to the MCCOA Board giving a name and recommendation to fill the vacancy created by Norm Burden. Should come before this board for confirmation.

County Clerk Neilsen inquires how the board wants to handle oaths of office for any appointments/ confirmations/nominations etc. to various boards that they do. It has been this counties past board practice and preference (as well as other counties in the State of Michigan) to have the clerk swear in any person appt./conf. or nominated to their respective board office. Motion by Hubert, seconded by D'Agostino to have the County Clerks Office swear in and do an oath of office if appointed by this board. Discussion held on requiring appointees to appear before the board and introduce themselves (to encourage persons to attend board meeting but not make it a requirement). Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Questions about board meeting minutes being published on the county website. Clerk to check with Administrator on cost to post them on the web vs. paper copying.

10:08 A.M. Motion by Hubert, seconded by Ferguson to go into Closed Session to discuss MCSD Union Negotiations. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10:33 A.M. Back in regular open session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Young: Huron Pines, EDC, Mental Health
- Hubert: Northern Mi. Counties
- LaFleche: NEMSCA, C&A, Landfill, Sheriff, MAXIMUS, Finance, District Health #4
- Ferguson: District Health #4, MCCOA, C&A, Landfill, Sheriff
- D'Agostino: Library, DHS

OTHER:

Health Fair to be held in Lewiston which will include the County Prescription Program. Discussion on mechanic working an extra 3 additional hours per week on the recently purchased used patrol cars. Discussion on where money to come from. \$30,000.00 was budgeted under capital equipment; between the money that was spent on purchasing the two used cars there will be money in that account. Motion by Young, seconded by Hubert authorizing the Mechanic to work an additional 3 hours per week on used cars until they are on the road (money to come f/Capital Equip. fund). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Hubert, LaFleche, Ferguson, D'Agostino, Young) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11:00 A.M. Meeting adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Albert LaFleche, Chairperson
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Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk

