

**MONTMORENCY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 25, 2009**

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Louis Hubert, Albert LaFleche

ALSO PRESENT: Wanda Teets, Candace Fox, Ron Lounsbury, John D'Agostino, Terrie Case, Marvin McLaren, Barry Danks, Connie Danks, Don Edwards, Kevin Keller, Tom Coburn, Dewey Oswald, Steve Schulwitz, John Fitzgerald, Robert Hosmer, Melody Karr, Dale LaFleche, David A. LaPorte, Jerry H. Gehringer Jr., Tim Teeple, Bill Englehart Jr., Tex Livingston, Daryl Peterson, Kim Michalski, Dan Albrecht, Tom Santer, Paul Wingate, Gail Kent, Diane Barbeau, Bonnie Flynn, Phil LaMore, Naomi Deo, Tarry Deo, Russell Dennis

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by D'Agostino to have Tom Young chair the meeting today. Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PLEDGE

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions: Mi. Industrial Hemp, Evert Swift
Deletions: None

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by D'Agostino approving the agenda with the addition. Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by D'Agostino approving the regular minutes from November 12, 2009. Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by D'Agostino approving closed session minutes from November 12, 2009. Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

No fuel bill still, \$25,000.00 budgeted. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young to accept Claims and Accounts. Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF 2010
GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Various questions and comments by the public on E.Q. Director wage and contract, Coordinator Fox's wage, Sheriff Dept. budget, patrol cars, foreclosure fund, salary increases, layoffs.

Comments by Commissioner Young on the budget. Discussion by Treasurer Teets on the Foreclosure Fund and budget. No comments allowed by other elected officials or department heads seated in board room.

Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson to adopt the 2010 General Fund budget as follows: Revenues: \$4,043,269.00 and Expenditures: \$4,043,269.00. Yeas: 2 (Roll call: Young, Ferguson) Nays: 1 (D'Agostino) Motion carried.

Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson to adopt the 2010 Special Revenue Funds as submitted. Yeas: 2 (Roll call: Young, Ferguson) Nays: 1 (D'Agostino) Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Wanda Teets present. October Account Balance and Trial balance handed out. Discussion held. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young to accept the treasurer's report. Yeas: 2 Nays: 1 (D'Agostino) Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORT:

Sheriff Edwards present. The jail has received its "Certificate of Achievement" for jail compliance. The ORV grant amount for next year dropped from \$24,000 to \$10,000 and the snowmobile grant for this winter is only \$4400.00 to run everything.

Sheriff Edwards gave comment on his 2010 budget. His two part-time service clerks were cut completely and he will have to put a deputy on desk duty to cover the window and also animal control will not be done by his office after the first of the year, this will be turned back over to the board office.

9:50 A.M. Break
10:05 A.M. Back in session

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Nothing

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Eleven bids total were received for Plumbing and Heating. The two low bids were D.J's Mechanical and Johns Plumbing. A list of questions will be provided to each from maintenance. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by D'Agostino to table bids. Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Two companies bid for the computer work. Byte Jumper and Chowen & Associates. Discussion. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young to accept Byte Jumper bid #1 for computer support (\$70 p/hr.) for a period of two years commencing January 1, 2010. Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Health Insurance tabled, getting more info.

Clerk Neilsen has received bills from some of the townships on various election expenses, as well as bills from vendors for ballots, supplies, coding and advertising for the November 2009 election, in which the county authorized mileage language. Statue dictates who pays for what at elections. Discussion held on election budget balance as well as paying for programming and advertising, which is the townships expense, according to statue. Discussion on where money is to come from to cover. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Young to pay for the advertising (\$283.60) and programming (\$2520.00) cost for the November Special Election, and pay for expenses out of the Election fund, with \$4100.00 to come from contingency. Yeas: 3 (Roll call: Ferguson, D'Agostino, Young) Nays: 0 Motion carried.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Waiting on more bids for E.Q. request for office expansion. Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson to table E.Q. expansion request, waiting for more bids. Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ADMIN. REPORT:

Kevin Keller, E.Q. Director present and discusses Taxable Value trends for Montmorency County since 2003. Due to the Consumer Price Index and the slowed economy he indicates there could be a decrease in total taxable value. More will be known in March. Apportionment report for year 2009 submitted. L-4029 was amended to include the Road Commission Mileage that was voted on awhile back. Motion by Young, seconded by Ferguson approving the 2009 apportionment report for Montmorency County. Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Resolution #09-29

AUTHORIZING 2010 ADMINISTRATIVE FUND
Ferguson/Young Yeas: 2 (Roll call: Young, Ferguson)
Nays: 1 (D'Agostino) Absent: 2 (LaFleche, Hubert)
Resolution passed.

Mr. Evert Swift present and requests the board allow the farmers to apply for permits to grow industrial hemp, which would then allow them to continue on with the process at the state level to get permission. 16 other states have approved farmers to grow industrial hemp. Prosecutor Case advises letting the State of Michigan decide the issue. Various citizens gave comment in favor of industrial hemp. Various items are made from hemp of which the United States imports from other countries. No action taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Young: Health Ins., Budget, Finance, Claims and Accounts
Hubert: (absent)
LaFleche: (absent)
Ferguson: MCCOA, C&A, Sheriff, District Health #4, Finance, Budget
D'Agostino: DHS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Connie Danks gave comment on board's approval of 2010 budget.

11:15 A.M. Motion by Ferguson, seconded by D'Agostino to adjourn meeting. Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned.

Thomas Young, Chairperson

Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk