

Laura Sexton, County Clerk called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present:	Jerroll Drenth	District #01
	Eugene Dawson	District #02
	Larry Bary	District #03
	Jack White	District #04
	David Howelman	District #05
	Michael Crawford	District #06
	Laura Stanek	District #07
	Bernard Blackmore	District #08
	Joseph Allen	District #09

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Clerk requested Public Comment. There was none.

The Clerk appointed Peter Garwood as teller.

The Clerk requested nominations for Chairman. David Howelman nominated Jack White.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Jack White for Chairman. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Jack White was declared Chairman. The County Clerk continued to act as Chair until later in the meeting.

The Chairman requested nominations for Vice-Chairman. Michael Crawford nominated Laura Stanek.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Laura Stanek for Vice-chairman. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Laura Stanek was declared Vice-chairman

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Stanek the regular meeting date of the Board of Commissioners be the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #01-07 by Jack White, seconded by Bernard Blackmore

WHEREAS, Antrim County desires to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1992 in all entities:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, Antrim County shall comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1992 in the employment and retention of personnel, and all other phases pursuant to these Acts, and affirms its policy prohibiting discriminatory practices, policies, and customs that violate the rights of any citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age weight, height, marital status, or physical disability and/or ability and hereby adopts a broadened policy encouraging participation of minorities, the handicapped, and the disabled as much as currently permitted by Michigan Proposal #2 as passed by vote of the people of Michigan at the November 7, 2006 General Election.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None

Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #01-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #02-07 by Laura Stanek, seconded by Joseph Allen

WHEREAS, Public Act #344 of 1982 changes and extends the procedures under which the Board of Commissioners must make the report of its meetings available to the public, and,

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners intends to continue the procedure under which it is currently making the report of its meetings available to the public;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, pursuant to P.A. 344 of 1982, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners will direct the County Clerk to make a report of each session of the Board available as soon as possible after each session in the Office of the County Clerk for public inspection and copying without charge, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to P.A. 344 of 1982, sec. 9c, copies of the report of each session will be mailed upon request without charge, and

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that, it be advertised in the County newspapers that the report of each open session is available from the Office of the County Clerk without charge;

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Resolution #02-07 – continued

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that, the County Board minutes be posted on the Antrim County web site when available after date of approval.

Yes - Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen.

No - None;

Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #02-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #03-07 by Laura Stanek, seconded by Jack White

WHEREAS, Michigan P.A. 156 of 1851, as amended, confers on Board of Commissioners the following power "...require a county officer whose salary or compensation is paid by the County to make a report under oath to the County Board of Commissioners on a subject connected with the duties of that office..",

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, the following county officers be required to make a 2006 Annual Report in the form stipulated by the Board of Commissioners by the second Thursday in May, 2007; Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Probate Judge, Abstractor, Coordinator/Planning Director, Building Official, Animal Control Officer, ACT Director, Drain Commissioner, Airport Manager, Commission on Aging Director, Emergency Services Coordinator, Meadowview Apartments Manager, and Veterans' Counselor; and also the following Departments: Antrim-Kalkaska Community Mental Health, Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility, and Family Independence Agency.

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that, each report last not more than fifteen (15) minutes.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #03-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Dawson the Antrim County Commissioners'

Procedures as approved on April 13, 2000 and amended on February 8, 2001, February 14, 2002, November 14, 2002 and February 9, 2006 continue to be used in the year 2007. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

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RESOLUTION #04-07 by Bernard Blackmore, seconded by Michael Crawford

WHEREAS, under generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Department of Treasury – State of Michigan, all Antrim County expenditures shall have prior approval of the governing body, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by audit that Antrim County shall comply with this accounting standard,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that all Antrim County expenditures in General Fund Type, Special Revenue Fund Type, Capital Projects Fund Type, and Enterprise Fund Type funds be approved for 2007 at the monthly meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners with some exceptions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the following expenditures be considered the exceptions and be considered approved by passage of this Resolution:

1. Special Revenue Fund types for which the payment approval has been designated to another board or agency either by law or by action of the Board of Commissioners including but not limited to Meadowbrook Operating Fund, Road Commission, Veterans Affairs, Child Care, Register of Deeds Automation, Meadowview Operating, Commission on Aging, and other similar Funds.
2. Special Revenue Fund types that involve grant agreements including but not limited to Housing grants, Parks grants, Emergency Services grants, Dial-a-ride grants, Law Enforcement grants, Commission on Aging grants, and other similar Funds.
3. Appropriations to other Agencies as designated in the current year's budgets.
4. Any payroll and related fringe benefit expenses.
5. Expenditures which lack of timely payment results in late fees including but not limited to utilities, credit cards, and other similar expenses.
6. Contractual obligations including but not limited to trash removal, plowing, construction projects, computer services, maintenance contracts, insurance and other similar expenditures.
7. Any expense which the Chief Administrative/Fiscal Officer deems, due to circumstances, should be paid immediately, such expense to be signed as

approved by the Chief Administrative/fiscal Officer.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #04-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION #05-07 by Jack White, seconded by Jerroll Drenth

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED the Antrim County board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following institutions and their subsidiaries as depositories or services of Antrim County funds for the year, 2007:

Alden State Bank

Citizens Bank

Charlevoix State Bank

Huntington Bank

National City bank

Fifth Third Bank

J.P. Morgan Chase & co

Bank One

LaSalle Bank

Flagstar Bank

Comerica Bank

Republic Bank

Fifth Third Securities, Inc

First Federal of Northern Michigan

MBIA-Municipal Investors of Michigan CLASS

Merrill Lynch

Citigroup

Oppenheimer & c Inc

UBS Financial Service Inc

Bay Winds Federal Credit Union

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #05-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #06-07 Jack White, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 20 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1943, as amended, ("Act 20") the Board of Commissioners of the County of Antrim may authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds in certain investments: and

WHEREAS, this board wishes to authorize such investments as are permitted by Act 20; and

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Resolution #06-07 – continued

WHEREAS, section 5 of Act 20 requires this Board of Commissioners in conjunction with the County Treasurer to adopt an investment policy which complies with the provisions of Act 20; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has submitted a proposed Investment Policy which complies with provisions of Act 20;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ANTRIM as follows:

1. The County Treasurer is authorized to invest funds of the County of Antrim in investments authorized by Act 20.
2. The Investment Policy attached hereto as Appendix 1 is approved and shall take effect on January 1, 2007 (See pages).
3. Before executing an order to purchase or trade the funds of the County of Antrim a financial intermediary, broker, or dealer shall be provided with a copy of the County's Investment Policy and shall acknowledge receipt of the Investment Policy and agree to comply with the terms of the Investment Policy regarding the buying or selling of securities by executing the form attached as Appendix 2.
4. The County Treasurer is authorized to rely on the continuing effect of this resolution until and unless it is specifically amended or rescinded by a future resolution of the Board of Commissioners.
5. This resolution shall be effective retroactive to January 1, 2007

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;
Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #06-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #07-07 by Bernard Blackmore, seconded by Joseph Allen

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners provides all of the following for taxes paid before May 1 in the first year of delinquency for the homestead property of a senior citizen, paraplegic, hemiplegic, quadriplegic, eligible serviceman, eligible veteran, eligible widow, totally and permanently disabled, or blind person, as those persons are

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defined in Chapter 9 of the Income Tax Act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.501 to 206.532, if that claimant presents a copy of the form filed for that credit to the County Treasurer, and if that claimant has not received the credit before March :

- (a) Any interest, fee, or penalty in excess of the interest, fee or penalty that would have been added if the tax had been paid before February 15, is waived,
- (b) Interest paid under subsection 91 of section 89(1)(a) is waived unless the interest is pledged to the repayment of delinquent tax revolving fund notes or payable to the county delinquent tax revolving fund, in which case the interest shall be refunded from the general fund of the county.
- (c) The county property tax administration fee is waived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners approves the following:

- (a) The treasurer of the local tax collection unit shall indicate on the delinquent tax roll if a 1% property tax administration fee was added to taxes collected before February 15.
- (b) The fees authorized and collected under this section and credited to the delinquent property tax administration fund shall be used by the Department of Treasury to pay expenses incurred in the administration of this act.
- (c) The county property tax administration fee shall be used by the county to offset the costs incurred in and ancillary to collecting delinquent property taxes and for purposes authorized by section 87b and 87d.

Yes - Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #07-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Jack White took the Chair.

The Chairman appointed Jerald Rives of Elk Lake Tool Company and Jim Barnard of Barnard Engineering to the Northwest Michigan Workforce Development Board, terms to expire December 31, 2008.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Crawford the appointment of Jerald Rives and Jim Barnard to the NWM WDB be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

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The Chairman appointed the following Standing Committees:

ADMINISTRATION/COUNTY SERVICES

Michael Crawford, Chair
Laura Stanek
Jerroll Drenth

HUMAN SERVICES

David Howelman, Chairman
Laura Stanek
Bernard Blackmore

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Jerroll Drenth, Chairman
Michael Crawford
Larry Barga

LANDS AND FORESTRY

Bernard Blackmore, Chairman
Eugene Dawson
Joseph Allen

FINANCE

Laura Stanek, Chairman
Larry Barga
Jerroll Drenth

PARKS

Eugene Dawson, Chairman
Michael Crawford
Joseph Allen

HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY

Larry Barga, Chairman
Bernard Blackmore
David Howelman

PUBLIC WORKS

Joseph Allen, Chairman
Larry Barga
Eugene Dawson

TRANSPORTATION

Eugene Dawson, Chairman
David Howelman
Joseph Allen

CIRCUIT COURT LIAISON

Jack White
Laura Stanek
Laura Sexton
Peter Garwood

DISTRICT COURT LIAISON

Jack White
Laura Stanek
Laura Sexton
Peter Garwood

Representative to Housing Committee – Bernard Blackmore and Joseph Allen.
Representative to Veterans' Affairs Committee – Joseph Allen
Computer Committee – David Howelman
Representative to North County Community Mental Health – Laura Stanek

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Bargy that the above named committee appointments be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

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It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Crawford the Village of Elk Rapids be permitted to temporarily deposit dredging spoils on county property just north of the Elk Rapids Harbor, spoils to be transferred to another site. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

Jack White, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman,
Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen.

Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Ed Martel spoke briefly on land values and lost potential. A representative from DeWitt Marine gave a favorable, excellent report on the performance of Heidi Lang.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the minutes of January 3, 2007 be accepted as corrected and the minutes of December 14, 2006 be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Charles Koop, Prosecuting Attorney, explained that, in order to provide power to the new Ambulance garage, it would be necessary to grant an easement to the utility.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman the Chairman sign an easement with the electric power company to set a power pole on county property to provide electric power to the Ambulance Garage. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the Chairman be authorized to sign a license allowing the Village of Elk Rapids to temporarily deposit dredging sludge on county property. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Allen Luurtsema presented the proposed Master Plan and requested input on it.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Stanek the Planning Commission sent out copies of the proposed Master Plan to various entities such as townships, villages, etc. for their input. Motion carried all members present voting.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford the Coordinator/Planner be authorized to sign the Remonumentation grant agreement. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford the County Clerk be authorized to hire a part time employee to fill in while a regular employee is on sick leave. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the claims and accounts totaling \$236,014.57 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the Coordinator/Planner purchase a laser printer for not to exceed \$1,599.00 as budgeted. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the quote for \$400.00 from UBU Construction for installation of door between the Abstract office and the hall be accepted. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford the quote from KISS Carpet for \$24,763.00 for installation of carpet in the Department of Human Services and the Register of Deeds and Abstract Department be accepted. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the quote from Garage Door Services for \$ 4,245.00 for replacement of the Airport snow plow garage bay door replacement be accepted; the project having been budgeted for 2007. Motion carried by a ye and nay as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman the Chairman be authorized to sign the agreements with Peckham Engineering for work at the Airport for the 2007 grants. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the Airport 2007 grant local match of \$2,716.00 be approved and transferred when needed from the Grant Match Fund to the Airport Operation Fund and the budgets of both Funds be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows; Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Dawson the Chairman sign the agreement with the counties of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance approving the inclusion of Cheboygan County into the Alliance. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the Board retire to Closed Session to consider pending litigation and the Prosecuting Attorney and Coordinator/Planner also stay in the session. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The meeting went into Closed Session at 9:45 a.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:58 a.m.

Gerald Chase of the Northern Michigan Health Department informed the Board about the proposed Sanitary Health Code.

RESOLUTION #08-07 by Larry Bargy, seconded by Joseph Allen

WHEREAS, Michigan law, being 1978 PA 368, Sec. 2441(1), requires that a regulation of a district health department be approved by the governing entity of each of its members;

WHEREAS, this county is a member of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency which is a district health department and the Board of Commissioners is the governing entity of this county;

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the district health department has recommended approval of the proposed amendment to the Emmet County Sanitary Code and the proposed district Sanitary Code for the Counties of Antrim, Charlevoix and Otsego; and

WHEREAS, this county desires to approve the District Sanitary Code and the amendment to the Emmet County Sanitary code that are described below;

BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The attached regulation adopted by the Board of Health of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency known as the District Sanitary code and applicable to the Counties of Antrim, Charlevoix and Otsego is approved; and
2. The attached regulation adopted by the Board of Health of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency known as the amendment of the Emmet County Sanitary code is approved.

Resolution #08-07 – continued

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None

Absent – None.

Andy Hayes, Rick Diebold, and Brian Braddock of the Northern Lakes Economic alliance talked about the various activities of that organization and announced the NLEA Annual Luncheon on March 2.

RESOLUTION #08-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the Commission on Aging hire Kathy Grandy as a part time Site Coordinator at the 1-year step in the pay scale. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek that James Smith be hired for the vacant maintenance/custodial position with Paul Wojcik to be considered if Mr. Smith declines the position. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth the funds be released for employment in the vacant full time position in the County Treasurer's office. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the positions in the Probate Court of Court Administrator/Juvenile Officer and Court Reporter/Judicial Secretary be considered as not having enough comparables and they be given a 3.3% wage increase for 2007 as given to other positions with insufficient comparables. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

Roxanne Flake, Custer Township Trustee, read a letter requesting information about the why some dwellings are required to have construction code permits and other are not. There was discussion on building permits.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Dawson that \$590.00 which is half of the attorney bill for Moore Plumbing & Heating be reimbursed to Moore. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Blackmore, Allen; No – Crawford, Stanek; Absent – None.

The Chairman appointed Tim Moore to the Construction Code Board of Appeals.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Dawson the appointment of Tim Moore to the Construction Code Board of Appeals be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

The Chairman appointed Robert McLeod to the Antrim Creek Board.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Drenth the appointment of Robert McLeod to the Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Stanek that, if there is no response to requests for lease changes for Mancelona Township Senior Center by January 16, the Chairman be authorized to sign a letter ending the lease with Mancelona Township for the Center in 30 days. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen that Mr. Garwood be requested to prepare a letter of support for an application by the Northern Michigan Hunters Education Group to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for grant money for hunter safety. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

Jack White, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman,
Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen;

Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Ed Martel commented on the proposed county Master Plan and on acts and statutes that are exclusive to counties.

Charles Koop informed that the transaction with Habitat for Humanity concerning the house in Mancelona were almost complete.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the minutes of January 11, 2007 be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman the claims and accounts totaling \$92,030.39 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman the Animal Control Department purchase a computer for \$1,500 as budgeted in the General Fund and 1 computer for \$1,300 to be paid for from the Animal Donations Fund and the budget of the Animal Donations fund be adjusted for this purchase. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the Sheriff purchase 18 tasers for the Road Officers for \$8,500 as budgeted. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the Sheriff purchase a vehicle for \$25,000 for Secondary Roads as budgeted. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth the County Treasurer vacant position be made a part time irregular position at 27.5 hours per week and be paid at a rate identical to the Clerk II pay scale in the General Union Contract and the County Treasurer's budget be adjusted to reflect this change. Motion carried by a yea and nay

vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth the employees at the Parks (with the exception of the Parks Manager) be give a 3% wages increase for 2007 and the Parks budget be adjusted. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth the part time irregular employees at the commission on Aging receive a 2.5 % increase with the exception of the Homemaker position which shall receive a 3.5% increase. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows; Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth the funds be released for the Sheriff to fill the vacant detective sergeant position. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth the funds be released for the Sheriff to fill the 2 vacant dispatcher positions. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the wage rate of the position currently being held by Scott Boni be raised to the three year step as a Certified Corrections Officer. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Allen that new Elected Officials who choose Blue Cross Blue Shield as their health insurance and who are transferring from a Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance program have no waiting period before the insurance becomes effective. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Blackmore that the following policy be adopted: a carpet protection device (typically a plastic mat) be used at all work stations in all County offices as well as in offices leased by the County to other agencies; this policy to apply to all offices that have been re-carpeted after October, 2006. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #09-07 by Eugene Dawson, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended (Act 51), it is necessary for the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, (hereby known as THE APPLICANT) established under Act 94-1933, to provide a local transportation program for the state fiscal year of 2008 and, therefore, apply for state financial assistance under provisions of Act 51; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Applicant to name an official representative for all public transportation matters who is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or department for its administration of act 51; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to certify that no changes in eligibility documentation have occurred during the past state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the performance indicators for this agency have been reviewed and approved by THE APPLICANT; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has reviewed and approved the proposed balance (surplus) budget, and funding sources of estimated federal funds \$106,600, estimated state funds \$274,500, estimated local funds \$102,700, estimated farebox \$199,700, estimated other funds \$27,800, with total estimated expenses of \$711,200.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Applicant hereby makes its intentions known to provide public transportation services and to apply for state financial assistance with this annual plan, in accordance with Act 51; and

HEREBY, appoints Sheridan Rhoads as the Transportation Coordinator for all public transportation matters, who is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or department for its administration of Act 51 for 2008.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, white, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #09-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #10-07 by Eugene Dawson, seconded by David Howelman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the proposed contract submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jack White, chairman, be authorized and directed to execute Contract No. 2007-0392 (Design of runway obstruction removal, as further defined in Contract No. M 05-01-C42) for and on behalf of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, white, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #10-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dee Miller of the MSU Extension Office introduced the students of the Citizenship Academy who are observing the Board meeting as part of their studies.

Ben Cupp and Callie Guntzviller
Damares Patton and Alysha Patton
Kelsey Drew

Ellsworth Community School
Mancelona Public School
Kalkaska High School

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Crawford the “Maltby” property be purchased for \$49,000 to be included in the Grass River Natural Area; cost to be reimbursed by the Department of Natural Resources and the General fund budget be adjusted to reflect this transaction. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows:
Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Allen that Mark Randolph proceed with the Development Grant and hold a public hearing for the grant at the next Parks Committee meeting. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Crawford the following fee schedule be adopted for Barnes Park:

Electric sites	\$25.00/night
Primitive sites	21.00/night
Pavilion rental	40.00/usages (residents & non-residents)
10 sites set aside for reservations	regular night rate plus \$5.00 (minimum of 3 nights)

Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Crawford an ad for Antrim County be placed in the Michigan Maps Online Tourism Map for \$295, noting that this company is owned by the Antrim County Drain Commissioner. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

Kent McNeil spoke of the Proposed Antrim County Master Plan and the possibilities of this resulting in county-wide zoning.

Ed Martel spoke on the newly adopted Health Code and its possible shortcomings.

Theresa Kent, Abstractor, gave the Abstract Department 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen the Abstract Department 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman that all surveys of county land be recorded in the Register of deeds office, monuments to be placed at the corners of the property, the property lines to be staked approximately every 100 yards, and the site be mapped. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Dawson the contract for paper fiber recycling with Marv Rubingh and Central Lake Township be renewed for a two year (March 1, 2007 to March 1, 2009) period at \$500 per month and the Resource Recovery Cost Center budget be increased by \$1,000. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Dawson the construction code enforcement permit fees be increased by 5% and the revenue budget of that fund be increased accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Allen; No – White, Blackmore; Absent – None.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Stanek the 2006 Department of Human Services Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen the Emergency Services 6-month report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Crawford the Vice-chairman be authorized to sign the two-year contract between Antrim County and the Township of Mancelona for lease of the Mancelona Senior Center Building with a 60-day cancellation clause and with March 1, 2007 being the beginning date contingent upon approval by Mancelona Township. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

A lunch was provided for the Board and the Citizenship Academy members by the MSU Extension Citizenship Academy program.

Laura Stanek, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, David Howelman, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen;

Absent: Jack White, Michael Crawford

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Linda Gallagher spoke in favor of the Sevald property acquisition. Ed Martel commented on the Health Code, Wetlands protection, and the boat slip project at DeWitt Marine. Al Luurtsema commented on the proposed Master Plan. Russ Blaisdell and Chuck Call spoke in favor of the Sevald property acquisition. Public Comment closed at 9:15 a.m.

Charles Koop reported the Oil and Gas Lease with O.I.L. for the Meadowbrook property had been finalized.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Dawson the Vice-chairman be authorized to sign the oil and gas lease with O.I.L. Energy Corporation for Antrim County property in Section 30 of Kearney Township (Meadowbrook) and also sign the O.I.L. ratification. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – White, Crawford.

Prosecutor Koop also reported the sale agreement for the Habitat for Humanity house in Mancelona would be completed in April.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Bargy the claims and accounts totaling \$91,010.15 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – White, Crawford.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Bargy a steam cleaner be purchased for the County Building at a cost of \$2,888 and the capital outlay budget in the General Fund be increased by that amount. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – White, Crawford.

Peter Garwood, Coordinator/Planner reported that his office would apply for a Coastal Management Grant for kiosks at the Antrim Creek Natural area funding to be as follows: from grant - \$16,000; local match - \$16,000. The local match will come from Grand Traverse Regional community Foundation (Antrim Creed money) - \$14,599; and Antrim County Fund #234 (Antrim Creek Fund) - \$1,401.

RESOLUTION #11-07 by Jerroll Drenth, seconded by Larry Bargy

WHEREAS, the educational interpretive centers in the Antrim Creek Natural Area (ACNA) are vital to the natural area, and

WHEREAS, the public will benefit from various information on the threatened species and cultural and historical information about the natural area, and

WHEREAS, funding is available from the US Department of Commerce through the Coastal Management Program, and

WHEREAS, total project cost is estimated at \$32,000, 50% of which would be funded through the Coastal Management Program and 50% would be a local match;

WHEREAS, the Coastal Management Program has played an extremely important role as a partner with Antrim County in the formulation of ACNA Master Plan, and the completion of Phase I and Phase II of the construction efforts that have made the ACNA accessible to thousands of visitors, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners approved the submission of grant application to the Michigan Coastal Management Program in the amount of 416,000 for the educational interpretive centers in Antrim Creek Natural Area, and commits that the local match shall be provided if the project is funded.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #11-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Howelman that a GIS plotter be purchased for the Equalization Department; \$6,000 to be paid from an Emergency Services grant and \$2,000 from Fund #240 (GIS Implementation Fund) and the expenditure budget of Fund #240 be increased by \$2,000. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – White, Crawford.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Bargy the Prosecuting Attorney purchase a computer server for not to exceed \$3,750 provided he obtain 2 additional quotes and buy the server with the lowest quote and that the price of the server be transferred from the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund to the General Fund and the budgets of both Funds be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – White, Crawford.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Bargy the Construction Code Enforcement Department purchase a printer at a cost not to exceed \$600.00 and the expenditure budget of the Construction Code Fund be increased by that amount. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – White, Crawford.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Bargy a copier be leased from Xerox at a rate of \$225.00 per month for the County Building first floor copy room and the expenditure budget of the General Fund be increased by that amount. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – White, Crawford.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Bargy the Abstractor purchase a table for \$429.00 and 2 files for \$300.00 each from the already budget Capital Outlay. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – White, Crawford.

RESOLUTION #12-07 by Eugene Dawson, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners adopted the Antrim County Comprehensive Recreation Plan on February 10, 2005, and

WHEREAS, the Grass River Center named in the Comprehensive Recreation Plan and in the Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application are necessary for the management, accessibility and protection of the environment and to provide for the educational and recreation needs of the public, and

WHEREAS, Antrim County is desirous to assist the Grass River Natural Area, Inc. in its mission to manage the area and provide information on the value of wetlands and natural areas to the quality of life in the County, and

WHEREAS, due to budgetary constraints, the County of Antrim does not currently have the ability to finance this development without additional funding,

Resolution #12-07 – continued

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners authorizes a grant application for funding through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust fund program for the above mentioned Grass River Center at the Grass river natural Area, in Helena Township, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners agrees to accept the grant if awarded, and will provide a local match of twenty-five (25%) or more, as required.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent – White, Crawford.

RESOLUTION #12-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson that minutes of February 8, 2007 be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Blackmore the Policy for Disposal of Digital Date Storage Devices and Media be adopted and the Equipment and Furniture Disposal Policy be amended and the Policy that requires destruction of all county computer hard drives prior to disposing of them be repealed (see page). Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – White, Crawford.

RESOLUTION #13-07 by Jerroll Drenth, seconded by Joseph Allen

WHEREAS, Christine Alwood has served on the MAC Transportation Committee and Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, Christine Alwood has served as an Isabella County Commissioner for 8 years; and

WHEREAS, Christine Alwood has been involved the MAC Road Commission legislation and an avid supporter of MAC-PAC,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners support Christine Alwood for the MAC Board Member at Large.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Michigan Association of Counties and all 82 Michigan Counties.

Resolution #13-07 – continued

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent – White, Crawford.

RESOLUTION #13-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Bargy the picture of Glen Hooper donated by his family be displayed in the Equalization Department. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Bradley Kik to the Solid Waste and Recycling Council.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Dawson the appointment of Bradley Kik to the Solid Waste and Recycling Council be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – White, Crawford.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen that 40 acres of county land on Batchelder Road be sold for not less than \$200,000, giving the three parties that expressed interest in the property the first opportunity to quote.

Larry Bargy exercised his right to have consideration of the matter of the Batchelder Road property sale postponed for 30 days. The Chairman declared the matter postponed for 30 days.

John Strehl, Airport Manager, gave the Airport's 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Dawson the Airport 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Robert Massey, Building Official, gave the Construction Code Enforcement 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Dawson the Construction Code Enforcement 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Marna Robertson, and Blair Coutant from Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility explained the proposed expansion and renovation of Meadowbrook and Meadowview Apartments.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Dawson the following matters concerning the Elk Rapids Hydroelectric Facility be implemented:

1. The Ad Hoc Committee meet with North American Hydro, Inc. and any other parties interest in purchase or lease of the hydroelectric power production operation at the Elk Rapids Dam.
2. The law firm of Howard and Howard be contacted and requested to have their client send us a proposal to be received by April 3, 2007.
3. the Ad Hoc Committee contact Mr. Stockhausen, the original party interest in the hydroelectric operation and inform him there are two other interested parties, one of whom has presented a proposal.
4. The Drain Commissioner and Coordinator/Planner be given authority on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee to hire James Coughlin, Engineer, to assist us with the possible sale/lease of the electrical generating equipment.
5. The Drain Commissioner and the Coordinator/Planner be given the authority to hire outside counsel (specializing in hydroelectric facilities) and bond counsel.

Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – White, Crawford.

The matter of leasing vehicles for the construction code enforcement was referred to the Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION #14-07 by Bernard Blackmore, seconded by Joseph Allen

WHEREAS, Antrim County is interested in continuing effort to provide affordable housing opportunities for its low and very low-income residents, and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners is interested in applying for a Homebuyer/Purchase/Rehab, (HPR) Grant,

WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners accept the recommendation of Housing Director, Patricia J. Lowery to apply for funding in the amount of up to \$227,744;

WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners authorizes Jack White, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, sign said application forms as required:

Resolution #14-07 – continued

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners authorizes Patricia J. Lowery to prepare and submit the application for funding through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Housing Resource Fund.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent – White, Crawford.

RESOLUTION #14-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #15-07 by Bernard Blackmore, seconded by Joseph Allen

WHEREAS, the County of Antrim is committed to the continuing effort to upgrade housing conditions for its low income homeowners, and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners accepts the recommendation of the Antrim County Housing Committee to apply for \$175,000.00 to be used for CDBG Program under the Housing Resource fund through Michigan State Housing Development Authority, and

WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners authorizes Jack White, Chairman, to sign application forms as required:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners authorizes Patricia J. Lowery, Director, and Antrim County Housing Committee, to prepare and submit an application through the HRF through the MSHDA program on its behalf.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent – White, Crawford.

RESOLUTION #15-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen, the Chairman be authorized to sign the Certification for Environmental Review compliance for the Antrim County Housing Program. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that Nancy Hunt and Amy Folker had donated some paintings to be displayed in the County Building. Ms. Hunt and Ms. Folker will be at the next Board meeting with the paintings.

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, March 8, 2007

The Chairman of the Computer Committee announced there would be a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Thursday, March 29, 2007 to review the Technology Implementation Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Chairman

County Clerk

Jack White, Chairman, called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman,
Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Fred Trimble gave a presentation on the Antrim Technology Implementation Program. Following the program, questions were asked by some of the commissioners and those in the audience. Laura Stanek commented on her recommendation from the computer committee.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson to authorize Fred Trimble Consulting to draft bids on the whole network, and main campus only and option to lease. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Jack White, Chairman

Margaret VanLooy, Deputy County Clerk

Jack White, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman,
Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen.

Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Christie Roman spoke on the State plans to cut the funding for Antrim Conservation District 100%. She also mentioned possible cuts in funding for the Forester position. Ed Martel commented on environmental issues. Charles Koop spoke of the repercussions of early release of prison inmates. He also talked about the freeze on State funding for grants. Public Comment closed at 9:15 a.m.

Heather Knust, President of the animal welfare group, With a Little Help From My Friends, requested a letter of support for their grant application to the Chippewa/Ottawa Tribe.

Nancy Hunt and Amy Folker donated five paintings showing rural Antrim County scenes to the County. The Board chairman expressed the County's appreciation and the intent to display the paintings in the County Building and Court House.

Charles Koop presented a proposed oil and gas lease from DTE (Cedar River N.A. property) giving \$175 per acre and 3/16 for non developmental consideration.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the Chairman be authorized to sign an oil and gas lease with D.T.E. for Kearney Township property in parts of Section 20, 21, and 28 (Cedar River N.A. property – Skaff portion). Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

Mr. Koop also talked about an inquiry from a citizen concerning an auto accident in which his daughter was severely injured and the lack of responsiveness from the Sheriff Department concerning the police reports of the accident. The Sheriff responded that the matter was being taken care of.

Peter Garwood, Coordinator/Planner, announced the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance was requesting any information about possible brownfield sites. He also announced that Robert McLeod has resigned from the Antrim Creek Natural Area board.

Peter Garwood presented the 2006 Annual Report of the Coordinator/Planner's office.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson the 2006 Annual Report of the Coordinator/Planner's office be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

There was a request for all members of the Board as well as other county officers to contact their Representative and Senators in the State Legislature and urge them to complete the State budget on a non political basis with equal consideration to all areas of government.

Dewey Benson, Medical Examiner, gave his 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Allen the Medical Examiner's 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Elaine Wood and Bud Shipstead from the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments gave their 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman the Northwest Michigan Council of Government's 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen the minutes of March 8, 2007 and March 29, 2007 be approved as corrected. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Sherry Comben, County Treasurer, presented that office's 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Drenth the County Treasurer's 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Carol Mitchell, Commission on Aging Director, presented the COA 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Allen the Commission on Aging 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Deborah Peters gave the Veterans Counselor 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Allen the Veterans Counselor 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Robert Englebrecht, Equalization Director, presented the 2007 Equalization Report (see pages).

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Howelman the 2007 Equalization Report be accepted. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the claims and accounts totaling \$113,719.64 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford the proposal from Deyo/Stone Associates, Inc for \$6,200.00 (plus \$650.00 for first year revision) for an update of the county assets appraisal to conform to the GASB audit standards be accepted and the 2007 General Fund expenditure budget be increased by this amount. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the Sheriff purchase a server and OSSI software for jail and records managements for not to exceed \$132,416 from Capital Outlay and various other accounts in the 2007 General Fund budgets. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the Sheriff purchase 17 vests (\$6,800) for Correction Officers and a camera (\$400) as budgeted in the 2007 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Dawson the Sheriff purchase 7 vests for Road Patrol Officers for \$2,310 as budgeted in the 2007 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the Chairman be authorized to sign the supplemental Marine Grant for \$20,000 for two boat motors for the Bay boat. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the Parks Director purchase a 1995 Chevrolet ¾-ton 4x4 truck from Voice Motors for \$7,000 as budgeted in the 2007 General fund budget. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

Jean Snow presented a Resolution supporting the Declaration of October as Community Foundation Month in Antrim County.

RESOLUTION #16-07 by Michael Crawford, seconded by Laura Stanek

WHEREAS, Antrim County is served by the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, a regional community foundation certified by the State of Michigan to benefit Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation is celebrating its 15th anniversary as the home to a variety of component funds that focus on community, youth and education, the environment, and cultural arts in the five-county region; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation has achieved more than \$27 million in assets and is now the largest grant maker in the region; and,

WHEREAS, during the Community Foundation's 15 years, Antrim County has benefited from more than \$290,000 in grant dollars from the Youth Services Endowment Fund alone and has been represented by 22 county residents who have service on the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation would like to declare October as Community Foundation Month, both in celebration of its 15th anniversary and as an effort to increase visibility and engagement in each of the five counties it serves; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation requests the support of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners in recognizing October as Community Foundation Month in Antrim County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that Antrim County Supports the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation and declares that October will be recognized by this Board of Commissioners and by Antrim County as Community Foundation Month.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #16-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

There was discussion on reintroducing the tabled motion from the March 27, 2007 meeting.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Dawson that the property in parts of Sections 14 & 15 in Forest Home Township, known as the Sevald property, be purchased by Antrim County under the following conditions: 1) 40 acres of Antrim County property in Section 29 of Kearney Township, known as the Batchelder Rd. property, sells for at least \$200,000, 2) a \$99,000 grant is obtained from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for this project, and 3) \$100,000 continues to be committed to the project from the Antrim County Forestry Fund. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – Drenth, Bargy; Absent – None.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the county apply to the State of Michigan to remove the “for forestry purposes only” restrictions on all Antrim County property under 120 acres and none of these properties are disposed until an ordinance can be written protecting these properties . Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore, Allen; No – Stanek; Absent – None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. for lunch.
P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Absent – Joseph Allen.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the funds be released for the recently vacant corrections officer position in the Sheriff Department and the position be filled. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – Allen.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the funds be released for the recently vacant road deputy position in the Sheriff Department and the position be filled. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – Allen.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the following policy concerning health insurance be adopted: *Newly elected officials, including the County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Drain Commissioner, County Surveyor, and Members of the Board of Commissioners will not have to adhere to the current new-hire wait period, as long as they are coming from a Priority Health HMO plan. There cannot be a lapse of more than 30 days from the prior plan termination in order for this to occur. Employees other than those mentioned above must comply with the new-hire waiting period regardless of what carrier they had previously.* Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – Allen.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth the Park Manager be awarded the funeral leave benefit. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – Allen.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the two Park positions be filled as follows: 1) 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. shift – Rachel Mosher be hired and if she is unable to take the position or doesn't pass the pre-employment assessment, the position be offered to Margaret Vaughn as second choice and Billy Adams as third choice, 2) flex-schedule position - Conner Dawson be hired and if he is unable to take the position or doesn't pass the pre-employment assessment, the position would be offered to Billy Adams as the second choice and Margaret

Vaughn as the third choice. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – Allen.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth the mileage for county employees be raised to \$0.485 per mile effective April 23, 2007. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – Allen.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Bargy the bid from Gmoser's for \$680 for placement of Porta-johns be accepted. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – Allen.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Howelman the Airport's hangar keepers' liability insurance coverage (purchased from AVFuel) be increased to 2.5 million for any aircraft and 5 million for any one occurrence at an additional cost of \$2,050 and the 2007 expenditure budget of Fund #581 be increased by \$2,050. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – Allen.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Bargy the Chairman be authorized to sign the Household Hazardous Waste Contract with the Antrim Conservation District. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – Allen.

The Chairman, at the recommendation of Circuit Court Chief Judge Power, re-appointed Patricia Jones-Colvin to the Jury Board.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Dawson the appointment of Patricia Jones-Colvin to the Jury Board, term to expire April 30, 2013, be approved. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – Allen.

The Chairman appointed Laura Sexton as delegate and Peter Garwood as alternate to the Municipal Employees Retirement System Annual Meeting.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Blackmore the appointment of Laura Sexton as delegate and Peter Garwood as alternate representing administration to the Municipal Employees Retirement System Annual Meeting be approved. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – Allen.

The Chairman appointed Jerroll Drenth to fill a vacancy on the Antrim Creek Natural Area Board, term to expire January 1, 2010. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows:

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None;
Absent – Allen.

Mr. Howelman reported on his attendance at the ACUTE meetings and the progress of the Mancelona water and sewer issue.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman,
Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen;

Absent: None.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Linda Gallagher announced the 2nd Annual Petoskey Stone Festival will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2007.

Charles Koop, Prosecuting Attorney, presented an oil and gas lease, pipeline easement, and site release agreement between SRW, Inc and Antrim County for property in Section 13 (SW4 of the SW 4) of Forest Home Township and recommended the Chairman sign.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the Chairman be authorized to sign the oil and gas lease, the pipeline easement agreement, and the site release agreement between SRW, Inc and Antrim County for the following described property: Lands in the SW/4 of the SW/4 lying parallel and adjacent to the Easterly edge of Orchard Hill Road; along with a spur running Easterly to the gas well known as the D1-13 in Section 13 of Forest Home Township, T30N, R8W.

Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Drenth the minutes April 12, 2007 be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Peter Garwood, Coordinator/Planner, presented an agreement with the State regarding resources for which the State will reimburse. Mr. Koop was requested to review the agreement.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the claims and accounts totaling \$97,148.67 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth that 5 vehicles be leased for 4 years for the Construction Code Enforcement Department contingent on obtaining up-to-date proposals. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – Bargy; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the Chairman be authorized to sign an agreement for purchase of the "Maltby" property for Grass River Natural Area, \$50,000 to be transferred from the Grant Match Reserve Fund to the Grass River Fund for payment; \$50,000 to be reimbursed by the State Trust Grant, and the budgets of both funds be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

The Finance Chairman explained the Fuel Farm Grant which involves funds from both State and Federal Sources. The grant breakdown would be as follows: Federal - \$35,190; State – \$46,000; Local - \$17,875.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman the county participate in the grant for the Airport Fuel Farm, the local share of \$17,875 to be transferred from the Grant Match Reserve Fund to the Airport Operating Fund, and the budgets of both funds be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the funding for the vacant positions in the County Clerk's office be restored. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford the 2007 payment of \$414,591 be transferred from the Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund to the Capital Projects Fund (Fund #470), and the budgets of both funds be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the county millage for 2008 which will be collected in July be set at 5.1353. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

David Clink of the Environmental Petoskey Advocates spoke on the drinking water problems at Bay Harbor and other areas.

Charles Koop, Prosecuting Attorney, gave the Prosecuting Attorney's 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen, the Prosecuting Attorney's 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members presenting voting yes.

Terry Johnson, Sheriff, presented the 2006 Annual Reports of the Sheriff Department, Jail, 911, and Animal Control.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Crawford the 2006 Annual Reports of the Sheriff Department, Jail, 911, and Animal Control be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Patty Niepoth, Register of Deeds, gave the 2006 Annual Report of the Register of Deeds office.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Dawson the 2006 Annual Report of the Register of Deeds be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Judge Norman Hayes presented the 2006 Annual Reports of the Probate Court and the Family Division of the Circuit Court.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen the 2006 Annual Reports of the Probate Court and the Family Division of the Circuit Court be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Sheridan Rhodes gave the 2006 Annual Report of Antrim County Transportation.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Dawson the 2006 Annual Report of Antrim County Transportation be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Laura Sexton, County Clerk, presented the County Clerk's 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the County Clerk's 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Andy Hayes, Director, gave the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance 2006 Annual Activities Report and presented a video on Echo Quality Grinding Inc which is located in Echo Township.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Allen the NLEA 2006 Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

George Ouvry from the Veterans Affairs Committee informed the Board about the work he is doing on identifying Antrim County veterans, and obtaining head stones for veterans and advised that the Veterans Affairs Committee would like him to continue with payment for expenses and mileage.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford that George Ouvry continue his work with identifying veterans and obtaining headstones and the matter of financing his work be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek that newly hired Deputy Sheriff (Eric Thorson) be paid at the 1st year rate due to the fact he is doing a good job and he has over three years experience in law enforcement in Michigan. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #17-07 by Michael Crawford, seconded by Joseph Allen

WHEREAS, after seven straight years of state budget deficits and four years of budget cuts, we are facing yet another \$3 billion shortfall in state revenue for the current and 2007-08 fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has already cut over \$3.6 billion from the State's budget over the past four years, has cut more from the state's budget than any previous governor and is operating the state with fewer state employees than we had in 1970; and

WHEREAS, we have cut major taxes over 32 times in the past decade, our unemployment rate remains one of the highest in the country, and our auto industry continues to struggle; and

WHEREAS, the Single Business Tax (SBT), the primary tax paid by businesses in Michigan, will be entirely phased out by the end of the year with no replacement for the 41.2 billion in revenue generated from this tax; and

WHEREAS, higher education in Michigan has already been cut by \$250 million which has resulted in college students and their families having to pay double digit tuition increases and a college education moving further out or reach for the state's middle class; and

WHEREAS, funding for local governments has been cut by \$2 billion the last five years resulting in a loss of over 1,600 police officers and 2,000 fire fighters statewide thereby compromising the safety of our local communities; and

Resolution #17-07 – continued

WHEREAS, further cuts to state safety net programs for food assistance, childcare and health care will only result in a shift of demand to already overburdened county and municipal programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Antrim cannot sustain further cuts in essential state services and that further funding cuts will result in a loss of quality of life for the citizens of this state and an inability to attract new business to our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Michigan Legislature must demonstrate bipartisan leadership by 1) identifying a full replacement for the SBT and, 2) affirming their commitment to finding funding solutions to address the budget deficit in a manner that will move Michigan into a sound economic future and ensure a high quality of life for our residents.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent – None

RESOLUTION #17-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Allen the Chairman be authorized to sign the union contract with Police Officers Association of Michigan for the Sheriff Deputies and dispatchers. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Crawford the quote of \$3,550 from Temperature Control, Inc. for repair of pipes and installation of the modulator to the compressor at the County Building be accepted. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Crawford that replacement of the roof of the Antrim County Building be offered for bids. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Crawford that replacement of the roof of the “old” bathhouse at Barnes Park be offered for bids and the Buildings and Grounds Committee be authorized to award the bid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #18-07 by Larry Bargy, seconded by Bernard Blackmore

WHEREAS, Senate Bills 410 and 411 have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature, which would amend Public Act 32 of 1986 entitled the “Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act”, and

WHEREAS, these bills would provide a funding system for 9-1-1 in which all communication devices that have access to 9-1-1 contribute equally to the funding of 9-1-1 operations; and

WHEREAS, the legislation provides a stable funding source for the counties to support their operational levels of service for 9-1-1 to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the legislation has a mechanism in place that provides the necessary checks and balances to ensure revenues generated are used for authorized expenditures for 9-1-1 services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Jason Allen, and Representative Kevin Elsenheimer and all County Clerks.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #18-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #19-07 by Larry Bargy, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Emergency Management Act, Act 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended M.C.L. 30.401 et.seq. authorizes the State and its political subdivisions to provide emergency aid and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS, the statutes also authorize the State to coordinate the provision of any equipment, services, or facilities owned or organized by the State or its political subdivisions for use in the affected area upon request of the duly constituted authority of the area; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution authorizes the request, provision, and receipt of interjurisdictional mutual assistance in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Act 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended among political subdivisions within the State;

Resolution #19-07 – continued

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County of Antrim that, in order to maximize the prompt, full, and effective use of resources of all participating governments in the event of an emergency or disaster, we hereby adopt the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact which is incorporated by reference.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #19-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Blackmore to approve the Emergency Services Coordinator to travel to Indiana to pick up a FEMA trailer and the Finance Committee be requested to find the funds and the Board of Commissioners approve payment of the \$2,700 purchase price for the trailer. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore, Allen; No – Stanek; Absent – None.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

Jack White, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargo, Jack White, David Howelman,
Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen.

Absent: None.

The Chairman called for Public comment. Ed Martel informed about the DeWitt Marine expansion and commented on DEQ permits. Linda Gallagher thanked all who helped with the Petoskey Stone Festival. Patty Niepoth expressed thanks for the additional copier on the first floor. Public Comment closed at 9:15 a.m.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Stanek, the minutes of May 10, 2007 be approved as corrected. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Thomas Zick, CPA presented the 2006 Antrim County audit report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the 2006 Antrim County audit report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Charles Koop reported that an agreement had been reached with Habitat for Humanity for their purchase of the house in Mancelona. The agreement includes a deed restriction that the property cannot be sold to any family whose income is more than 80% of the area's median income.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman the chairman sign an agreement with Habitat for Humanity for their purchase of the house in Mancelona (Lots 1 & 2, Block F, Plat of Frank Besaw's 2nd addition to the Village of Mancelona) and sign a deed conveying the property. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Allen the Chairman sign the Gas Division Order with O.I.L. Energy Corp. involving Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, in T29N-R4W of Custer Township contingent upon approval by the Prosecuting Attorney. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Allen that, on recommendation of the Public Works Committee, Attorney Jack Seaman be hired to facilitate the sale of Elk Rapids Hydroelectric Facility; fee to be \$210.00 per hour. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #20-07 by Bernard Blackmore, seconded by Joseph Allen

WHEREAS, CMS Energy (Beeland Group, LLC) has made application for a class 1 injection well in Star Township in Antrim county, for the disposal of contaminated water from Bay Harbor, a community in Emmet county; and

WHEREAS, the water is contaminated by cement kiln dust leachate due to the historic operations of a cement plant located at the Bay Harbor location; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) permitted the Bay Harbor development to locate on top of the old cement plant; and

WHEREAS, the MDEQ and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have received application from and are now considering permitting a class 1 injection well for the disposal of contaminated liquid waste in Star Township in Antrim County; and

WHEREAS, Star Township and the surrounding community are extremely concerned about their well water becoming contaminated due to potential releases of leachate to the environment by the injection well, transportation of liquid waste or operational activities associated with the class 1 injection well; and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners feels that Antrim County residents should not have to fear the contamination of their drinking water sources due to a contamination problem from another county; and

WHEREAS, the local unconfined drinking water aquifer and surface water features including area lakes and rivers, (as well as the Jordan River, a premiere blue ribbon trout stream , and the Manistee River), are considered an incredibly valuable and irreplaceable resource; and

WHEREAS, the permit process does not consider the requirement for the applicant to explore any additional feasible and prudent alternatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners feels that, unless CMS Energy, the MDEQ, and the EPA can guarantee the class 1 injection well will not in any way contaminate the groundwater, the MDEQ and EPA should require the applicant to explore and pursue alternative options for the proper treatment and management of contaminated liquid waste from the Bay Harbor development and East Park areas of Emmet County, Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners stands side by side with Star Township in opposition of locating a class 1 injection well within their borders, and offers their full support to Star Township on this important issue.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent – None;

RESOLUTION #20-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Patti Lowery gave the Housing Department 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Allen the Housing Department 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Marna Robertson, Director, presented the Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Howelman the Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Blair Coutant, Meadowbrook Finance Director, gave the Meadowview Apartments 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Stanek the Meadowview Apartments 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Peg Comfort reported on the Elk River/Chain of Lakes Watershed Steering Committee activities. She indicated there would be a budget request through Grass River Natural Area of \$1,000 to create a web page for the Steering Committee on the Antrim County website and also \$3,000 to print and distribute two updates as part of the Grass River Natural Area Current publication.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the claims and accounts totaling \$190,523.36 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the County Treasurer be given the authority to sign the tribunal stipulation for consent judgment between Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. and the Township of Elk Rapids for payment of delinquent taxes. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman the Veterans Affairs travel budget be increased by \$1,500 for payment to George Ouvry for identification of veterans graves at various county cemeteries. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that, during the illness leave of Robert Massey, Building Official, Al McShane's work time be increased to 4 days the first week and 5 days the second week and the Construction Code Enforcement expenditure budget be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford the proposal from Northern Restoration and Waterproof Systems, Inc. (up to \$2,500) for re-flashing a portion of the 1905 Courthouse roof be approved to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund the budget of the Capital Projects Fund be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth that \$1,000 be budgeted from contingencies to Computer to pay Fred Trimble to find the fiber runs between the County Building and the Jail, 911 Building and the '05 Courthouse. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the General Fund borrow \$129,000 from the Tax Payment Funds to pay off the Sheriff Department car lease, payment to be made back to the TPFs on yearly basis for three more years and the proposed lease for the Construction Code Enforcement vehicles be denied and money for these vehicles be borrowed from the Tax Payment Funds and be paid back on a yearly basis for four years and the budgets of the General Fund, and the Construction Code Enforcement Fund be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00 Noon

P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Christie Roman, Director, presented the Antrim Conservation District 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen the Antrim Conservation District 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

John Apfel informed about his construction project during which work was done by Moore Plumbing and Heating and code violations occurred. He said the code violations had not been rectified. He had sought relief through the court system which was not awarded. He is requesting assistance from the Board of Commissioners. The matter was referred to the Public Works Committee.

Mark Stone presented the Drain Commissioner 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the Drain Commissioner 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Carl Goeman, Director, gave the Emergency Services 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman the Emergency Services 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Blackmore the Chairman sign the union contract with Police Officers Association of Michigan representing the corrections, clerical, and cooks of the Sheriff's Department effective January 1, 2007 and expiring December 31, 2010. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek that in the union General Unit, the Clerk I classification in the Equalization Department be reclassified to the Administrative Assistant classification effective with the first full pay in July, 2007. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the funding for the two vacant bus driver positions at Antrim County Transportation be restored. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #21-07 by Michael Crawford, seconded by Jerroll Drenth

WHEREAS, counties, unlike other local units of government, are constitutionally and statutorily mandated by the state and federal government to provide a myriad of services, ranging from mandated funding of the state's court activities, mandated funding of human services programs through the Child Care Fund, running jails statewide and several other responsibilities with regard to the county's constitutional offices, and;

WHEREAS, a recent study by Michigan State University Extension and the Michigan County Administrative Officers Association demonstrates that those state mandated services are only met with commensurate funding from the state at a level of 55%, constituting a major unfunded mandate upon counties, and;

WHEREAS, even with these major unfunded state mandates upon counties, in 2004 counties sacrificed to assist the state with its growing budget deficit by voluntarily forgoing revenue sharing payments for an extended period of time, saving the state billions of dollars in expenditures, and;

WHEREAS, Antrim County is currently sacrificing approximately \$500,000 each year with the loss of revenue sharing payments from the State of Michigan, and;

WHEREAS, Public Act 2 of 1986 provides for a portion of convention facility/liquor tax revenues received by the State to be distributed to counties, and;

WHEREAS, P.A. 2 requires the amount of convention facility/liquor tax distribution to be used to reduce the base tax rate unless 50 percent of the revenue is distributed by the county to its designated substance abuse coordinating agency for substance abuse programs, and;

WHEREAS, P.A. 2 dollars help the state partially offset the unfunded mandate placed on counties and reducing that appropriation will serve to widen that gap and reduce critical substance abuse programs, which are designed to curtail crime, and;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 220 included a reduction in the State's appropriation from the Convention Facility Development fund of \$18.4 million, representing an almost 50% cut to the program. This represents a significant impact to Antrim County.

WHEREAS, Antrim County's Sheriff's Office/Jail is reliant on the convention facility funds for its very successful intervention programs, which are vital to keeping the jail population lower.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Association of Counties and the Antrim County Board of Commissioners are strongly opposed to reductions in P.A. 2 appropriations to counties, and we urge the Michigan Senate and House to fully restore the funding to meet the state's obligations in providing funds to meet state mandated service requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin, U.S. Representative Bart Stupak, State Senator Jason Allen, and State Representative Kevin Elsenheimer and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #21-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #22-07 by Michael Crawford, seconded by Jerroll Drenth

WHEREAS, it is the mission of Antrim County, Michigan to preserve and protect the rights of all of its citizens, and;

WHEREAS, HB 4780-88 (hereinafter referred to as “the Bills”) would remove from “rural townships” the tax collection, assessing, and election functions, and;

WHEREAS, all of Antrim County’s townships have a population of less than 10,000 and, therefore, are “rural townships” as defined in the bills, and;

WHEREAS, the Bills would deprive our Townships of revenue, and would require that Township to pay the county for said functions currently being performed by the township; thereby placing a further strain on the Township’s diminishing budget, and;

WHEREAS, our Townships efficiently perform said functions for and on behalf of its citizens and are more responsive to the needs of the community they serve, and;

WHEREAS, the Bills will result in the loss of revenue and the unfunded increase in Township costs to the detriment of the Antrim County’s Townships and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Antrim County, Michigan, strongly urges the Michigan Legislature to reject legislative proposals such as HB 4780-88 that remove tax collection, assessing, and/or elections functions from Townships.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #22-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #23-07 by Eugene Dawson, seconded by David Howelman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the proposed Contract submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jack White, Chairman, be authorized and directed to execute Contract No. 2007-0580 (Construction of fuel farm improvements, as further defined in Contract No. FM 05-01-C43) for and on behalf of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #23-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen that, on recommendation from the Lands Committee, the county continue the practice of retaining the mineral rights on tax foreclosed properties. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Howelman the Chairman sign the Emergency Management Performance Grant for FY 2007. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Bargy the following policy for use of Construction Code Enforcement vehicles by employees be approved:

- 1) Each inspector will be assigned a County-owned vehicle to use in his/her official duties.
- 2) The inspector may drive the vehicle from the last inspection location to home each work day and from home to the office or the first scheduled inspection site the morning of each scheduled work day.
- 3) Construction Code Enforcement employees must use the county-issued vehicles to travel to educational meetings or conferences. Pre-approval is required to an employee to use their personal vehicle and be reimbursed at the set amount per mile for travel to meetings or conferences.
- 4) Construction Code Enforcement employees must comply with all applicable requirements of the Antrim County Safe Driver Program Policy when in county-owned vehicles and their personal vehicles.

Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore, Allen; No – Stanek; Absent – None.

Coordinator/Planner Peter Garwood announced there will be a Public Hearing at the next meeting for the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance application for a CDBG grant for a business incubator project.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the Board Chairman, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and Peter Garwood be authorized to award the bid for electrical work for computer networking. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None

RESOLUTION #24-07 by Laura Stanek, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, the 13th Circuit Court Community Corrections Advisory Board was formed in 1993 with broad representation from the criminal justice community and the three counties which comprise the region to implement services for alternatives to jailing; and,

WHEREAS, Grant funds have been received and are available to continue Community Corrections services, which have served to reduce the region's prison commitment rate, increase the utilization of jails, and provide treatment for offenders to reduce recidivism; and,

WHEREAS, the 13th Circuit Court Community Corrections Advisory Board has recommended approval of the FY 2008 grant application to the Office of Community Corrections for the 13th Circuit Court Community Corrections Program & services in the amount of \$180,710 and the submittal of the FY 2008 grant for Probation Residential Services in the amount of \$138,700; and,

WHEREAS, approval of the Grand Traverse, Leelanau, and Antrim County Boards of Commissioners, is necessary for the grant submittal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, that submittal of the FY 2008 grant application to the Office of Community Corrections for the 13th Circuit Court Community Corrections Program and the FY 2008 grant application for Probation Residential Services is hereby approved by the Antrim County Board of Commissioners.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #24-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the 2007 budget adjustments (see pp) be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

The Chairman appointed Joseph Allen as alternate to the Jordan River Zoning Review board.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Dawson the appointment of Joseph Allen as alternate to the Jordan River Zoning Review Board be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce be permitted to use the Courthouse lawn for their August 18, 2007 Arts and Crafts show and also have the County Building open for restroom use if they pay to have the necessary custodial service after the event. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Jack White, David Howelman, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen.

Absent: Larry Bargy

Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Russ Blasdell endorsed the purchase of the Sevald property in Forest Home Township on behalf of the Bellaire Conservation Club. Lawrence Wolgamott spoke against a county-wide tax for recycling. He maintained that the Central Lake recycling station was available for all county residents.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the minutes of June 14, 2007 be approved as corrected. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the claims and accounts totaling \$98,732.73 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows:
Yes – Drenth, Dawson, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Bargy.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth six picnic tables be purchased for Wetzel Lake property at a total cost of not to exceed \$3,000 and \$3,000 be transferred from the budget of the Wetzel Lake cost center to Capital Outlay budget for this purpose. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Bargy.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth \$5,000 be appropriated from the General Fund to the Probate Grant Fund (Fund #286) and the budgets of both funds be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Bargy.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Allen the bid process be implemented for replacement of the garage roof at Mohrmann Park. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Crawford the Chairman be authorized to sign the 2-year lease between the Village of Bellaire and Antrim County for the parking lot area adjacent to Broad Street with removal of the language concerning construction of the parking lot.. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows:
Yes – Drenth, Dawson, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Bargy.

The Chairman appointed the following ad hoc committee for consideration of security issues at the 1905 Courthouse: Jerroll Drenth, Chairman, Michael Crawford, Larry Bargo, (Buildings and Grounds Committee), the District Court Administrator, Circuit Court Judge Thomas Power, the Probate Court Administrator, and Sheriff Terry Johnson.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Stanek the appointments to the ad hoc Security at the 1905 Courthouse Committee be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Bargo.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Dawson the Chairman be authorized to sign the lease agreement between Antrim County and Elk Rapids Hydroelectric Power, LLC (Bill Stockhausen) for lease of the Elk Rapids Hydroelectric Powerhouse. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Bargo.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson that Airport Manager John Strehl's eyeglasses which were broken while attending to the situation caused by the an airplane crash at the Antrim County Airport be replaced at a cost to the county. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, White, Howelman, Blackmore, Allen; No – Drenth, Crawford, Stanek; Absent – Bargo.

The Public Hearing on the NLEA Grant Application for a Small Business Incubator Network began at 10:00 a.m. The grant would be \$20,000 with a local share of \$20,000 provided by the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance. Peter Garwood explained the details of the grant. Gene Dawson also offered support for the grant. The Public Hearing closed at 10:10 a.m.

RESOLUTION #25-07 by Eugene Dawson, seconded by Bernard Blackmore

WHEREAS, Antrim County is a co-applicant for \$20,000 in funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation under the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program's (DCBG) Economic Development Planning Project program. The grant will be used to help fund the "NLEA Small Business Incubator Network Feasibility Study", and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the local community development plan, as described in the Application, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will lead to an implementation project where at least 51 percent of the beneficiaries will be low and moderate income persons, and

WHEREAS, all other funds to be invested in the project have not yet been expended and will not be expended prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal, written authorization to incur costs from Community Development,

Resolution #25-07 – continued

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submittal of a Michigan CDBG Application for the “NLEA Small Business Incubator Network Feasibility Study”, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners agrees that the City of Boyne City be the “Lead Applicant” for this application, and that the City Manager of Boyne City be authorized to sign the required Application forms.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent – Bargy.

RESOLUTION #25-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Crawford that Legal Counsel Charles Koop be requested to look into the easement to the Nold Property in Forest Home Township in regards to opening it as access to the Nold Property advising adjacent property owners to leave it open. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Crawford the Elk Rapids Day Park Pavilion be removed and replaced as budgeted. The matter was tabled on request of member Jack White.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Allen that, on recommendation of the ad hoc committee on Computer Technology, the following layers for network support be approved:

1. Hire Fred Trimble as system Administrator
2. Train Valerie Craft to the level of the Network Engineer job
3. Continue using Bellaire Computer Center as the Information Technology (IT) support.
4. Contract with a hired Network Engineer for a block of time

Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Bargy.

RESOLUTION #26-07 by Bernard Blackmore, seconded by David Howelman

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Patricia J. Lowery was appointed the contact person for the Antrim County Housing Committee on August 3, 1997 and is informed of the Fair Housing Laws and is available Monday-Wednesday in Antrim County at 203 E. Cayuga Street, Bellaire MI 231-533-8727 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday-Friday in Kalkaska County at 890 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska MI 231-258-3323 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Antrim County Housing Committee will update a Community Profile for Antrim County annually and will maintain a Fair Housing log and Fair Housing Resource listing and referral system, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Patricia J. Lowery, Director of Antrim County Housing Committee will market MSHDA housing programs to include all qualified minority and women applicants.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent – Bargy.

RESOLUTION #26-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Robert Massey, Building Official, commented on requests for and resulting inability to condemn property.

Stan Moore, Director, presented the MSU Extension 2006 Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Crawford the MSU Extension 2006 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Michael Crawford gave some suggestions for changes to the Commissioners' Room and additions of microphones and computer hook-ups.

David Howelman reported on the reaction of the Kearney and Echo Township Boards to the possibility of an injection well in Star Township.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman, called to Special Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Jack White, David Howelman, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore and Joseph Allen.

Absent: Larry Bargy

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. There was none.

RESOLUTION #27-07

July 26, 2007

Resolution of Support of an application by Antrim County to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Program to Acquire Property Located Within Forest Home Township Antrim County

WHEREAS, public lands are essential in meeting the recreational needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, lands remaining in their natural state preserve the character of our localities and protect water quality, and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Community Recreation Plan specifies the importance of providing quality recreational opportunities and preserving the character of the landscape, and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Community Recreation Plan specifies the importance of the County's natural resources and its effects on recreation and tourism, and

WHEREAS, Antrim County desires to manage its forest resources in contiguous large parcels, and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Community Recreation Plan has as one of its goals the connection of its existing parks and recreational facilities, and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the proposed Glacial Hills Pathway Area provides important opportunities for public recreation, forest and open space protection and consolidates publicly-held land; all identified as important goals in a recent county-wide public opinion survey, and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners authorizes a grant application for funding through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund program for the purchase of one hundred eighty (180) acres in Forest Home Township. The Antrim County Board of Commissioners agrees to accept the grant, if awarded, and will provide a local match of sixty-nine percent (69%) as required. The local match consists of applicants funds, cash donations and donated land value, and

WHEREAS, Antrim County and the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy agrees to committing twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) each toward the stewardship of the Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area, and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners supports an application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to acquire one hundred eighty (180) acres in Forest Home Township, Antrim County, as a part of the Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area, for the purposes of recreation and preservation through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Program.

A motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was made by Michael Crawford and seconded by Eugene Dawson.

Yes – Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Jack White, David Howelman, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen.

No – None;

Absent – Larry Bargy.

RESOLUTION #27-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Terry Smith, Forest Home Township Supervisor, gave update on the Ambulance Garage. He thanked all who supported this project and announced that an Open House has been set for Thursday, August 16, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman

Sheryl A. Guy, Deputy County Clerk
For Laura Sexton, County Clerk

Jack White, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman, Michael Crawford
Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen;

Absent: Eugene Dawson.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman requested Public Comment. There was none.

