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

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Wanda Teets, Candace Fox, John D'Agostino, Terrie Case, Barry Danks, Don Edwards, Kevin Keller, Tim Teeple, Naomi Deo, Russell Dennis, Joe Stone, Jacky McKerchie, Elaine Ableidinger, Barb Huntly Pyle, Yvonne Swager, Zac Weaver

PLEDGE

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions: None
Deletions: Pros. Case presentation in crt. rm.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young approving the regular minutes from December 16, 2009. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young approving Claims and Accounts. Yeas: 4 (Young, Hubert, LaFleche, Ferguson) Nays: 1 (D'Agostino) Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Naomi Deo thanks board for their research on the health insurance.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Wanda Teets present. November Account Balance and Trial balance handed out. Next years Court Equity payment is anticipated to be less than was budgeted by aprox. \$12,560.00. Swamp tax for 2009 was cut 12% which is an anticipated loss in revenue of \$13,039.00. The general insurance w/MERMA has increased by 15% (\$12,000.00) for year 2010. Discussion on delinquent taxes and buying. Discussion on money left in Capital Equipment (\$12,000) and where sheriff is at in purchasing a used vehicle prior to year end.

Treasurer requests a motion authorizing her to balance funds for year end. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young authorizing the treasurer to do year end transfers to make budget balance. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Hubert, LaFleche, Ferguson, Young) Nays: 1 (D'Agostino) Motion carried.

Discussion on projected tax revenues for year 2010 may have been anticipated to high and putting a hiring freeze into place. Motion by Young, seconded by Hubert to do a hiring freeze with the understanding that the Board of Commissioners can fill a position if they have to; requests to come to the board. Discussion. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORT:

Sheriff Edwards present. Discussion on snowmobile patrol and money left to get through the end of the year. Sheriff Edwards indicates they will be running snowmobile patrol for the Christmas Eve holiday and the New Years Eve holiday. Will need the county match money to be able to continue the program after the first of the year (\$600). Motion by Young, seconded by Hubert giving a vote of confidence by the board that the \$600.00 will show up next year in the budget. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young extending the Montmorency County Sheriffs Union contract until settled. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Finance met with Register of Deeds, Teresa Walker, who has requested wages (aprox. \$1300) for employee, Velma Brown, to come out of the General Fund for the remainder of the 2009 budget (one employee was let go). Discussion on how much money is left in general fund wage line items for rest of year. Also, commencing Jan. 1, 2010 her WIA Worker will move to the part time position in general fund.

A bill was received from Elk Country Animal Shelter (\$1740.00) for boarding of stray animals from March 30 to Dec. 1, 2009. Discussion held on where monies to come. Motion by Young, seconded by D'Agostino to move \$1000.00 from contingency to animal control. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: LaFleche, Ferguson, D'Agostino, Young, Hubert) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Court holidays and office closures discussed. There is a difference in court holidays and non-union holidays. Will need to look at getting the personnel policy revised. Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson designating Dec. 31 as a county holiday for 2009. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Ferguson, D'Agostino, Young, Hubert, LaFleche) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The liability insurance renewal with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority came in with a 15% increase in premium rates. Discussion on bidding out in the future.

Teresa Walker, Register of Deeds present. Discussion on moving money around within her budget to cover Velma Brown's wages until the end of the year.

9:40 A.M. Break
9:50 A.M. Back in session

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Plumbing and heating bids discussed. Bids received and questions addressed by maintenance. Discussion on sprinkler system testing. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Hubert to accept bid from John's Plumbing & Heating out of Rogers City. Yeas: 5 (Roll call: D'Agostino, Young, Hubert, LaFleche, Ferguson) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Snowplowing discussed. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by D'Agostino to put snowplowing out for bid. Yeas: 3 (Roll call: LaFleche, D'Agostino, Ferguson) Nays: 2 (Young, Hubert) Motion carried.

Equalization's request for expansion to be put on hold for now due to budget tightening. Discussion on closing of Equalization office during business hours for Christmas Party. Response by Equalization Director, Keller.

Prosecutor requests swapping out tables in board room for ones downstairs in the courtroom. No one had a problem with that.

ADMIN. REPORT:

Health Insurance renewal discussed at length. Agents from Cadillac (Jennifer) and Valley United (Tim) present and gave comment as to their quotes and administration of the reimbursement program. Motion by Hubert, seconded by Ferguson making Valley United Insurance Agency the record of agent. Yeas: 4 (Roll call: Young, Hubert, LaFleche, Ferguson) Nays: 1 (D'Agostino) Motion carried.

Discussion on over 65+ health plan, active plan, and reimbursement procedures for active and retirees. Motion by Young, seconded by Hubert to go with Blue Cross Blue Shield ERS w/Option B plan for active employees health and United American, Option A for Retirees over 65. Yeas: 4 Nays: 1 (LaFleche)

Motion by Young, seconded by D'Agostino to table discussion on Maximus Cost Plan. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Kim Bleach, Road Commission Manager present. Discussed sanding of courthouse parking lot. Contract for sanding presented with typo's corrected (requests Chairman LaFleche's signature/approved at last meeting). 2010 budget for the Road Commission presented. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by D'Agostino approving the Montmorency County Road Commission 2010 budget as presented (see attached). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Hubert, LaFleche, Ferguson, D'Agostino, Young) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Zac Weaver, 911 Director present and went over Compliance Review report with the board. Cynthia Kieliszewski from Rural Michigan CDC present and requests a resolution in support of obtaining another CDBG grant for county and in support of Rural Michigan CDC to administer said grant.

Resolution #09-30

SUPPORT OF MI. COMMUNITY DEV.
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
Young/Hubert Yeas: 5 (Roll call: LaFleche,
Ferguson, D'Agostino, Young, Hubert)
Nays: 0 Resolution passed.

Clerk Neilsen requests board approve court budgets for 2010. Motion by Young, seconded by Hubert approving court budgets (26th Circuit, Juvenile Division, FOC and 88th District Court) as adopted by Local Court Management (see attached). Yeas: 5 (Roll call: Ferguson, D'Agostino, Young, Hubert, LaFleche) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Young: Retiree Health Ins., Finance, Mental Health, Huron Pines, EDC, NEMCOG
Hubert: Thunder Bay Transportation
LaFleche: NEMSCA, Claims & Accounts, District #4 Health, Landfill
Ferguson: MCCOA, Claims &Accounts, Sheriff, Recycling, Landfill, Northern Mi. Co., EDC,
D'Agostino: DHS, Library

OTHER/PUBLIC COMMENT:

EDC has opening for 1 board member. Naomi Deo asks if new agent will be putting together a listing of contact numbers for everyone as well as new insurance plans.

11:30 A.M. Meeting adjourned subject to call of the chair.

Albert LaFleche, Chairperson

Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk