

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2009**

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Candace Fox, Ron Lounsbery, Marvin McLaren, Jon D'Agostino, Steve Schulwitz, Yvonne Swager, Teresa Walker, Barry Danks, Jerry Coburn, Kevin Keller, Larry Pascadore, Jacky McKerchie, Connie Danks, Bob Hosmer, Jon D'Agostino, Brian Crane, DC McClure, Julie Morton, John Fitzgerald.

PLEDGE

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions: Additional work hours for Equalization Dept.
Employees (Finance)
Deletions: None

Motion by Ferguson, 2nd Hubert approving the agenda with additions. Yeas: 4
Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ferguson, 2nd by Hubert approving the regular minutes from October 28, 2009. Yeas: 4
Nays: 0, Motion Carried.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Motion by D'Agostino, 2nd Ferguson approving payment of Claims & Accounts. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

No trial balances as of yet waiting for bank statements.

Thomas Young arrived at meeting.

Resolution #09-28

2010 Borrowing Resolution
Ferguson/Hubert Yeas: 5 (Roll call:
Hubert, LaFleche, Ferguson,
Young) Nays: 0

D'Agostino
Resolution passed.

SHERIFF REPORT:

Sheriff Edwards states that the Sheriff Department has 6 – 7 9mm handguns that are not in use anymore. He requested that he be able to sell the guns and use the proceeds to help with the expense of the 40 cal. Handguns that are currently being used. All County property has to be put to a public auction; Sheriff Edwards will contact Ray Banks to see if he would assist with the legal sale and auction of the guns.

Edwards stated to the Board that he recently had 2 police cars involved in car deer accidents, both vehicle are totaled, believes insurance will pay for car #10 but not for car #1 which was purchased from the insurance company and rebuilt. Requested permission to start shopping for other vehicles. Motion by Young, 2nd D'Agostino authorizing the Sheriff to car shop with a limit of \$12,000.00. Yeas: 5 (Roll call:

LaFleche, Ferguson, D'Agostino, Young, Hubert) Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Possibility of auctioning 2 snowmobiles that the Sheriff Department no longer uses approximate value \$500.00 for one and \$1500.00 for the other. Told to look around and see if there are any other items that might be able to be auctioned.

Sheriff answered question regarding Hunt Officers, the 2 year grant for our department is still in effect.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

None

FINANCE:

Motion by Ferguson, 2nd Young accepting the bid from Williams Office Equipment for the purchase 3 TOSHIBA ESTUDIO455 MULTI-FUNCTION SYSTEM COPY MACHINES in the amount of \$6,477.00 each. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Ferguson, D'Agostino, Young, Hubert, LaFleche) Nays: 0 motion carried.

Jennifer Martin from Cadillac Insurance gave a presentation on the current policy and the possible changes that could be made to create a savings. Discussed a new Senior Citizen program that is very good. Made the Board aware that our renewal date is January 15, 2010 would appreciate a decision by December 1, 2009. Set a Special Committee meeting for Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. requests that Julie Morton attend.

Kevin Keller request that his staff be allowed to work 5 hours extra for the next 2 weeks due to tax bills needing to be mailed and also property address problems that need to be corrected. Motion Young, 2nd Ferguson allowing Sarah Prince and Jessica Cheek to work 5 hours extra for the next 2 weeks only. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Discussion on the office expansion in the Equalization Department. Kevin Keller is to contact Joe Stone and look at Blue Prints to guarantee a sound structure, also to verify electrical in the walls. Tabled to next meeting.

Sarah LaFleche presented the County Child Care Budget. Motion Ferguson, 2nd Young approving the Child Care Budget Fund in in the amount of \$190,309.36. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Ferguson, D'Agostino, Young, Hubert, LaFleche) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Break 10:15 a.m.

Return from break 10:35 a.m.

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Board opened sealed bids for Plumbing and Heating maintenance: Joel Otto Atlanta, JP Heating Gaylord, JD Johnson Atlanta, DJ Mechanical Lewiston, Hagers Plumbing & Heating Charlevoix, Sarcozi Plumbing & Heating Atlanta, Art Klein Hillman, John's Plumbing Roger City, Wincoff Plumbing Alpena, John E. Green Saginaw, Sharon Plumbing & Heating Traverse City, all bids will researched by finance and presented to the board for a decision.

Discussion on sealed bids presented for Computer Support Contract, Chowen and Byte Jumper. Motion Young, 2nd Ferguson table to next meeting. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Bids received for Indigent Counsel were discussed, also a letter from Judge Michael Mack regarding the hiring of Indigent Counsel. The Judge makes the decision as to who will be hired for the county as counsel, but the board has the authority to set payment level. Motion Ferguson, 2nd Hubert to set the payment amount allowed for Indigent Counsel at the rate of \$59,500.00. Yeas: 3 (Roll call: Hubert, LaFleche, Ferguson) Nays: 2 (D'Agostino, Young) Motion carried.

Resolution 09-27

Support of Montmorency County

Economic Development Corporation's Revolving Loan Plan. Young/Hubert Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Young, Hubert, LaFleche, Ferguson, D'Agostino) Nays: 0 Resolution passed..

Letters of appreciation were read by Candace Fox, one pertaining to the financial assistance give to an individual that needed help replacing their well, the other complementing James Zavislak's outstanding Commitment to our County and Veterans.

BUDGET SESSION / FY – 2010

Review of the Budget that was prepared, discussion on cuts that were made in different departments. Decision was made by the Board any extras that were not already placed in the 2009 Budget would not be approved for the 2010 Budget. It is the Department Heads responsibility to stay with-in the guidelines that have been set. No personnel cuts will have to be made this year if everyone stays with-in their proposed budget. Public meeting to revue General Budget and Special Revenue Budget will be held on November 25, 2009. This meeting will need to be posted and advertised. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Pascadore commented on the cost of Elections.

Seniors stated that they will be having dinner specials for the weekend of Deer Season.

Judge Fitzgerald requested that his budget be amended moving wages that will not be spent, the employee will not be replaced. Motion Ferguson, 2nd Hubert allowing Probate Court to move \$700.00 set for wages to other line items. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion Young, 2nd Hubert to move to closed session to open meeting. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Return from closed session at 11:50 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Young: Budget & Finance

Hubert: None

LaFleche: Budget & Finance
Claims & Account

Ferguson: Claims & Accounts

D'Agostino: Library

12:05 P.M. Meeting adjourned subject to call of the Chair

Albert LaFleche, Chairperson

Lauri Jimkoski, Deputy Clerk