

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present - Robert McLeod, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen.

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Chairman called for Public Comment. Kent McNeil questioned the permitting process on environmental issues. Ed Martel questioned the permitting process particularly concerning the DEQ, informed that he had made a freedom of information request for telephone bills for the Register of Deeds, Equalization Department, and Prosecuting Attorney, and commented on environmental terrorists. Public Comment ended at 9:07 a.m.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford that the minutes of December 12, 2002 be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that, due to an Emergency Services Department 2002 budget deficit of \$1,000, the Capital Outlay budget of the Emergency Services Department be reduced by \$1,000. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the Sheriff purchase two vehicles as budgeted - one out of the general capital outlay for \$21,000 and one 4-wheel drive vehicle out of Secondary Roads for \$27,000. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the Sheriff purchase a snowmobile with accessories as budgeted for \$6,715. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the Sheriff purchase three dry suits as budgeted for \$3,617.40. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that Fund #225 - Animal Control donations - be established and the Sheriff have discretion to spend up to \$500; any anticipated purchases exceeding \$500 to be approved by the Finance Committee. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the claims and accounts totaling \$91,084.51 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that changes in the following benefits be made for the Undersheriff and the Jail Nurse: change the buy back for the personal days from 75% to 100% and the vacation from the schedule observed by the Unrepresented and the General Unit to the vacation schedule outlined in the bargaining contract of the Command Unit in the Sheriff Department. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

Mr. McLeod reported that an agreement on wage increases had been reached with the Unrepresented.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that, in accordance with the agreement with the Unrepresented, the following salaries and wages be approved:

	January 1	July 1
Abstractor	\$ 37,801	38,935
Airport Manager	38,094	
Asst. Prosecuting Attorney	To be determined	
Associate Planner	31,820	
Building Official	41,518	42,348
Chief Asst. Prosecuting Attorney	48,602	50,060
Commission on Aging Director	36,202	36,926
Coordinator/Planner	48,276	49,242
Coordinator - Administrative Assistant	15.15/hr	15.60/hr
Coordinator - Secretary	11.25/hr	to be determined
Dial-a-Ride Director	43,257	44,122
Dial-a-Ride - Secretary	11.63/hr	
Emergency Services Coordinator	14.20/hr	14.62/hr
Equalization Director	44,898	46,245
Housing Director	15.67/hr	
Jail Nurse	45,340	
Maintenance Director	31,541	32,014
Parks Manager	13.96/hr	
Prosecuting Atty. - Administrative Asst.	14.92	15.36
Undersheriff	45,535	46,446
Veterans Counselor	10.29	
Victims Rights	13.20	13.39
County Clerk	44,117	44,779
County Treasurer	43,304	43,954
Drain Commissioner	7,172	
Prosecuting Attorney	70,471	71,528
Register of Deeds	40,514	41,122
Sheriff	49,783	50,530

and the percentages that are received by the Prosecuting Attorney, Commission on Aging Director, County Clerk, and Sheriff shall also be applied to the supplements received by those officers that are not directly reimbursed by grants and the 2003 Budgets be amended to reflect these increases. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that Scott Reed be hired as Field Appraiser in the Equalization Department. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The Chairman appointed Fred Hunt to the Road Commission.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the appointment of Fred Hunt to the Road Commission, term to expire 12/31/2008 be approved. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

Peter Garwood presented the 2003 Remonumentation Grant for funds totaling \$38,741..

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that the Chairman and Coordinator/Planner be authorized to sign the Remonumentation Grant Agreement. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The Chairman made the following appointments:

Transportation Liaison	Robert Straw
Conservation Resource Alliance Representative Northern Michigan Counties Association	Eugene Dawson
Delegate	Robert McLeod
Alternate	Jack White
Community Corrections Advisory Board Representative	Robert McLeod
Alternate	Larry Bargy
Northern MI Substance Abuse Representative	Donald Schuiteman
NW MI Workforce Development Board (terms expire 12/31/2002)	James Barnard Jerald Rives

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

RESOLUTION #07-03 by Eugene Dawson, seconded by Laura Stanek

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 94-1935, to provide a local transportation program for the state fiscal year of 2004 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 balanced (surplus) budget, and funding sources of estimated federal funds \$64,550, estimated state funds \$258,200, estimated local funds \$47,000, estimated farebox \$182,300, estimated other funds \$37,450, with total estimated expenses of \$589,500.

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 Robert Straw, 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 2004.

Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #07-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Howard Yamaguchi reported that at the 911 meeting discussion was held on standardized mapping throughout the county with the coordination of 911, Road Commission, Equalization, Planning Department, and any other agencies using mapping. There was a question concerning funding. 911 Funds could cover part of the cost - other sources of funding would be needed.