Fred Trimble of Trimble Consulting gave an explanation of bids for cable replacement costs and of bids for voice/data analysis.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Blackmore the main campus and outlying buildings (except Grass River Natural Area and Barnes Park) be included in the Wide Area Network (WAN) for the computer cabling and voice/data analysis projects, total cost for which is estimated at \$437,091.92. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore; No - Stanek, Allen; Absent – Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Allen the bid for the Computer Cable Project be awarded to Windemuller at \$79,432.00 and the bid for Voice/Data Costs be awarded to NETech at \$301,659.92, and that \$437,091.92 (including connectivity costs as well as bids) be transferred from the Tax Payment Funds to the Computer/Voice/Data Technology Transition Fund (Fund #218) as needed for this project and the budget of Fund #218 be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Allen the minutes of July 12, 2007 and July 26, 2007 be approved as corrected. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Bargy the Chairman be authorized to sign a non-developmental gas and oil lease with O.I.L. Energy Corporation of Traverse City for portions of Section 6(GRNA) in Custer Township. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the claims and accounts totaling \$125,242.94 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that \$20,653 be included in the 2008 General Fund budget as local match for the Community Corrections program. (This is 14% of the total local match, the rest of which is paid by Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties.) Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Allen that a stream crossing be created at the County Kirkpatrick Forest (Forest Home Township) at a cost of \$5,000 to be paid from the Forestry Fund and the expenditure budget of the Forestry Fund be increased accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth that two lots (one of Lots 142 – 148 in Winterset #1 and Lot 438 in Pineview #2) be purchased to allow access to Antrim County land-locked properties consisting of 18 acres in Section 27 of Star Township and 40.8 acres in Section 26 of Star Township respectively, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 per lot to be paid from the Forestry Fund and the 2007 expenditure budget of the Forestry Fund be increased accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth that a survey of Antrim County property on Skinkle Road (Section 23 of Echo Township) be authorized at a cost not to exceed \$3,968 to be paid from the Forestry Fund and the 2007 expenditure budget of the Forestry fund be increased accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that a one-acre parcel be purchased to provide access to the Antrim County Valley Road property (Section 15 of Mancelona Township) at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 to be paid from the Forestry Fund, and the 2007 expenditure budget of the Forestry Fund be increased accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth that a part time temporary position (24 hours per week for 15 weeks at \$11.80 per hour) be created in the Coordinator/Planner's office from mid-September to the end of December, 2007 and that the 2007 Coordinator/Planner's budget be increased by \$4,248.00 and the 2007 Fringe Benefits budget be increased by \$325.00. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Dawson.

RESOLUTION #28-07 by Michael Crawford, seconded by Laura Stanek

WHEREAS, an impact of the poor state of the Michigan economy, revenues flowing in the State's general are substantially below projections; and

WHEREAS, in order to balance its 2007 general fund budget, the Michigan Legislature and Governor were forced to reduce funding from a wide variety of services; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be a reluctance of the Legislature to approve tax increases in order to maintain service levels; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4852 was introduced to generate funds earmarked to restore a number of the program reductions; and

WHEREAS, although House Bill 4852 initially proposed to impose fees on home owners insurance, the latest version would place a surcharge fee on land and cellular phone users; and

WHEREAS, few of the designated recipients' of the funds generated through the fee assessment specified in House Bill 4852 can be related to the phone access; and

WHEREAS, services funded through the assessment of fees must be tested against two standards:

- Are the services reasonably related to the source of the fees?
- Are the charges related to the cost of the services?; and,

WHEREAS, it is a betrayal of the public trust to impose fees wherein the benefit is not even remotely related; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4852 may very well jeopardize the capacity to assess fees for critical services such as Dispatch of Emergency Personnel,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners hereby vigorously opposes House Bill 4852 as an inappropriate assessment of fees for services as well as a betrayal of the trust of the public by disguising a tax increase, and the legislation jeopardizes the capacity of the public to accept fee increases directly related to benefits received.

Resolution #28-07 – continued

Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen

No - None;

Absent – Dawson.

RESOLUTION #28-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth the Coordinator/Planner start interviewing for the newly created part-time position. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Bargy the following bid for re-roofing the County Building be accepted:

Springfield Roofing

Alternate #1

\$ 85,251

Reduction for leaving flashing

(4,040)

\$ 81,211

and the 2007 expenditure budget of the Capital Projects Fund (Fund #470) be increased accordingly. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Dawson.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Crawford the following bid for trash removal at various County facilities be accepted effective January 1, 2008.

American Waste three year contract \$ 9,225 per year

Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Dawson.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Crawford the quote for \$950 from Environmental Testing and Consulting, Inc to do an indoor air quality test and take and analyze mold samples in the 911 center be accepted and the expenditure budget for the Jail be increased by \$950.00. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows:

Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Dawson.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Bargy that roofer Brian Druckenmiller continue to do the roofing at the Barnes Park bathhouse and the additional cost for the change in the sky lights not exceed \$500.00. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Dawson.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Howelman the policy concerning use of metal detectors at the Antrim Creek Natural Area be approved with the designated changes. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Howelman the Chairman be authorized to sign the Termination Agreement with Traverse City Light and Power for services at the Elk Rapids Hydro Plant. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Dawson.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

Jack White, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman,
Laurie Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen;

Absent: Michael Crawford

Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman requested Public Comment. There was none.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Allen the minutes of August 9, 2007 be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Charles Koop, Prosecuting Attorney, explained the need for an agreement with O.I.L. for an addition to an existing lease.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the Chairman be authorized to sign a non-developmental lease with O.I.L. for 5.8 acres in Custer Township. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

Mr. Koop also presented a request for a gas line through Antrim County property in Section 27 of Star Township.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen the Chairman be authorized to sign an agreement with Yohe Enterprises for a gas well in the southeast quarter of Section 27 in Star Township, payment to be \$5,125.00. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

Mr. Koop also presented a request from O.I.L. for 280 acres in Sections 12 & 13 of Helena Township (Grass River Natural Area). The matter was referred to the Lands Committee.

Peter Garwood presented the matter of approval of the Antrim County proposed Master Plan. The matter was tabled until October.

The matter of appointment of a Republican and a Democrat member to the Board of Canvassars was introduced. Recommendations have been received from the respective party chairmen. Statute requires the vote be by ballot but it cannot be a secret ballot.

The Chairman appointed Peter Garwood as teller.

Board of Canvassars appointment – continued

The results of the voting are as follows:

Democrat

Richard Langs - Dawson
Jan Olach - Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen
Melissa Culver - None (not eligible because not a resident of Antrim County)

Republican

Patricia Jones Colvin - Drenth, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen
Janet Boettcher - Dawson
Maurine Feeser - None

The Chairman declared Jan Olach appointed to the Board of Canvassars as nominated by the Democrat Party and Patricia Jones-Colvin appointed to the Board of Canvassars as nominated by the Republican Party. The terms begin November 1, 2007 and end November 1, 2011.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Dawson the appointment of Jan Olach and Patricia Jones-Colvin to the Antrim County Board of Canvassars be approved, terms to end November 1, 2011. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Bargy the claims and accounts totaling \$116,308.19 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Bargy that a workstation and other furnishings be provided for the Victims' Rights Advocate office, work to be done by Modern Office Interiors of Traverse City at a cost of approximately \$2,698.00 and the expenditure budget of Fund #470 be increased by that amount. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Howelman that Valerie Craft's hours be increased to 40 hours per week on an as needed basis effective September 24, 2007 and the Coordinator/Planner's budget wages be increased by \$517.65 and Fringe Benefits budget be increased by \$104.35 (FICA - \$39.60; Retirement - \$62.70; Workers Comp. - \$2.05) in the 2007 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

Fred Trimble of Trimble Consulting explained changes to the NETech order.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen the changes to the NETech order be approved up to an increase of \$5,000. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

Mr. Trimble also recommended the purchase of the servers be moved forward and purchased now.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Stanek the two servers for the networking project be purchased at a cost of \$9,803.01 and the expenditure budget of Fund #218 be increased accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the funds be released and the Sheriff hire for the soon to be vacated dispatcher position. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

RESOLUTION #29-07 by Laurie Stanek, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, Michigan's counties have been accepting passport applications on behalf of the United States Department of State for decades; and

WHEREAS, the ability to go to the county seat to apply for a passport gives citizens a convenient way to begin the process of obtaining a passport; and

WHEREAS, the county which issues a citizen's birth certificate certainly is in a much better position to verify someone's legal identity than the state or another county; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of State recently issued letters to Michigan Counties informing them they are no longer able to accept passport applications from those citizens whom they have issued a birth certificate; and

WHEREAS, this decision, which is not pursuant to statute, would cause significant hardships in the rural areas of Michigan, which do not have a multitude of other outlets for citizens to apply for passports; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of citizens in rural counties reside in their county of birth, and under this change would have to, in many cases, leave their county of residence to process a passport application; and

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WHEREAS, in concert with the backlogs in issuing passports due to the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, this proposal will likely greatly exacerbate the backlog for approval of passport applications; and

WHEREAS, this policy recommendation was put into effect without approval of Congress, and without any public comment period or public input; and

WHEREAS, this rule change will have a significant impact on counties' revenue streams, as less residents of the county will be able to use the services of the county clerk to process a passport application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners urges the United States Department of State to reconsider implementation of this regulation.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to President George W. Bush, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Congressman Bart Stupak, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Senator Carl Levin, NACo, Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Michigan counties.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent – Crawford.

RESOLUTION #29-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

The Chairman appointed Michael Domsic to the Solid Waste and Recycling Council.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Blackmore the appointment of Michael Domsic to the Solid Waste and Recycling Council be approved. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman that Chris Larson be hired by the Commission on Aging as Events Coordinator at the three year step (\$10.61/hr) due to her experience in the position. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Howelman the bid of \$1,670 from Brian Druckenmiller for replacement of the Mohrmann Park Storage Building roof be accepted. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Howelman that sealed bids be requested for replacement of the boiler at the 1905 Courthouse. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Howelman the Chairman be authorized to sign the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant for \$600. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Howelman the grant application to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa/Chippewa Indians for funding to provide house numbering signs for low income residents in the County be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Dawson the Vehicle Use Policy (see page) for the Construction Code Enforcement Department with the additions of items #5 and 6. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman the 2007 budget adjustments (see page) be approved. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – Crawford.

David Howelman offered some information on the new truck fund for the Commission on Aging.

The meeting adjourned to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

Jack White, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Ed Martel commented on events relating to the Health Code and requested that the Sheriff offer any confiscated firearms for auction. Allen Luurtsema encouraged endorsement of the proposed Master Plan and thanked the Planning Department for their help and support in preparing the proposed Master Plan.

Charles Koop, Prosecuting Attorney, presented the proposed Child Support 4-D Contract (State of Michigan DHS).

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Blackmore the Chairman be authorized to sign the Child Support 4-D Contract between the County and the State of Michigan. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the Chairman be authorized to sign an oil and gas contract with O.I.L. for part of the N ½ of SE ¼ of Section 4 of Custer Township – approximately 0.58 acres. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

Peter Garwood, Coordinator/Planner explained a program in which retirees less than 65 years old can be included on Priority Health.

Fred Trimble of Trimble Consulting presented the bids on the underground fiber placement the lowest of which (\$124,950) is about \$68,950 higher than the amount budgeted (\$56,000). He presented alternatives.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the low bid of \$124,950 from Thomas Communications for underground fiber placement for the Court Square Buildings plus outlying areas be accepted. Motion was DEFEATED by a yea and nay vote as follows: No – Drenth, Bargy, White, Stanek, Allen; Yes – Dawson, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore; Absent – None.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Dawson that Mr. Trimble be requested to explore other options to provide connecting services to the Court Square Buildings and outlying areas including arranging for an engineering study for \$3,000 to determine needs and the 2007 expenditure budget for Fund #218 be increased by \$3,000. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore; No – Bargy, White, Stanek, Allen; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the request for additional phone purchases be approved at a cost of \$2,022.00 and 2007 expenditure budget of Fund #218 be increased by that amount. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Blackmore that software be purchased for the domain controller server and the exchange server at a cost of \$15,629.22 and the 2007 expenditure budget of Fund #218 be increased by that amount. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford Antrim County Master Plan be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Dawson the Chairman be authorized to sign an agreement with Torch Lake Township for enforcement of the township Road Ending Ordinance. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

The Public Hearing of the 2008 General Fund budget started at 10:00 a.m. and ended at 10:10 a.m.

