

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 Commissioner Boettcher.

The Chairman asked for Public Comment. Steve Cole addressed the Board on regress ones' Constitutional rights. Fred Gulick addressed the Board to update them on Township Ordinances and court status. Brad Glasson addressed the Board to provide an update on the LED Lighting project. Public comment closed at 7:09 p.m.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Ricksgers, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by LaVanway, to approve the minutes of December 5, 2019 meeting as corrected. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

COMMUNICATIONS/NOTICES:

County Administrator, Peter Garwood spoke on his request to the editor of the Review News that the article published from the December 5, 2019 meeting of the Board to retract misinformation reported.

LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner LaVanway – Antrim County Road Commission

It was moved by Watrous, seconded by Helwig, that the Board approve the Short's Brewery request for use of the parking lot between the County Building (north side) and the File Storage Building off of Hickory Lane beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2020 and ending Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 12:00 noon for the use of porta-johns and perimeter fencing during the annual Short's Anniversary Party, subject to receipt of the required certificate of insurance, and approve an exception to the no alcohol requirement in the Grounds Use Policy due to the dedication of security personnel on the site. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Watrous, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – Heeres, Bargy, VanAlstine, LaVanway; Absent – None.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Helwig, that the Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$183,094.15 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

The Chairman **TABLED** Sheriff Department – Dispatch: LexisNexis Services Agreement.

Eric Grandstaff, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance - Broadband Consortium Staff Specialist and Consultant, (Operating & Fiscal Agent) provided a presentation on Broadband for services in Antrim County and mission to proliferate gigabit high-speed, reliable and cost-effective services throughout the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance region.

It was moved by Barga, seconded by Watrous, that the Board approve the Antrim County Prosecuting Attorney, James Rossiter to hire the soon to be vacant Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, by Mark Fett, retiring February 2020 and that the Prosecutor base candidates work experience to determine salary that is not to exceed \$83,000.00 per year and that the standard pay step scale be eliminated from this position to allow for only annual salary increases. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Barga, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved Marcus, seconded by Barga, that the Board approve a budget amendment to increase line item Fund #275 Housing Program Income (275000-694-700.000) by \$67,540.23 from Fund #275 fund balance and approve the payment of \$67,540.23 to the State of Michigan from Fund #275 which presents all participants program income (PI) funds from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Barga, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Barga, seconded by Heeres, that the Board approve contracting with the Northern Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA) to administer the Antrim County Housing Program with payment for services to constitute 18% of each project to come from the Housing Program- program income (PI). Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Barga, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – Watrous, VanAlstine, LaVanway; Absent – None.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Barga, that the Board approve a 2020 budget amendment transferring \$16,476.63 from Fund #275 Housing Program Income to be used for the Housing Rehabilitation Program and authorize the Accounting/Finance Division to make the appropriate amendments and that the County responsibilities be assigned and train specific designated County staff person to handle the management and tracking of the Program Income receivables, expenditures and reporting. County staff designated to program will provide clarification to NMCAA agent or agents. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Barga, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Barga, that the Board approve a private event contract for testing snow blowers with Agri-Fab, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement between Agri-Fab, Inc. and Antrim County, subject to review by legal counsel. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Barga, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator addressed the Board with his report.

- Board members: Questions and input.

REPORTS:

Building Department – November 2019

Commissioner Heeres – requested 5-year report for history review

Airport – Revenue & Expenditures - November 2019

Commissioner Barga – Revenue LAND USE/RENTS

Antrim Conservation District – District Update/Forestry and Soil Erosion

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by VanAlstine, that the Board approve to increase line item in the "Transfer Station" Fund #237 (237000-525-938.000) by \$544.11 for the Warner Township 2019 winter tax bill and authorize the Finance/Accounting Division to make the appropriate 2019 budget amendment to come from fund balance of Fund #237, and that the tax bill be paid in 2019. 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 VanAlstine, that the Board approve a 2019-budget amendment to increase the Grass River Center Fund #233 – line item (233000-000-932.000) by \$975.00 from the Grass River Center fund balance to pay 2019 invoice from Sheren Plumbing and Heating. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Chairman Report – January 2, 2020 Organizational Board meeting.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Township & Animal Control statistics

It was moved by Ricksgers, seconded by VanAlstine, that the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to execute, the Grant between the State of Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and Antrim County with a grant period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Various Matters:

County Administrator, Peter Garwood reported that the Sheriff Department/Animal Control confiscated horses.

Commissioner Bargy – Board night meetings pros and cons.

The Chairman requested Public comment. Triston Cole addressed the Board to watch Bill #5229 Roads/regional transport. Eileen Wallick, Parks Manager addressed the Board seeking involvement with the reservation setup and process for Campspot project. Public comment closed at 9:14 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Chairman, Edgar Boettcher, III

County Clerk, Sheryl Guy