Ed Martel talked about possible liability situations as far as the issuance of permits for wetlands areas.

The Planning Commission recommended creating an ad-hoc committee consisting of members from the Board of Commissioners, the Health Department, and the Planning Commission to look at improving county septic systems. The Chairman requested the Health and Public Safety Committee to meet with Health Department representatives concerning this issue.

Mike Crawford spoke on the dangers to the public utilizing the frozen lakes for recreational purposes created by aerators (bubblers) softening the ice and requested suggestions on local ordinances or other means to address the situation. The matter was referred to the Health and Public Safety Committee.

RESOLUTION #08-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by Bernard Blackmore

Resolution to borrow against anticipated delinquent 2002 real property taxes.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Antrim (the "County") has heretofore adopted a resolution establishing the Antrim County Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (the "Fund") pursuant to Section 87b of Act No. 206, Public Acts of Michigan, 1893, as amended ("Act 206"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Fund is to allow the Antrim County Treasurer (the "County Treasurer") to pay from the Fund any or all delinquent real property taxes that are due and payable to the County and any school district, intermediate school district, community college district, city, township, special assessment district, the State of Michigan or any other

political unit for which delinquent tax payments are due; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined to be necessary for the County to borrow money and issue its notes for the purposed authorized by Act 206, particularly Sections 87c, 87d and 89 thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the total amount of unpaid 2002 delinquent real property taxes (the "delinquent taxes") outstanding on March 1, 2003, will be approximately \$4.0 million, exclusive of interest, fees and penalties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Antrim, State of Michigan, as follows:

Authorization of Borrowing

1. Pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Act 206, Public Acts of Michigan, 1893, as amended, and especially Sections 87c, 87d and 89 thereof, the County shall borrow the sum of not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) and issue its notes (the "notes") therefore for the purpose of continuing the Fund for the 2002 tax year. The exact amount to be borrowed shall not exceed the amount of delinquent taxes outstanding on March 1, 2003, exclusive of interest, fees and penalties. The County Treasurer shall designate the exact amount to be borrowed after the amount of the 2002 delinquent taxes outstanding on March 1, 2003, or the portion of the 2002 delinquent taxes against which the County shall borrow, has been determined.

Note Details

2. Pursuant to provisions of applicable law and an order of the County Treasurer, which order is hereby authorized, the notes may be issued in one or more series; shall be known as "General Obligation Limited Tax Notes, Series 2003"; shall be in fully registered form in denominations not exceeding the aggregate principal amounts for each maturity of the notes; shall be sold for not less than 98% of the face amount of the notes; shall bear interest at fixed or variable rates not to exceed the maximum interest rate permitted by applicable law; shall be dated, payable as to interest and in principal amounts, be subject to redemption in whole or in part prior to maturity, including any redemption premiums, and be subject to renewal, at such times and in such amounts, as shall be designated in the order of the County Treasurer. Notes or portions of notes called for redemption shall not bear interest after the redemption date, provided funds are on hand with the note registrar and paying agent to redeem the same. Notice of redemption shall be given in the manner prescribed by the County Treasurer. If any notes of any series are to bear interest at a variable rate or rates, the County Treasurer is hereby further authorized to establish by order, and in accordance with law, a means by which interest on such notes may be set, reset or calculated prior to maturity, provided that such rate or rates shall at no time be in excess of the maximum interest rate permitted by applicable law. Such rates may be established by reference to the minimum rate that would be necessary to sell the notes at par; by a formula that is determined with respect to an index or indices of municipal obligations, reported prices or yields on obligations of the United States or the prime rate or rates of a bank or banks selected by the County Treasurer; or by any other method selected by the County Treasurer.

Payment of Principal and Interest

3. The principal of and interest on the notes shall be payable in lawful money of the United States from such funds and accounts as provided herein. Principal shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of the notes to the note registrar and paying agent when and as the same shall become due, whether at maturity or earlier redemption. Interest shall be paid to the owner shown as the registered owner on the registration books at the close of business on such date prior to the date such interest payment is due, as is provided in the order of the County Treasurer. Interest on the notes shall be paid when due by check or draft drawn upon and mailed by the note registrar and paying agent to the registered owner at the registered address.

Note Registrar and Paying Agent

4. The County Treasurer shall designate, and may enter into an agreement with, a note registrar and paying agent for each series of notes that shall be the County Treasurer or a bank or trust company that is qualified to act in such capacity under the laws of the United States of America or the State of Michigan. The County Treasurer may from time to time designate a similarly qualified successor note registrar and paying agent.