RESOLUTION #30-07 by David Howelman, seconded by Michael Crawford

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners sets the millage rate of 5.1353 for the County General Operating, and

BE IT ALSO HEREBY RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners adopted the following General Fund budget for 2008:

Resolution #30-07 – continued

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE \$ 2,000,000.00

REVENUE

Taxes	\$ 9,887,925.00	
Licenses & Permits	147,000.00	
Other Agencies	947,818.00	
Current Services	1,230,630.00	
Other Sources	<u>701,700.00</u>	<u>12,915,073.00</u>

\$14,915,073.00

EXPENDITURES

Commissioners	132,820.00
Circuit Court	366,988.00
Family Division – Circuit Court	463,159.00
Circuit Court Probation	7,600.00
Family Crt. – Detention Support Services	10,000.00
District Court	572,301.00
Friend of the Court	105,000.00
Probate Court	224,249.00
Jury Commission	7,600.00
Budget/Accounting Services	53,578.00
County Clerk	219,866.00
Communications	145,400.00
Computer	203,633.00
Purchasing	40,145.00
Tax Allocation Board	650.00
County Treasurer	198,759.00
Equalization	182,548.00
MSU Extension	119,185.00
Elections	54,850.00
Grove Street Annex	17,000.00
'05 Courthouse	99,300.00
Buildings & Grounds	325,645.00
Prosecuting Attorney	352,362.00
Register of Deeds	149,292.00
Microfilm	18,550.00
Plat Board	250.00
Pros. Atty. – Victims' Rights	54,805.00
P.A. Child Support/IVD	60,902.00
Drain Commissioner	11,193.00
Abstract	102,692.00

2008 General Fund Budget (Resolution #30-07) - continued

Survey & Remonumentation	30,000.00	
Sheriff	1,531,089.00	
Marine	97,849.00	
Secondary Roads	163,353.00	
Jail	389,185.00	
Emergency Services	49,142.00	
Gun Board	1,000.00	
Animal Control	117,459.00	
Animal Census	-0-	
Board of Public Works	-0-	
Dams	6,250.00	
Health	474,323.00	
Medical Examiner	23,750.00	
Welfare	402,400.00	
Aging – Not Reimbursed	1,700.00	
Veterans Affairs	74,375.00	
Housing Projects	59,094.00	
Resource Recovery	31,450.00	
Planning Commission	9,920.00	
Planning/Coordinator	186,655.00	
Economic Development Comm.	17,510.00	
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board	5,150.00	
Parks – Cedar River Natural Area	1,000.00	
Parks – Wetzel Lake Operating	5,000.00	
Parks – Barnes	209,537.00	
Parks – Elk Rapids	12,040.00	
Parks – Noteware’s, Mohrmann, Other	2,000.00	
Insurance & Bonds	334,000.00	
Fringe Benefits	1,883,300.00	
Special Projects – Other	525,000.00	
Capital Outlay	162,336.00	
Appropriations	<u>1,162,224.00</u>	12,268,413.00
Ending Fund Balance 12/31/2008		<u>2,646,660.00</u>
		\$14,915,073.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners adopts the following policies for implementation of the 2008 General Fund budget:

1. That any increase in Total Receipts or Total Expenditures shall be approved in advance by Resolution of the Board of Commissioners.

Resolution #30-07 – continued

2. That the Chief Administrative Budget Officer for 2008 shall be the County Clerk
3. That over-expenditure of the total budget of any General Fund Cost Center must be approved in advance by the Board of Commissioners.
4. That any position or supplement adopted for 2008 which is reimbursed by grants or other monies from an outside unit may be terminated if the grant and/or other reimbursements are discontinued.
5. That, if any position should become vacant any time after November, 2007, the position shall immediately and automatically be deleted from the 2008 budget of the Cost Center involved and the monies shall be transferred to contingencies, until such time as the position may be reinstated by the Board of Commissioners or its designated representative and a new wage or salary set.
6. That no budgeted capital outlay purchase may be made without making prior request to the Finance Committee at the time of contemplated purchase. The purchase price of any capital outlay item must be approved in advance by the Finance Committee. Any capital purchase over \$1,500 must also be approved in advance by the Board of Commissioners. The County Clerk will determine as to whether an item is a capital matter or not if the question arises. Capital items cannot be purchased from any Cost Center other than Capital Outlay (901) unless specifically budgeted in that Cost Center.
7. That the County Clerk is authorized to make transfers between line items (excluding salaries, wages, overtime, training, capital outlay, and specific appropriation) or up to \$500 within the Cost Center provided sufficient data is provided by the Department Head definitely showing that the Cost Center's total budget will not at any time during the budget year be increased as a result of the transfer.
8. That any question concerning assignment of account to any purchase will be decided by the County Clerk.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #30-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the budgets of the following Funds be approved.

SELF INSURED RESERVE FUND

Revenue	\$ 8,000.00
Expenditures	-0-

SOLID WASTE RESERVE FUND

Revenue	4,000.00
Expenditures	-0-

VICTIMS' RIGHTS RESERVE FUND

Revenue	270.00
Expenditures	-0-

CAPITAL OUTLAY RESERVE FUND

Revenue	4,000.00
Expenditures	-0-

DAMS RESERVE FUND

Revenue	21,000.00
Expenditures	-0-

GAS & OIL ROYALTIES RESERVE FUND

Revenue	11,500.00
Expenditures	-0-

GRANT MATCH RESERVE FUND

Revenue	5,400.00
Expenditures – match – Airport	20,000.00

ANTRIM CONSERVATION DIST RESERVE FUND

Revenue	1,650.00
Expenditures	-0-

SPECIAL PROJECTS RESERVE FUND

Revenue	11,500.00
Expenditures	-0-

FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND

Revenue	3,000.00
Expenditures	3,000.00

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Budgets – Other Funds – continued

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY LEGAL FUND

Revenue	100.00
Expenditures	-0-

COMPUTER/VOIC/DATA TECHNOLOGY FUND

Revenue	428,592.00
Expenditures	427,092.00

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT – DAMS FUND

Revenue	1,500.00
Expenditures	-0-

GRASS RIVER FUND

Revenue	2,323,437.00
Expenditures	2,323,437.00

ANIMAL CONTROL DONATIONS FUND

Revenue	2,500.00
Expenditures	2,500.00

FORESTRY FUND

Revenue	27,200.00
Expenditures	19,000.00

ANTRIM CREEK FUND

Revenue	33,000.00
Expenditures	29,190.00

PETOSKEY STONE FESTIVAL FUND

Revenue	5,900.00
Expenditures	5,900.00

PARK FUNDRAISER FUND

Revenue	710.00
Expenditures	710.00

PUBLIC ACCESS BOOK FUND

Revenue	295.00
Expenditures	-0-

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Budgets – Other Funds – continued

GIS IMPLEMENTATION FUND

Revenue	3,750.00
Expenditures	4,500.00

EDC REVOLVING FUND

Revenue	150.00
Expenditures	-0-

CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCEMENT FUND

Revenue	643,484.00
Expenditures	619,583.00

ROAD PATROL FUND

Revenue	470,265.00
Expenditures	470,265.00

HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FUND

Revenue	2,000.00
Expenditures	100.00

REGISTER OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND

Revenue	84,300.00
Expenditures	126,000.00

BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND

Revenue	30,000.00
Expenditures	-0-

911 – TRAINING FUND

Revenue	7,400.00
Expenditures	7,400.00

E-911 OPERATING FUND

Revenue	498,000.00
Expenditures	622,499.00

E-911 WIRELESS FUND

Revenue	120,000.00
Expenditures	201,220.00

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Budget – Other Funds – Continued

DRIVING INTOXICATED (257.625n) FUND

Revenue	3,025.00
Expenditures	3,000.00

LOCAL CORRECTIONS OFFICERS' TRAINING FUND

Revenue	9,500.00
Expenditures	9,500.00

ANTRIM CO. K-9 FUND

Revenue	-0-
Expenditures	-0-

JAIL INMATE PROCEEDS FUND

Revenue	25,900.00
Expenditures	25,900.00

MICHIGAN JUSTICE TRAINING FUND

Revenue	3,000.00
Expenditures	3,000.00

LAW LIBRARY FUND

Revenue	23,000.00
Expenditures	20,000.00

HOUSING PROJECT INCOME FUND

Revenue	55,600.00
Expenditures	40,000.00

A.C. HOUSING 03/04 CDBG GRANT FUND

Revenue	1,000.00
Expenditures	1,000.00

SNOWMOBILE GRANT FUND

Revenue	34,230.00
Expenditures	42,230.00

HOUSING CDBG 2005-2006 FUND

Revenue	5,000.00
Expenditures	5,000.00

Budgets – Other Funds – continued

CLEAN LAKES FUND

Revenue	500.00
Expenditures	-0-

REVENUE SHARING RESERVE FUND

Revenue	10,000.00
Expenditures	340,000.00

PROBATE GRANT FUND

Revenue	13,567.00
Expenditures	13,567.00

EMERG. SERV. LEPC GRANT FUND

Revenue	-0-
Expenditures	-0-

HOMEBUYERS PURCHASE REHAB FUND

Revenue	1,000.00
Expenditures	1,000.00

CHILD CARE FUND

Revenue	560,500.00
Expenditures	352,000.00

VETERANS RELIEF FUND

Revenue	49,000.00
Expenditures	49,000.00

VETERANS TRUST FUND

Revenue	5,000.00
Expenditures	4,025.00

MEADOWVIEW SENIOR HOUSING FUND

Revenue	115,756.00
Expenditures	129,600.00

'05 COURTHOUSE DEBT RETIREMENT FUND

Revenue	500.00
Expenditures	-0-

Budgets – Other Funds – continued

ELK RAPIDS FISHING PARK FUND

Revenue	500.00
Expenditures	-0-

CAPITAL PROJECTS – CO. BLDGS. & STRUCTURES FUND

Revenue	32,000.00
Expenditures	15,000.00

AIRPORT OPERATING FUND

Revenue	628,100.00
Expenditures	578,134.00

ELK RAPIDS HYDRO UTILITY SYSTEM FUND

Revenue	19,000.00
Expenditures	11,000.00

Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Allen the Meadowbrook MCF millage for 2008 be set at 0.80. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – Crawford; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the Commission on Aging millage for 2008 be set at 0.3803. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

Blair Coutant from Meadowbrook announced he would be leaving employment at Meadowbrook MCF and thanked the Board for various considerations over the years.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the claims and accounts totaling \$101,221.72 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the 2007 Delinquent Tax Payment Fund (Fund #516.207) be established. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford that, effective October 8, 2007, the Veterans Counselor's hours be increased by up to six hours per week to be used only if necessary and \$800.00 be transferred from Contingencies to Veterans Counselor Cost Center in the 2007 General Fund budget for this additional expense. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman that \$5,372.04 be allocated to pay the employer portion of retirement benefit for Thomas Sandeen for the period between December, 1985 and September, 1986 and \$5,373.00 be transferred from Contingencies to Fringe Benefits Cost Center in the 2007 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford that the Chairman be authorized to sign a contract with Mathew Goodhue from Common Sense Computing to configure the domain controller server and the exchange server at a rate of \$80 per hour, not to exceed 12 hours; and the 2007 expenditure budget of Fund #218 (Computer/Voice/Data Technology Transition Fund) be increased by \$960.00 for this expense. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford that the contract amount of the Trimble Consulting Contract be increased by \$20,000 to \$60,000 and \$20,000 be transferred from Contingencies to Computer Cost Center in the 2007 General Fund budget and the unspent remainder at the end of 2007 be transferred from Contingencies to Computer Cost Center in the 2008 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford the Coordinator/Planner's office purchase a laptop computer at a cost not to exceed \$2,600 and that \$2,600 be transferred from Contingencies to Capital Outlay (Coordinator/Planner) in the 2007 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth an actuarial report be obtained from the Municipal Employees Retirement System at a cost of \$740.00 to determine the cost of a 5% pension adjustment for Antrim County employees who retired after 1991 and that \$740.00 be transferred from Contingencies to Fringe Benefits Cost Center in the 2007 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the boiler be replaced in the 1905 Courthouse and \$7,400 be transferred from the Capital Outlay Reserve fund to the General Fund ('05 Courthouse) and the 2007 budgets of both funds be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the cost of the Dr. Contract at the Jail be increased by \$2,500 to \$15,700 and \$2,500 be transferred from Contingencies to the Jail Cost Center in the 2008 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

Matt McCauley, Associate Director of Regional Planning at the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments reported on the Land Use and Transportation Study.

John Campbell and Wayne Seger of Big Fish Environmental reported on the company's new innovative methods of treating septage.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the minutes of September 13, 2007 be approved as presented. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Robert Englebrecht, Equalization Director, gave the 2007 Equalization Report (see pp).

