

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: David Heeres, Karen Bargy, Terry VanAlstine, Brenda Ricksgers, Dawn LaVanway, Jason Helwig, Christian Marcus.

Absent: Joshua Watrous, Ed Boettcher.

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

Moment of Silence.

The Vice-Chair requested Public Comment. Ron Tschudy addressed the Board on the appreciation of emergency responders. Public comment closed at 7:07 p.m.

Commissioner Watrous arrived to the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Helwig, to approve the agenda with the items for the Finance Director to be placed after line item #4 along with her request for use of personal leave days. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Commissioner Boettcher arrived to the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Boettcher, that the minutes of the August 1, 2019 meeting be approved as corrected. Motion carries – all present voting yes.

Commissioner Boettcher assumed the Chair position and proceeded to run the meeting.

It was moved by Ricksgers, seconded by Boettcher, to direct the Finance Director/Chief Administrative Officer to make a 2019 budget amendment to fund #262 by adding \$40,000.00 for a study of the 9-1-1 paging system on VHF radio and to authorize the solicitation of quotes for engineering firms for presentation to the Board of Commissioners for a final report. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – Heeres, Watrous; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Helwig, that the Board approve the replacement of a totaled patrol vehicle as a result of an accident with the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Charger (total package cost) not to exceed \$32,757.45, and direct the Finance Director/Chief Administrative Officer to make the budget amendment as follows:

- Transfer \$32,757.45 from Capital Outlay Reserve, line item 137-967-999.101 to the General Fund, line item 101-000-699-137.
- Increase the expenditure line item 101-901-980.301, Capital Outlay, Sheriff, in the amount of \$32,757.45.

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 Heeres, to approve an increase to the General Fund, Dams and Dams Operator cost center and direct the Finance Director/Chief Administrative Officer to make the following 2019 budget amendments as follows:

- Transfer \$180.00 from the Dams Reserve Fund, line item 142-966-956.101 to the General Fund, line item 101-000-699.142.
- Increase the General Fund expenditure line item 101-442-933.001, Dams Operator, Equipment Maintenance in the amount of \$180.00.

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 Ricksgers, that the Board approve an increase to the “Building Maintenance” line item in “Grass River Center” Fund 468, Parks, Building Maintenance, (468-756-932) by \$886.00 with funding to come From Fund #468 fund balance for payment of Sheren Plumbing and Heating invoices for repairs of the geothermal system at the Grass River Center and to authorize the Finance Director/Chief Administrative Officer to make the appropriate budget amendment. 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 Helwig, that the Board approve and accept the Grand Traverse Tribe of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians 2% grant on behalf of the Antrim County Baby Pantry, application request approved by the Board at the May 2, 2019 meeting, the County as the fiduciary and approve the following budget amendment to increase Fund #280, Revenue 280-000-587.001 in the amount of \$2,500.00, and increase Fund #280, expenditure 280-895-802 in the amount of \$2,500.00. 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, to authorize that Deb Haydell, Finance Director/Chief Administrative Officer be allowed to use 75 hours of personal leave to attend a family emergency, out of country, and the dates are unknown at this time. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Deb Haydell, Finance Director/Chief Administrative Officer addressed the Board on the organizational structure of her position by requesting that the position title and description remain the same, and continue to be a stand-alone department answering to the Full Board of Commissioners. She asked that the County Clerk and County Treasurer be involved in the preliminary interviews of the position as the position works closely with both departments.

Committee & Liaison Reports:

Commissioner Ricksgers – Antrim Co. Fair Update and Commission on Aging 46th Senior Picnic.

Commissioner Marcus – MI Association of Counties (MAC) Conference – Proposed policy platforms 2019-20.

Commissioner VanAlstine – Grass River Natural Area Center painting project.

Commissioner LaVanway – EDC - Industrial Park/Heritage offer on agenda but not referred by BOC.

Per BOC 9/5/2019 correction

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by VanAlstine, to **TABLE** the 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Plan. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

County Administrator, Pete Garwood addressed the Board on the Street and Road Numbering Ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Bargy: Recommended modifications to Section VI: VII. Page 7 and that a flowchart be created as a handout separate from the Ordinance.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus, that the Board approve including ½ of the cost of the performance and payment bond for Dore & Associates (\$1,525.00) to the total cost of the Bank and Professional Building demolition project for a total cost of \$136,225.00, and authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with Dore & Associates for the new project cost. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – Watrous, VanAlstine, LaVanway; Absent – None.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Watrous, that the Board waive the bid process and hire YouthWorks for the completion of the exterior refinishing project at the Grass River Natural Area Center, not to exceed \$5,325.00 and approve the contract as amended by legal and the Chairman be authorized to execute the agreement. 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 Helwig, that the Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$103,958.76 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

County Treasurer, Sherry Comben – Banking Report: 2nd Quarter 2019 – informational only.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Heeres, that the Chairman be authorized to execute an amendment to the grant agreement with the Department of Health & Human Services to extend the current contract for Regional Detention Support Services, Contract number TDSS18-05001, to expire September 30, 2020. That the Finance Director/Chief Administrative Officer of the Budget be authorized to increase funding in Department #134 Family Court – Detention Support Services by \$18,000.00. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #21-2019 By Karen Bargy, seconded by Brenda Ricksgers

TRIAL COURT FUNDING COMMISSION INTERIM REPORT

WHEREAS, the County Clerks in Michigan have a constitutional stake in the trial court funding question, but were excluded from participation in the Trial Court Funding Commission. The County Clerks have a unique relationship with the courts and a perspective that should be heard when making recommendations for substantial changes.

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WHEREAS, the goal of Public Act 65 of 2017 was to create a Trial Court Funding Commission to “review and recommend changes to the trial court funding system in light of *People v. Cunningham*”.

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the Interim Report deals with the consolidation of all local court staff and operations under state control but does not solve the funding problems that *Cunningham* created (simply moving collections of fines and costs and payment of court salaries/benefits to the state does not mitigate the fact that we will still not be funded adequately).

WHEREAS, centralized control of our court process does not necessarily serve the best interest of the public. The County Clerks believe that local judges and citizens are better served by local custodial control. It has been proven to be a more responsive method of serving their needs.

WHEREAS, research of other state-funded court systems has shown that state funding creates a culture of complacency that tolerates delay. Accountability is removed from the local level and placed in the hands of bureaucrats in state government who are less connected to the people.

WHEREAS, we are concerned that transferring funding to state control would tether the judicial branch to the short term whims of the legislative and executive branches even more than they exist already. In the event of a lack of state funding (government shutdown) this process would also force the shutdown of the court system, resulting in constitutional violation of due process.

WHEREAS, it is critical to note that the finding of 46th Circuit Trial Court v. County of Crawford, 2006:143 states directly: “In order for the judicial branch to carry out its constitutional responsibilities as envisioned by the Constitution of 1963, art3, SS 2, the judiciary cannot be totally beholden to legislative determinations regarding its budgets.”

WHEREAS, this Interim Report recommends altering the Michigan Constitution to provide that circuit court clerks are employed by the court and under the supervision of state government rather than the County Clerk.

WHEREAS, County Clerks serve a critical role in the judicial system. They are constitutionally mandated to ensure the integrity of the records and protecting the best interests of our citizens. Removing County Clerks from the picture would serve as substantial disruption to the purpose that we serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners are opposed to the Trial Court Funding Commission Interim Report dated April 8, 2019. We believe that it is imperative to maintain local control and accountability because that is how our constituents are best served. We strongly oppose this Interim Report and possible pending legislation and encourage the other 82 Michigan counties to join us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Wayne Schmidt, Representative Triston Cole, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan Counties.

RESOLUTION #21-2019 continued.

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

No- None;

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #21-2019 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Watrous, to approve the Register of Deeds 2018 Annual Report as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator addressed the Board with his report.
Board members: Questions/Input

It was moved by Ricksgers, seconded by Watrous, that the Board appoint Commissioner Christian Marcus as the alternate Antrim County Public Information Officer. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Chairman Report: Boettcher - No report

REPORTS SUBMITTED:

Monthly – Antrim County Transportation, Antrim County Building Department, Commission on Aging and Sheriff’s Reports (Animal Control Statistics and Township Statistics).

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Heeres, that the Board approve the position of the Finance Director be under the supervision of the County Administrator with the wage scale as follows:

Start	\$ 55,811.45
6 month	\$ 56,648.62
1 year	\$ 57,498.35
2 year	\$ 59,223.30
3 year	\$ 61,000.00

Motion as follows: Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Marcus; No – Watrous, Bary, VanAlstine, LaVanway, Helwig; Absent – None. **MOTION FAILED**

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by VanAlstine, that the Board approve the position of the Finance Director/Chief Administrative Officer and that the position continue to be under current structure, a stand-alone department, reporting to the full Board (due to restructuring, not the Finance of a Whole), working in conjunction with Administration, Board of Commissioners and that the wage scale remain at the 2019 rate as follows:

Start	\$ 60,003.00
6 month	\$ 61,803.00
1 year	\$ 63,657.00
2 year	\$ 65,566.00
3 year	\$ 67,533.00

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

VARIOUS MATTERS:

Commissioner Bargy:

- Housing Committee meeting cancellation without notifications to committee members.
- Importance of cross training staff to backup and fill the duties and responsibilities of absent employees.
- Antrim County Web Site not current and unable to find documents.

Margie Boyd spoke to the issue brought forward by Commissioner Bargy on current agendas not appearing on the Board of Commissioners page, the Administration Office cannot fix this problem. The problem stems from coding in the software that neither she nor IT could simply fix. She informed the Board that she continues to work with IT on the problem.

The Chairman request Public Comment. There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Board Chairman, Edgar Boettcher, III

County Clerk, Sheryl Guy