Disposition of Note Proceeds

5. The proceeds of the sale of the notes shall be deposited into a separate account in the Fund (the "2003 Account") and shall be used to continue the Fund. The County Treasurer shall pay therefrom and from unpledged funds in the Fund, uncommitted funds in the County General Fund and/or any other legally available funds, if the notes are sold at a discount, the full amount of the delinquent tax roll against which the County has borrowed, delivered as uncollected by any tax collector in the County and that is outstanding and unpaid on or after March 1, 2003, in accordance with the provisions of Act 206.

2003 Collection Account

6. There is hereby established as part of the Fund an account (hereby designated the "2003 Collection Account") into which account the County Treasurer shall place delinquent taxes against which the County has borrowed, and interest thereon, collected on and after March 1, 2003, all County property tax administration fees on such delinquent taxes, after expenses of issuance of the notes have been paid, and any amounts received by the County Treasurer from the County and any taxing unit within the County, because of the uncollectibility of such delinquent taxes. The foregoing are hereby established as funds pledged to note repayment.

Note Reserve Fund

7. There is hereby authorized to be established by the County Treasurer a note reserve fund for the notes (the "2003 Note Reserve Fund"), if the County Treasurer deems it to be reasonable required as a reserve and advisable in selling the notes at public or private sale. The County Treasurer is authorized to deposit in the 2003 Note Reserve Fund from proceeds of the sale of the notes, unpledged moneys in the Fund, uncommitted funds in the County General Fund and/or any other legally available funds, an amount not exceeding ten percent (10%) of the face amount of the notes.

Security for Payment of Notes

8. All of the moneys in the 2003 Collection Account and the 2003 Note Reserve Fund, if established, and all interest earned thereon, are hereby pledged equally and ratably as to each series to the payment of the principal of and interest on the notes and shall be used solely for that purpose until such principal and interest have been paid in full. When moneys in the 2003 Note Reserve Fund, if established, are sufficient to pay the outstanding principal of the notes and the interest accrued thereon, such moneys may be used to retire the notes.

Additional Security

9. Each series of notes, in addition, shall be a general obligation of the County, secured by its full faith and credit, which shall include the County's limited tax obligation, within applicable constitutional and statutory limits, and its general funds. The county budget shall provide that if the pledged delinquent taxes and any other pledged amounts are not collected in sufficient amounts to meet the payment of principal and interest due on each series of notes, the County, before paying any other budgeted amounts, will promptly advance from its general funds sufficient moneys to pay that principal and interest. The County shall not have the power to impose taxes for payment of the notes in excess of constitutional or statutory limitations. If moneys in the 2003 Collection Account and the 2003 Note Reserve Fund, if established, are not sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the notes, when due, the County shall pay the same in accordance with this section, and may thereafter reimburse itself from the delinquent taxes collected.

Release of Pledge of 2003 Collection Account

10. Upon the investment of moneys in the 2003 Collection Account in direct noncallable obligations of the United States of America in amounts and with maturities that are sufficient to pay in full the principal of and interest on the notes when due, any moneys in the 2003 Collection Account thereafter remaining may be released from such pledge created pursuant to Section 8 hereof and may be used to pay any or all delinquent real property taxes that are due the County and any school district, intermediate school district, community college district, city, township, special assessment district, the State of Michigan or any other political unit to which delinquent tax payments are due for any other year or for any other purpose permitted by law.

Sale of Notes

11. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to offer the notes at public or private sale as determined by order of the County Treasurer and to do all things necessary to effectuate the sale, delivery, transfer and exchange of the notes in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. Notes of one series may be offered for sale and sold separately from notes of another series. If the notes are to be sold publicly, sealed proposals for the purchase of the notes shall be received by the County Treasurer for such public sale to be held at such time as shall be determined by the County Treasurer and notice thereof shall be published in accordance with law, once in The Bond Buyer or the Detroit Legal News, both of which are hereby designated as being a publication printed in the English language and circulated in this State that carries as a part of its regular service, notices of sale of municipal bonds. Such notice shall be in the form prescribed by the County Treasurer.

The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to cause the preparation of an official statement for the notes for the purpose of enabling compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”) and to do all other things necessary to enable compliance with the Rule. After the award of the notes, the County will provide copies of a final official statement (as defined in paragraph (e)(3) of the Rule) on a timely basis and in reasonable quantity as requested by the successful bidder or bidders to enable such successful bidder or bidders to comply with paragraph (b)(4) of the Rule and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Continuing Disclosure

12. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the County (I) a certificate of the County to comply with the requirements for a continuing disclosure undertaking of the County pursuant to subsection (b)(5) or (d)(2) of the Rule, as applicable, and (ii) amendments to such certificate from time to time in accordance with the terms of such certificate (the certificate and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as the “Continuing Disclosure Certificate”). The County hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. The remedies for any failure of the County to comply with and carry out the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall be as set forth therein.