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman the 2007 Equalization Report be accepted. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the Chairman be authorized to sign the county-wide cell phone contract with ALLTEL thus implementing unified billing. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth the funds for the vacant Corrections Officer position be released and the Sheriff fill the position. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #31-07 by Michael Crawford, seconded by Laurie Stanek

WHEREAS, the Michigan Election system, utilizing paper ballots that are scanned via the optical scan process, has proven in this as well as many others, to be an almost foolproof system and was used in many of the Florida counties in 2000 that had zero election problems, and that we find it almost foolproof and it is successfully used in many of the states throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the State also provides for a very user friendly optical scan compatible marking machine that works to assist voters who cannot physically mark a ballot, which can be used by the blind as well as the physically handicapped persons and it includes a touch screen feature likewise, and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has invested over \$32,000,000.00 of the U.S. Taxpayers monies in the purchase and installation of "optical scan and handicapped marking equipment" in every polling precinct in the State of Michigan and has trained clerks and local elections officials on how to best use said equipment, and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation will not allow for the current and recently installed optical scan equipment to be used, thereby calling upon the local units to invest monies to satisfy unneeded and unwanted and possibly unsecured technology; and

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation mandates hand county audits of election results of 9 to 30% of all precincts (an almost impossibility) not allowing for other more likely needed recounts to occur and this would slow down that process making post election a nightmare for the duly constituted and appointed election officials to canvass, who have many statutory duties to perform including checking for ballots processed and voted, and

WHEREAS, a recount of the magnitude suggested (or required) by the house bill would put a burden upon the taxpayers and local election officials for no good cause.

BE IT THEREFORE STATED that ballot security would be jeopardized should untrained and/or unskilled workers who would "hand recount" ballots, which are currently subject to the 22 month federal retention period, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Antrim County, Michigan Board of Commissioners is opposed to passage of House Bill 811 and strongly urges that Michigan representatives vote against passage of House Bill 811 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Antrim County, Michigan, Board of Commissioners urges that more control of elections remain with the various states and their local political subdivisions, and

Resolution #31-07 – continued

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Congressman Bart Stupak, Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, Governor J. Granholm, the Michigan Association of Counties and all other 82 Michigan counties.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #31-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman the Chairman be authorized to sign the Teamsters Union Contract for the Command Unit of the Sheriff Department. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Crawford that the county legal counsel, Charles Koop, be requested to re-draft the Grass River Natural Area Ordinance. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #32-07 by Eugene Dawson, seconded by Joseph Allen

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Antrim County, Michigan, Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide five hundred twenty-three thousand two hundred fifty (\$523,250) dollars to match the grant authorized by the DEPARTMENT.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the DEPARTMENT for auditing at reasonable times.
3. To regulate the use of the property acquired and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
4. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #32-07 DECLARED ADOPTED.

ORDINANCE #01 of 2007 by Eugene Dawson, seconded by Michael Crawford

BARNES PARK ORDINANCE (See pp)

Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent – None.

ORDINANCE #01 of 2007 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Crawford the Chairman be authorized to sign the lease between the State of Michigan through the Department of Natural Resources and Antrim County for the Wetzel Lake property, Section 2 of Mancelona Township. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Crawford that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee be directed to look for a suitable boat launch site in Northern Antrim County. Motion carried all members voting yes.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Dawson the Chairman be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Antrim County and the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy for acquisition of the Sevald property in portions of Sections 14 and 23 of Forest Home Township. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

Bernard Blackmore reported that the DDA in Mancelona is proposing to construct a walking path on the west side of U.S. 131 between Downey Street and Valley Road. The DDA would like a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners to accompany their grant request.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman the Chairman be authorized to sign a letter of support supporting the proposed Mancelona walking path.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

Jack White, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman,
Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen;
Absent: None.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Christy Roman, Antrim Conservation District Director, thanked the Board for their financial and other aid to the District. Public Comment closed at 9:06 a.m.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the claims and accounts totaling \$127,571.24 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the 2007 appropriation for Veterans' Relief be increased by \$8,000 and the Veterans Counselor cost center in the 2007 General Fund budget and the 2007 Veterans Relief Fund budget be increased accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the County Treasurer purchase 2 laser printers for \$2,500, that \$2,000 be paid from the 2007 Capital Outlay as budgeted and approximately \$500 be transferred from Fund #516.099 to the General Fund and the General fund budget be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth that to account for the wage increases due to settlement of various Sheriff union contracts, \$76,052.00 be transferred from Contingencies to Sheriff and Fringe Benefits in the 2007 General Fund budget, the expenditures in the 2007 911 Fund be increased by \$3,377.00, \$23,854.00 be transferred from Contingencies to Sheriff and Fringe Benefits in the 2008 General Fund budget, and the 2008 911 Fund expenditures be increased by \$4,005.00. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford that \$1,000 be transferred from the Grant Match Fund to the General Fund as a grant match for a grant obtained by the Antrim Conservation District for the Beal Lake access and the budgets of both funds be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Allen that \$1,000 be allocated within the existing 2007 Eastport Park budget for installation of High Speed Internet at the Park and the 2007 Parks budget be adjusted by that amount. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth that, in Fund #218, \$5,000 be transferred from existing line items to a line item for incidental expenses and the budget be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

Fred Trimble of Trimble Consulting explained the bids for WAN Connectivity Project v2.0.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson that, for the WAN Connectivity Project v2.0, the low bid from Thomas Communications for Commission on Aging, Animal Control and Antrim County Transportation only up to a maximum cost of \$38,000 plus permit fees and that it be renegotiated based on placement of a new fiber path along the Village of Bellaire walking path. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Drenth, seconded by Crawford that Matt Goodhue of Common Sense Computer continue to assist with the Computer Project at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 and the expenditure budget of Fund #218 be increased by that amount. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

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Jack White, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman,
Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen.

Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Alan Luurtesema spoke on behalf of the proposed Soil Erosion Ordinance. Public Comment closed at 9:06 a.m.

Peter Garwood requested input on the proposed Michigan Association of Counties/MSU Extension training program on county related topics. The Board members indicated they would be in favor of participation.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Allen the Chairman and Clerk sign easements with the Area Seniors Inc. and the Village of Bellaire for areas along and in the vicinity of the Bellaire walking path for burial of fiber optic cable. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman the Chairman sign a change order to the Windemueller contract and the budget of Fund #218 for that project be increased by \$5,094. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth the Claims and Accounts totaling \$152,646.60 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the County Clerk purchase a computer program for vital records from Cherry Lan Systems Inc for \$17,310.00 as budgeted in 2008. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth a heavy duty electrical outlet be obtained for the Emergency Services Building at a cost of \$750.00. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bary a water heater be purchased for the Barnes Park bathhouse from Niepoth Plumbing at a cost of \$4,100 to be paid from the 2008 budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bary the Chairman be authorized to sign the grant from Homeland Security for a CAD to CAD connection (with Charlevoix County); grant to be for \$9,400 with the county share to be payment for the maintenance agreement at a cost of \$1,260 and the 911 2008 budget be increased by \$1,260. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman \$15,000 be appropriated to the Commission on Aging and the 2007 General Fund budget be increased by that amount. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Drenth that \$2,000 be transferred from various non-wage line items to the part time wage line item in the Abstract Department 2007 budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

Marcia Varble and Lori O'Neill requested a letter of support for a grant the American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan is submitting to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen the Board of Commissioners submit a letter of support to be included in the grant application from the American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan Red Cross to the Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (grant being for Home Fire Prevention and Assistance). Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Dawson the minutes of November 8, 2007 be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek a letter of support be prepared for Stan Moore's seeking an office on the National Association for County Agriculture Agents (NACAA). Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract with Kalkaska County for Housing Director services contingent upon approval of Kalkaska County. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – none.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth to change the stand alone prescription program (part of suffix 661) from a 5/10 prescription program to a 10/40 prescription drug program. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the funds be released and the hiring process be initiated to fill the vacant electrical Inspector position in the Construction Code Enforcement Department. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

The Chairman made the following appointments:

Commission on Aging all terms expire 01/01/2009	Betty Jo Hudson Don Schuiteman Mary Kokosky Edward Bradford
Construction Code Appeal Board all terms expire 12/31/2009	Ordon Hierlihy, III David Watrous Joe Wirtz
911 Board term expires 1/1/2010	William Drollinger
Economic Development Corporation/ Brownfield Redevelopment Association Term expires 12/31/2010	Richard Diebold
Farmland and Openspace Board all terms expire 12/31/2010	Dennis Irelan Dorance Amos
Housing Commission all terms expire 1/1/2011	Bridget Russell Vincent Olach Marian Sterner
Northern Lakes Economic Alliance all terms expire 1/1/2010	Tim Underwood Jim Kowal
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board term expires 1/1/2011	Mike Meriwether
Planning Commission all terms expire 12/31/2010	Barbara Bradford James Gurr Thomas Maleck

Appointments – continued

Solid Waste Committee	Robert Peterson
term expires 12/31/2013	
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Allan Potter
term expire 12/31/2011	

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Allen the above named appointments be approved. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson the Windemueller bid for \$29,600 to make the Airport and the Emergency Operations Center a part of the County computer network be approved and the expenditure budget of Fund #218 be increased by \$29,600; and also that the revenue budget (from tax payment funds) be increased by \$86,110 that being the total of increases in expenditures as approved in September, October, November, and December of 2007. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth, Valerie Craft's stipend for her Network Engineer work be increased to a total of \$2,066 with evaluation in six months. At the request of Mr. Bargy, in accordance with Board of Commissioners' rules, the above motion was tabled until the January meeting.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the Chairman sign the agreement with Alltel for a county-wide (all departments) cellular phone contract. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

Mike McCully presented a proposal for a grant application for the "Grand Vision".

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Allen the chairman sign a letter of support to be included in the grant application from the TC-TALUS Board to the Michigan Department of Transportation for \$100,000 for transportation improvements in the Traverse City area. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

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It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth that David Scott be hired to fill the vacant position of Electrical Inspector in the Construction Code Enforcement Department and, in the event he is unable to accept the job, the position be offered next to Jeff Byrne and Robert Bussa in that order. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows:
 Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
 No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth the following wage increases for 2008 of the Unrepresented Group, the Prosecuting Attorney Group, the Coordinator/Planner, and the Probate Unrepresented Group be approved.

Abstractor	\$47,556	
Antrim County Transportation Director	56,611	
Antrim County Transportation Secretary		\$15.89/hr
Administrative Ass't. – Coordinator/Plan		18.58/hr
Administrative Ass't – Prosecuting Attorney		17.66
May 22, 2008 (step increase)		18.22
Airport Manager	47,694	
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	52,177	
Associate Planner	39,201	
August 1, 2008 (step increase)	40,414	
Building Official	54,854	
Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	65,769	
Commission on Aging Director	44,704	
Stipend	1,601	
Coordinator/Planner	66,483	
Coordinator/Planner Secretary		15.39
Stipend	1,075	
Emergency Services Coordinator	25,000	
Equalization Director	57,392	
Housing Director	39,056	
Jail Nurse	52,813	
Maintenance Director	40,276	
Parks Manager		16.18
Probate Court Juvenile Officer	51,245	
Stipend	2,990	
Probate Court Judicial Secretary	38,478	
Stipend	2,183	
Undersheriff	55,458	
Veterans' Counselor		12.51
Victims' Advocate	32,656	
County Clerk	52,273	
Stipend	7,313	
Stipend	3,176	

Unrepresented wages for 2008 – continued

County Treasurer	51,199
Drain Commissioner	8,354
Register of Deeds	49,102
Prosecuting Attorney	82,423
Stipend	11,384
Stipend	6,400
Sheriff	60,937
Stipend	7,140

and the 2008 budget be adjusted to reflect these increases. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the following policy be adopted effective immediately:

Effect of Termination on Vacation and Health Insurance Benefits

Employees whose employment relationship with Antrim County is terminated for any reason, and who, in accordance with the provision of a collective bargaining agreement (if applicable) or County policy, are entitled to payment for accrued unused vacation time, and shall be paid for such accrued time in a lump sum, which shall be included in the employee’s final paycheck.

All employment benefits shall cease immediately on the effective date of termination, except if the employee is covered under a County provided health insurance plan. Coverage will remain in effect until the end of the calendar month in which the termination date occurs. The departing employee will have the option to continue receiving health insurance through the County only if they initiate payment through COBRA or, if the employee is retiring from Antrim County, as a subscriber to any Antrim County health insurance plan then available to retirees.

Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Drenth the following increases be made to the 2008 budgets:

Computer budget	Network Engineer	\$ 36,000
	Network Administrator	12,000
Coordinator/Planner budget	Part time secretary	7,925

Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, white, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek the Chairman be authorized to sign the IT support services contract with the Bellaire Computer Center. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman the Chairman be authorized to sign a 3-year contract with Quest as the County's long distance carrier. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Allen the Chairman be authorized to sign a letter of support to be included in the grant application from the Antrim County Grass River Natural Area to the Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (put together a science based management plan for the entire natural area). Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the Chairman be authorized to sign a lease with O.I.L. Energy Company for 280 acres at the Grass River Natural Area, proceeds from said lease to be credited to Fund #144. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore, Allen; No – Stanek; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the following budget adjustments be approved: (See pp) Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Drenth, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk