

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING HELD OCTOBER 14, 2009**

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Louis Hubert

ALSO PRESENT: Wanda Teets, Candace Fox, Ron Lounsbury, John D'Agostino, Terrie Case, Jacky McKerchie, Marvin McLaren, Yvonne Swager, Barry Danks, Connie Danks, Don Edwards, Kevin Keller, Judi Twarozynski, Daryl Peterson, Bill Sieloff

PLEDGE

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions: Refuse Pickup Bin under Admin. Report and Maximus under Finance

Deletions: None

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young approving the agenda with the additions. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson approving the regular minutes from September 23, 2009. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young approving the Closed Session minutes from Sept. 23, 2009. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Still no gasoline bills. Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson approving payment of claims and accounts. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Ferguson, D'Agostino, Young, LaFleche) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

SHERIFF REPORT:

Sheriff Edwards present. Requesting advertisement for the upcoming millage election to be held Nov. 3, 2009 in the Tribune. Board suggests getting with paper to do interview and it would be free. Explanation given on delay of trooper appearing for accident call.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Wanda Teets present. Report of Revenues and Expenditures for current year as of Oct. 14, 2009 handed out. General Fund is now running on its own and there is money to pay the revenue sharing account back. Looking at current revenues and expenses, everything appears to be on track for the year and we should be good for year end.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Contract for David Utt needs to have board approval. Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson to sign contract with David Utt for Emergency Management Director at \$15,500.00 for the year. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: D'Agostino, Young, LaFleche, Ferguson) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Cheryl Neilsen, County Clerk requests the board set a fee for an Uncontested Divorce Packet that she would like to offer for sale to the public. The divorce packet would be useful to those persons unable to afford an attorney and in no way gives legal advice. The fee recommended by the clerk is \$40.00 with the proceeds to go into a fund that she can use for office equipment and supplies. It is estimated to generate \$500/\$600 for the year. Discussion held. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young authorizing the clerk to offer an uncontested divorce packet for \$40.00, with revenue going into the general fund. Yeas: 3 Nays:

1 (D'Agostino) Motion carried.

Prosecutor Case present and requests a computer switch. An estimate was obtained from Chowen & Associates for \$468.00, money of which could be taken from the prosecutor cost line item. Motion by Young, seconded by D'Agostino to purchase a Cisco Switch for a computer system (\$468.00), money to come out of Prosecutor budget. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Young, LaFleche, Ferguson, D'Agostino) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Equalization Director Kevin Keller present. Indicates Jessica Cheek completed her Level 1 & 2 assessor class. A scholarship was obtained for \$300.00 and he is requesting the county pay the remaining fee of \$550.00. Discussion held. Motion by Young, seconded by LaFleche to pay for training (\$550.00) for Jessica Cheek. Discussion. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: LaFleche, Ferguson, D'Agostino, Young) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Discussion on purchasing two new photo copiers. Tabled until 11/12/09 meeting.

9:50 A.M. Break
10:00 A.M. Back in session

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Discussion on putting out for bid the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling for a Spring and Fall maintenance. These same persons would also be called for any breakdowns. Motion by Young, seconded by D'Agostino to bid out Plumbing, Heating and Cooling for a period of 2 years (2010 & 2011). Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ADMIN. REPORT CON'T:

Resolution #09-24

STATE FUNDING CUTS Ferguson/Young
Yeas: 4 (Roll call: LaFleche, Ferguson,

D'Agostino,

Young) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Hubert)

Resolution

passed.

Two bids received for Indigent Counsel:

Twarozynski & Dowling	\$59,500 f/1 year or \$119,000 f/2 yrs.
Lamble & Bayot	\$65,000 p/yr. for 2 yrs.

Comments in favor for Bayot given by Sheriff Edwards, Judge Fitzgerald and Pros. Case. Each candidate given opportunity to speak on their services and bids. Discussion on bids. Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson to take low bid of \$59,500 from Twarozynski & Dowling. Discussion. Yeas: 2 (Young, LaFleche) Nays: 2 (Ferguson, D'Agostino) Motion did not pass. Will discuss again at next meeting with full board.

One bid received for Refuse Pick-up:

Thunder Bay Sanitation	\$4.00 p/yard.
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Motion by Ferguson, seconded by D'Agostino to accept bid of Thunder Bay Sanitation. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: D'Agostino, Young, LaFleche, Ferguson) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Energy Grant application due next week. Joint regional effort through NEMCOG. To look at high efficiency lighting for court building; heating and cooling system for both courthouse house and jail.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young passing a Proclamation making November 2009 Homeless Awareness Month in Montmorency County. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Discussion on NEMCOG agreement f/services on the 911 Mapping System starting Oct. 1, 2009. Rate went up by \$10 to \$65.00 p/hr. Contract would be for Oct. 1, 2009 to Sept. 30, 2010. Bring back at next meeting and look at putting in a not to exceed dollar amount.

Update given by Administrator Fox on conference for Certified Public Managers. Newly formed Michigan

group. Motion by D'Agostino that person make known out of state conferences a month ahead of time.
Discussion. No 2nd, motion died.

FINANCE CON'T:

Prosecutor Case requests Maximus do the Child Support contract (4-D)as well as the 4-E contract, track time studies, budget etc. at a cost of \$4000.00 f/the year beginning Oct. 1, 2009 (to be billed quarterly). Prosecutor Case indicates the first quarter payment can be moved out of the Assistant Prosecutor line item. Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson to contract with MAXIMUS @ \$4000.00 for the year, for the 4-D & 4-E work commencing Oct. 1, 2009. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Young, LaFleche, Ferguson, D'Agostino) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Young: Mi. Consortium, Sheriff Union negotiations, NEMCOG, Mental Health, Finance
Hubert: absent
LaFleche: Finance, C&A, Sheriff
Ferguson: MCCOA, C&A, Landfill, Sheriff Union negotiations, Insurances
D'Agostino: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Discussion on Hillman Library and moving into old medical clinic. Mrs. Danks inquires as to Commissioner Hubert's absence from the county board meeting. Mr. Danks questions gasification project status.

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

Albert LaFleche, Chairperson

Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk

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