Execution and Delivery of Notes

13. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to execute the notes for the County by manual or facsimile signature and the County Treasurer shall cause the County seal or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or imprinted on the notes. Unless the County Treasurer shall specify otherwise in writing, fully registered notes shall be authenticated by the manual signature of the note registrar and paying agent. After the notes have been executed and authenticated, if applicable, for delivery to the original purchaser thereof, the County Treasurer shall deliver the notes to the purchaser or purchasers thereof upon receipt of the purchase price. Additional notes bearing the manual or facsimile signature of the County Treasurer and upon which the seal of the County or a facsimile thereof is impressed or imprinted may be delivered to the note registrar and paying agent for authentication, if applicable, and delivery in connection with the exchange or transfer of fully registered notes. The note registrar and paying agent shall indicate on each note that it authenticates the date of its authentication. The notes shall be delivered with the approving legal opinion of Dickinson Wright PLLC, attorneys of Detroit, Michigan.

Exchange and Transfer of Fully Registered Notes

14.. Any fully registered note, upon surrender thereof to the note registrar and paying agent with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the note registrar and paying agent duly executed by the registered owner or his or her duly authorized attorney, at the option of the registered owner thereof, may be exchanged for notes of any other authorized denominations of the same aggregate principal amount and maturity date and bearing the same rate of interest as the surrendered note.

Each note shall be transferable only upon the books of the County, which shall be kept for that purpose by the note registrar and paying agent, upon surrender of such note together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the note registrar and paying agent duly executed by the registered owner or his or her duly authorized attorney.

Upon the exchange or transfer of any note, the note registrar and paying agent on behalf of the County shall cancel the surrendered note and shall authenticate, if applicable, and deliver to the transferee a new note or notes of any authorized denomination of the same aggregate principal amount and maturity date and bearing the same rate of interest as the surrendered note. If, at the time the note registrar and paying agent authenticates, if applicable, and delivers a new note pursuant to this section, payment of interest on the notes is in default, the note registrar and paying agent shall endorse upon the new note the following: "Payment of interest on this note is in default. The last date to which interest has been paid is _____."

The County and the note registrar and paying agent may deem and treat the person in whose name any note shall be registered upon the books of the County as the absolute owner of such note, whether such note shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of and interest on such note and for all other purposes, and all payments made to any such registered owner, or upon his or her order, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 hereof shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such note to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, and neither the County nor the note registrar and paying agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. The County agrees to indemnify and save the note registrar and paying agent harmless from and against any and all loss, cost, charge, expense, judgment or liability incurred by it, acting in good faith and without negligence hereunder, in so treating such registered owner.

For every exchange or transfer of notes, the County or the note registrar and paying agent may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer, which sum or sums shall be paid by the person requesting such exchange or transfer as a condition precedent to the exercise of the privilege of making such exchange or transfer.

The note registrar and paying agent shall not be required to transfer or exchange notes or portions of notes that have been selected for redemption.

Book Entry System

15. At the option of the County Treasurer and notwithstanding any provisions of this resolution to the contrary, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with a custodian or trustee for the purpose of establishing a "book entry" system for registration of notes to be fully registered. Pursuant to provisions of such agreement, the notes may be registered in the name of the custodian or trustee for the benefit of other persons or entities. Such agreement shall provide for the keeping of accurate records and prompt transfer of funds by the custodian or trustee on behalf of such persons or entities. The agreement may provide for the issuance by the custodian or trustee of certificates evidencing beneficial ownership of the notes by such persons or entities. For the purpose of payment of the principal of and interest on the notes, the county may deem payment of such principal and interest, whether overdue or not, to the custodian or trustee as payment to the absolute owner of such note. Pursuant to provisions of such agreement, the book entry system for the notes may be used for registration of all or a portion of the notes and such system may be discontinued at any time by the County. The note registrar and paying agent for the notes may act as custodian or trustee for such purposes.

Issuance Expenses

16. Expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the notes, including without limitation any premiums for any insurance obtained for the notes, note rating agency fees, travel and printing expenses, fees for agreements for lines of credit, letters of credit, commitments to purchase the notes, remarketing agreements, reimbursement agreements, purchase or sales agreements or commitments, or agreements to provide security to assure timely payment of the notes, fees for the setting of interest rates on the notes and bond counsel, financial advisor, paying agent and registrar fees, all of which are hereby authorized, shall be paid by the County Treasurer from County property tax administration fees on the delinquent taxes, from any other moneys in the Fund not pledged to the repayment of notes and general funds of the County that are hereby authorized to be expended for that purpose.

Replacement of Notes

17. Upon receipt by the County Treasurer of satisfactory evidence that any outstanding note has been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen, and of security or indemnity complying with applicable law and satisfactory to the County Treasurer, the County Treasurer may execute or authorize the imprinting of the County Treasurer's facsimile signature thereon and thereupon, and if applicable, a note registrar or paying agent shall authenticate and the County shall deliver a new note of like tenor as the note mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen. Such new note shall be issued and delivered in exchange and substitution for, and upon surrender and cancellation of, the mutilated note or in lieu of and in substitution for the note so destroyed, lost or stolen in compliance with applicable law. For the replacement of authenticated notes, the note registrar and paying agent shall, for each new note authenticated and delivered as provided above, require the payment of expenses, including counsel fees, which may be incurred by the note registrar and paying agent and the County in the premises. Any note issued under the provisions of this section in lieu of any note alleged to be destroyed, lost or stolen shall be on an equal basis with the note in substitution for which such note was issued.

Issuance of Refunding Notes

18. The county shall refund all or part of the notes authorized hereunder and/or notes previously issued by the County to continue the fund for prior tax years if and as authorized by order of the County Treasurer through the issuance of refunding notes (the "Refunding Notes") in an amount to be determined by order of the County Treasurer. Proceeds of the Refunding Notes may be used to redeem such notes and to pay issuance expenses of the Refunding Notes as authorized and described in Section 16 hereof. The County Treasurer shall have all the authority with respect to the Refunding Notes as is granted to the County Treasurer with respect to the notes by the other Sections hereof, including the authority to select a note registrar and paying agent to apply to the Michigan Department of Treasury for approval to issue the Refunding Notes, if necessary, to cause the preparation of an official statement and to do all other things necessary to sell, execute and deliver the Refunding Notes. The Refunding Notes shall contain the provisions, shall be payable as to principal and interest and shall be secured as set forth herein and as further ordered by the County Treasurer. The Refunding Notes may be sold as a separate issue or may be combined in a single issue with other obligations of the County issued pursuant to the provisions of Act 206 as shall be determined by the County Treasurer. The County Treasurer is authorized to prescribe the form of Refunding Note and the form of notice of sale, if any, for the sale of Refunding Notes.

Form of Notes

19. The notes shall be in the form approved by the County Treasurer, which approval shall be evidenced by the County Treasurer's execution thereof.

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

No - None;

Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #08-02 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Laurie Stanek reported that various training sessions for Board members would be offered throughout the year: dates and times to be determined later.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 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: Robert McLeod, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman,
Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen.

Absent: None.

The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Tim Hannert and Ed Martel spoke on environmental issues.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that the minutes of January 3, 2003 and January 9, 2003 be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford that Antrim County Transportation and Commission on Aging be reimbursed for the difference between the originally proposed payroll deduction for employees health insurance and the amount designated by action of the Board of Commissioners on November 14, 2002 and the 2003 General Fund budget be increased by this amount. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the MSU Extension Department purchase two work stations from Smart Office Systems at a cost not to exceed \$7,160 as budgeted. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the Abstract Department purchase a Lexmark printer for not more than \$670.00 and a desk from National Business Furniture for not more than \$820.00 as budgeted. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the Equalization Department purchase a fax machine for not more than \$460.00 and a computer for GIS for not more than \$2,730 as budgeted. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the Sheriff purchase a Network Server for 911 from Tele-Rad Inc. For not more that \$11,250 as budgeted; expense to be paid from Fund #262. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the Sheriff purchase portable radios for Animal Control for not more than \$1,235; \$1,100 as budgeted and \$225.00 to be transferred from Animal Control operating (cell phone) to Capital Outlay - Animal Control and the budgets of these departments be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that Dr Benson and David Kopkau attend Medicolegal Investigation of Death class in Dearborn at a cost of \$425.00 per person plus lodging and the expense be paid from Special Projects in the General Fund. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bary that the Sheriff hire a temporary part time court officer at a maximum of \$14.00 per hour plus FICA and Workers' Compensation with the stipulation that no court officer be used for District Court civil matters. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

