

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: David Heeres, Joshua Watrous, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Terry VanAlstine, Brenda Ricksgers, Dawn LaVanway, Jason Helwig, Christian Marcus.

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Invocation offered by Randy Bishop.

The Chairman asked for Public Comment. Randy Bishop addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution to declare Antrim County to be a "Second Amendment Sanctuary County" and provided a handout of the Constitution of the State of Michigan. Dean Pratt, Undersheriff addressed the Board with an update/status for the Sheriff Department's vehicle purchases in 2020. Dan Bean, Antrim County Sheriff and James Rossiter, Prosecuting Attorney both addressed the proposed "Second Amendment Sanctuary County" resolution and their oath of office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Michigan Constitution. Public comment closed at 7:16 p.m.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Watrous, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion carried as follows: All present voting yes.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Ricksgers, to approve the closed session minutes of December 5, 2019 as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

It was moved by Ricksgers, seconded by VanAlstine, to approve the minutes of December 19, 2019 as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Heeres, to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2020 Organizational meeting as corrected. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

COMMUNICATIONS/NOTICES:

Deputy Administrator, Jeremy Scott addressed a letter from Sue Wohlford regarding her home and housing program.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- Commissioner VanAlstine – Kearney Township and Grass River Natural Area updates.
- Commissioner Bargy – Sub-committee Parks & Recreation Plan update.
- Commissioner Helwig – Antrim Conservation District – Plat Book update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no reports.

The Chairman addressed the Rules and Procedures of the Board and his intent to adhere to the Rights and Duties of Members: Speaking priorities and limits as adopted for 2020.

RESOLUTION: By Christian Marcus, seconded by Dawn LaVanway

**COUNTY OF ANTRIM
RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ANTRIM COUNTY TO BE A
“SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY”**

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Heeres requested that the proposed resolution be **TABLED** due to insufficient time (2 - business days) to consider the resolution and that the resolution be sent to legal counsel for review.

It was moved by Ricksgers, seconded by Heeres, that Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$173,581.71 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

The Chair ~~POSTPONED~~ *addressed* making appointments and asked the members provide input on their current appointments and to inform him of any possible conflicts with meeting dates and times.

CORRECTED BOC 2/6/2020

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Ricksgers, that the Sheriff be authorized to execute Law Enforcement Agreement between LexisNexis Coplogic Solutions Inc. and the Antrim County Sheriff Office and execute Order No. 1 LexisNexis eCrash between Antrim Sheriff Department and LexisNexis Coplogic Solutions Inc. both to be effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Bargy, that the Board approve the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce’s request for the use of the Courthouse lawn during the annual Rubber Ducky Festival to take place August 15, 2020; that the lawn sprinklers be turned off on August 14 and 15; and that an extra trash container be placed in front of the Courthouse; and to allow the use of an electrical outlet by “Great Lakes Bounce” Inflatable Company to plug in a “bouncer” (large inflatable toy that kids can enter and bounce around in) subject to receipt of an appropriate certificate of insurance and approve the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce’s request that lawn sprinklers be turned off on September 25 and 26 and use of the Courthouse parking lot and grassy area west of the lot for kids’ bouncers to be provided by “Great lakes Bounce” Inflatable Company and New Hope Community Church and the parking lot adjacent to the Food pantry during the annual Harvest Festival to take place September 26, 2020 subject to receipt of an appropriate certificate of insurance. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Bargy, that the Board approve the write-off of Mortgages and/or Note receivable debt for housing program, which will remove receivables from the County’s system as these properties have been foreclosed on by their third-party first mortgage holders as follows:

5310 Scholl Road, Mancelona	\$30,102.00
109 W. Leonard Road, Mancelona	\$ 9,575.00
109 W. Leonard Road, Mancelona	\$ 4,350.00
109 W. Leonard Road, Mancelona	\$ 2,083.99
315 E. Elder Road, Mancelona	\$ 526.54
116 E. Lake Road, Mancelona	\$ 3,237.57
116 E. Lake Road, Mancelona	\$ 9,590.00
116 E. Lake Road, Mancelona	\$11,850.08

Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #07-2020 By Karen Bargy, seconded by Joshua Watrous

FAIR HOUSING

WHEREAS, under the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, it is illegal to deny housing to any person of race, color, religion, gender, physical or mental disabilities or national origin; and,

WHEREAS, under the Michigan Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, PA 453 of 1976, as amended, it is illegal to deny the opportunity to obtain housing to any person because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status;

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS that it is the policy of **Antrim County** to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status. Therefore, **Antrim County** does hereby pass the following:

WHEREAS, Jeremy Scott was appointed the contact person for the Antrim County Housing Program, and Mr. Scott is informed of the Fair Housing laws and is available in Antrim County at 203 E. Cayuga Street, Bellaire, MI;

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Executive Order 11063, **Antrim County** shall not discriminate in the sale, rental, leasing, or financing of housing because of religion, race, color, gender, physical or mental disabilities, national origin, age, height, weight, familial status, or marital status;

Antrim County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of religion, race, color, gender, physical or mental disabilities, national origin, age, height, weight, familial status, or marital status to seek equity under federal and state laws by providing information to said persons on how to file a complaint with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights;

Antrim County will at a minimum post this policy or the Fair Housing poster or other posters, flyers or other information which will bring to the attention of owners of real estate, developers and builders their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and Michigan Elliott-Larsen Act.

This resolution shall take effect Thursday, January 16, 2020.

Yes – David Heeres, Joshua Watrous, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Terry VanAlstine, Brenda Ricksgers, Dawn LaVanway, Jason Helwig, Christian Marcus.

No - None;

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #07-2020 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Helwig, that the Board approve the 2020 Antrim County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) guidelines as amended. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by VanAlstine, that the Board adopt the updated Michigan Department of Transportation Transit Agency Procurement Policy and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Policy. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus, that the Board authorize the Chairman to execute, on behalf of Antrim County Commission on Aging, the Fiscal Year 2020 Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), Aging & Disability Resource Collaborative (ADRC) Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance Services Sub-Contract Agreement with the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Helwig, that the Board authorize the County Administrator, as the grant administrator, to execute the Michigan Medical Marijuana Operation and Oversight Grant Agreement between the State of Michigan Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs and Antrim County, with a grant period of January 1, 2020 and expires on September 15, 2020. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by VanAlstine, the Board approve the replacement of five (5) wall heaters in the stairwells of the County Building and accept the quote from Northern Electric at a cost of \$13,250.00 with funding as budgeted from the General Fund, Capital Outlay Equipment County Building (101-901-980.265). Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Ricksgers, seconded by Marcus, that the Board authorize the purchase of fiduciary liability insurance coverage through Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America through Lighthouse Group to provided fiduciary insurance for the County staff for three (3) years at a cost of \$5,379.00. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

The Chairman **POSTPONED** the Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel (MIDC) Attorney Administrator Contract proposal due to clarification of term of contract for services proposed by Jarboe and Pfeil Attorneys at Law.

The Chairman announced that a Special Meeting of the Board be called and scheduled for January 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a 2nd interview for the position of Antrim County Accountant/Finance Director and that the MIDC contract be re-visited with term clarifications. No objections of members.

Jeremy Scott, Deputy County Administrator addressed the County Administrator's report.

- Board members: Questions and input.

REPORTS:

Antrim County Transportation Financials
Antrim County Airport Financials
Antrim Conservation District – Soil Erosion Control

Finance Director Report:

Jeremy Scott, Deputy County Administrator addressed the Finance Director Reports.

- Revenue & Expenditure Report (December 2019)
- Budget Amendment – 2020 Wage Increases

Discussion followed.

- No Action – Postponed with no objections.

Chairman Report:

- 2nd Interview process and meeting
- MIDC – Jarboe & Pfeil Attorney Contract – clarification term of contract.
- Pension Study - Interested in working with the Human Resources Director to investigate options through MERS.

Sheriff's Report:

- Township & Animal Control Statistics

Various Matters:

Commissioner VanAlstine: Pete Wilks Forest requested that the Administration Office look into the permanent hunting blinds on trees at the site.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Lon Kruger addressed the Board on the proposed and postponed resolution to Declare Antrim County to be a "Second Amendment Sanctuary County". Public comment closed at 9:47 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Chairman, Edgar Boettcher, III

County Clerk, Sheryl Guy