William Gadwau, Central Lake Township Trustee spoke on the Township recycling program for paper and cardboard.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bary that the county contract with Marvin Rubingh for a recycling project for paper only for two years at a cost of \$4,800 per year. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the invoice for drilling of a second well at Barnes Park totaling \$5,967.02 be paid and \$6,000 be transferred from Capital Outlay Reserve Fund to Barnes Park Grant Fund for that purpose and the budgets of both funds be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bary that \$25,000 be appropriated to the Housing Program as local match and \$25,000 be transferred from Grant Match Fund to the General Fund and the budgets of both funds be adjustment accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the Prosecuting Attorney purchase a overhead projector for not more than \$3,900 as budgeted. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bary that the Register of Deeds purchase three chairs for \$50 per chair as budgeted. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bary that the County Treasurer purchase three workstations for not more than \$4,820 total as budgeted. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the claims and accounts totaling \$75,182 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The Chairman made the following appointments:

Parks and Recreation Commission	Stan Moore	term exp. 1/1/2006
Antrim Creek Natural Area	Gale Murphy	term exp. 1/1/2005
Board of Public Works	Joe Allen	term of office
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	Laura Stanek	term of office
Economic Development Corp.	Laura Stanek	term of office
Antrim Creek Natural Area	Robert McLeod	term of office
Multi-purpose Collaborative Board	Laura Stanek	term of office

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

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Stanek that the funds budgeted for a transcriptionist position in the Sheriff Department be reinstated. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the payroll functions relating to the Sheriff Department including but not limited to time records and leave records be transferred to the County Clerk's (Payroll) Office. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that the following changes in the health insurance plans be approved:

1) Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO - Establishment of a \$10 (generic)/\$40 (name-brand) co-pay for prescription drugs with the difference of \$30 on a name brand drug to be reimbursed by the county to the employee if the employee produces a doctor certification that a generic substitute is not available or cannot be used in this case and a paid receipt for the drug.

2) Priority Health HMO - Establishment of a \$10 (generic)/\$20 (name brand) co-pay for prescription drugs with the difference of \$10 on a name brand drug to be reimbursed by the County to the employee if the employee produces a doctor certification that a generic substitute is not available or cannot be used in this case and a paid receipt for the drug.

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

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that the following increases in amounts paid on behalf of employees who elect to take an annuity in lieu of health benefits be approved effective May 1, 2003:

- 1) \$200 for not taking the hospitalization coverage
- 2) \$20 for not taking the prescription rider
- 3) \$10 for not taking the dental rider.

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

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the hourly rate of the MeadowView Apartments Manager be increased by 3.5% retroactive to January 1, 2003. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Blackmore that \$889.09 to paid to Professor Cleland for Archeological Survey work performed at the Antrim Creek Natural Area. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that the use of metal detectors in the Antrim Creek Natural Area be prohibited and the Antrim Creek Natural Area Ordinance be amended to reflect this change. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - Dawson, Bary, Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Stanek that \$544.00 be paid for a "Park in Designated Areas Only" sign for Antrim Creek Natural Area. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

Gary Knapp gave a presentation on the Ground and Surface Water Contamination (Dura Plume) in the Mancelona, Custer, and Kearney Township area.

RESOLUTION #09-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, a Trichloroethylene (TCE) plume (also known as the "Wicks" TCE Plume) has spread through the groundwater from property currently owned by Dura Automotive systems, Inc. (Dura) in the Village of Mancelona, Antrim County to the Cedar River over four (4) miles away, and poses a potential significant threat to human health, environment and the economy in Antrim County, and

WHEREAS, even though Dura was not the party responsible for the pollution, they have offered to dedicate one million five hundred thousand (\$1,500,000) dollars to the effort to keep the plume from reaching the Cedar River, and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners believes the effort has been stalled much too long while in the meantime the plume continues to move, and

WHEREAS, a Broad Based Public and Private Coalition is being formed to work with the Community Resource Development, Inc. in Mancelona, the Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the EPA to address this threat and formulate a course of action, and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners is being requested to appoint a commissioner to the Broad Based Coalition to represent the Board, and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board is being requested to provide support for the work of the Coalition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 13th day of February, in the year 2003, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, Antrim County, Michigan, does hereby approve the following:

- * Make appointments from the Board to the Broad Based Public and Private Coalition to work with other entities to formulate a course of action to address the threats of the TCE Plume.
- * Commit to provide support for the work of the Coalition, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners strongly urges the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (DPA) to no longer delay in the urgent matter of cleaning up the TCE plume including eradication of the source of the pollution.

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

RESOLUTION #09-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

The Chairman appointed David Howelman and Michael Crawford to the Broad Based Coalition referred to in Resolution #09-03.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Blackmore that the appointment of David Howelman and Michael Crawford to the Broad Based Coalition be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

John Arnheim of MSU Extension spoke on training possibilities for County Commissioners.

The Chairman requested Laurie Stanek, Mike Crawford to meet with MSU Extension about possible training sessions in May or June.

Bill Birch, Temporary Mental Health Director, reported on the merger of Mental Health Departments to become North Country Mental Health.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Stanek that letters of appreciation be sent to Bill Birch as well as former County Commissioners John Conway, Donald Schuiteman, and Robert Wilson. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Mark Randolph, Grass River Director, introduced the Grass River Natural Area Inc President, Dale Hanson, and gave the 2002 Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson that the 2002 Grass River Natural Area Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Bargy that the Family Independence Agency 2002 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Stanek that Airport Owners and Operators Liability Insurance for 2003 be purchased from Avsurance (ACE Property & Casualty Ins. Co.) for \$11,500.00 per year. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Stanek that the Chairman sign a hangar lease with Dale Snook for the following Airport property:

Commencing at the NE Corner of Section 19, T30N, R7W, Kearney Township, Antrim County, Michigan; thence 00°00'35"W 1950.88 feet along the east line of said Section 19 and the center line of Derenzy Road; thence N89°50'41"W734.51 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing N89°50'41"W68.00 feet; thence N00°09'19"E 80.00 feet; thence S89°50'41"E68.00 feet; thence S00°09'19"W80.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the NE 1/4 of said Section 19, T30N, R7W, containing 0.125 acres of land.

Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson that carpeting for the Grove Street Annex be purchased from the Carpet Barn for \$986. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Bargy that a software update for the computer that runs the heating and cooling systems for the Maintenance Department be purchased from Havel Brothers for \$887.00 Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson that the small room adjacent to the Veterans Counselor be allocated for use by the Veterans Affairs Department. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Blackmore that Sheriff Department Ford Expedition be transferred to the Airport. By general agreement the motion was tabled until March.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Blackmore that the old weight machine at the Jail plus various pieces of equipment, etc. in the County Building be put up for bids. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by McLeod that the Chairman sign an Ordinance Enforcement Agreement with Kearney Township. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #10-03 by Larry Bargy, seconded by Robert McLeod

WHEREAS, the Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Group (the "Training Group") was established under the Michigan Constitution of 1963, Article VII, Section 28, and the Urban Cooperation Act, 1967 P.A. 7, extra session. Governor John Engler approved the intergovernmental agreement establishing the Training Group as a separate public body on May 14, 2001. MCL 124.501 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Training Group is to provide law enforcement training opportunities and training resources in such areas as, but not limited to, jail and lockup training facility, driving simulator and facility, small arms ranges, building search, SWAT tactical training, canine training, marine training, and other training events utilizing available resources; and

WHEREAS, the Training Group has entered into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to utilize existing small arms ranges, buildings, classrooms, sleeping quarters, dining facilities and training areas at Camp Grayling at reduced costs; and

WHEREAS, by utilizing established military facilities, savings can be passed on to law enforcement agencies that become a member of the Training Group and training costs can be reduced saving valuable public funds.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Antrim County does hereby accept the invitation to become a member of the Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Group.

Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent - Stanek.

RESOLUTION #10-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Blackmore that MeadowView Apartments purchase 2 commercial coin-operated washers and 3 commercial coin-operated dryers at a total cost of \$4,105. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Stanek.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by McLeod that a Public Hearing be held in March for the Barnes Park Grant. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #11-03 by Michael Crawford, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, de-icers of various types are in widespread use to prevent ice formation around boats, docks, marinas, and their supporting structures in and around inland lakes traditionally used for winter recreation in Antrim County and elsewhere in Michigan, and

WHEREAS, in many cases, operation of these devices, by successfully preventing ice formation around their intended locations, has also compromised the structural integrity of ice cover in the general vicinity of the de-icers, and

WHEREAS, there have been instances in Antrim County and elsewhere where ice skaters, hockey players, ice fishermen, cross country skiers, snowshoers, and ice boaters, unaware of the reduced load-bearing capacity of the thinner ice in the general vicinity of the de-icers, have fallen through the ice into the water, and

WHEREAS, continued unrestricted use of de-icers in Antrim County and elsewhere in Michigan will certainly cause more accidents of this type, and will eventually result in fatalities to recreational users of winter ice cover on lakes, and

WHEREAS, there are currently no restrictions, safety regulations, or insurance regulations specifically governing use of de-icers in and around lakes in Michigan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners strongly recommend that the relevant state authorities such as the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Natural Resources, in the interest of protecting public safety and winter recreation, establish regulations, safe operating procedures, and other safeguards governing the use of de-icers in and around lakes in Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be distributed to Antrim County's State legislative contingent and the Governor; all Michigan counties; Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Natural Resources.

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

RESOLUTION #11-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by McLeod that the Board of Commissioners apply for a Rotary Charities planning grant for the Elk Rapids Day Park. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Dawson that an application to the EPA for Solid Waste education in the amount of \$6,000 be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The Chairman announced that, on recommendation of the Public Works Committee, the Board of Public Works would be working on the Capital Improvement Plan section of the proposed County Master Plan.

Don Schuiteman informed the Board that work has begun on a plan for the proposed Little League Ball Fields to be adjacent to the new Animal Shelter on county land across M-88 from Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

Robert McLeod, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Robert McLeod, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, David Howelman, Laura Stanek,
Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen.

Absent: Jack White, Michael Crawford.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Chairman called for Public Comment.

Ed Martel spoke on three issues: (1) county office phone calls should be documented as to who, what, when, and where, (2) having the Planning Commission spend time on anything relating to wetlands was questionable considering previous actions by the Board, (3) praise for the Barnes Park Grant project - some comments about the Helena Township boat launch project.

Don Schuiteman - further comments on the remarks made by Ed Martel. Ray Ludwa - further comments about the Helena Township boat launch project.

Public Comment closed at 9:10 a.m.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Blackmore that the minutes of February 13, 2003 be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the claims and accounts totaling \$49,957.25 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - White, Crawford.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the Sheriff purchase a car for approximately \$21,000 as budgeted. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - White, Crawford.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the Sheriff purchase a printer for \$350.00 and a fax machine for \$150.00 as budgeted. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - White, Crawford.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that \$3,000 be expended from the Planning Commission budget for the development of township profiles to be used in visioning sessions to implement the Master Plan. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - White, Crawford.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Stanek that the funds for the vacant position of custodian be reinstated. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #12-03 by David Howelman, seconded by Eugene Dawson

WHEREAS, Antrim County has been made aware of the fact that the existing Tuscola Saginaw Bay Railroad right-of-way extending south out of the City of Petoskey is to be offered for sale at some point within the next 24 months, and

WHEREAS, the Tuscola Saginaw Bay (TSBY) rail corridor is a highly valued land resource one that is a continuous linear property with great bearing on the public interest, and

WHEREAS, once disposed of, this land resource would become fragmented and fractionalized to the point where it could not be re-assembled or re-purchased at a price anywhere near as low as what would be received from the initial sale, there being ample evidence of this re-sale inflation by MDOT and the DNR, who experienced the cost of purchasing already lost rail R/W lands for trail development purposes, and

WHEREAS, the TSBY r/w, is a unique land resource, and is ideally suited to the establishment of trails, both motorized and non-motorized, and has additional potential usage as a utility corridor (fibre optics, electricity, communications, etc.), a transportation corridor for new roads, mass transit vehicles, and perhaps a future return to rail transportation, and

WHEREAS, use of the former right-of-way for trails is seen as the safest trails, (public safety) compared to trails on and along other roads and highways,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners strongly urges the State of Michigan offices, Departments, and Legislators to staunchly resist any rail sale or abandonment that would drop the TSBY right-of-way from public ownership, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the actual sale or abandonment takes place, that title to TSBY land base be vested in one or more of the following: the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the individual counties within which the railroad currently lies, and to affirm Emmet County's position that the rail right-of-way not be sold to private owners, this being contrary to substantial public interest this rail land resource represents.

Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent - White, Crawford.

RESOLUTION #12-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Allen that anyone who is reimbursed by the county for driving expenses while on county business shall have an annual driving record check and, further, that the use of seat belts be mandated for county employees on county business. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Stanek that the following wage increases be implemented for Commission on Aging non-union/part-time employees: (see page). Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - White, Crawford.

The Chairman appointed the following individuals to serve on the North Country Community Mental Health Board: Kent Stoddard, Betsy Brown, Louis Scholl, Laura Stanek, Timothy Meagher.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Dawson that the appointment of Kent Stoddard, Betsy Brown, Louis Scholl, Laura Stanek, Timothy Meagher to the North Country Community Mental Health, terms to expire at the end of one year be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - White, Crawford.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Dawson that David VerStrat be hired to work at Barnes Park on the midnight shift at the second year rate, plus a \$.25 differential. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - White, Crawford.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Dawson that the Barnes Park employees be given a 3.5 % wage increase for the 2003 season. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - White, Crawford.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman that an ad-hoc planning committee be established to commence and guide the final design of the proposed Grass River Visitor Center. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was decided to make the appointments to the above-named ad-hoc committee in April.

Theresa Kent gave the Abstract Department 2002 Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman that the 2002 Abstract Department report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Peter Garwood explained a new grant available to facilitate mapping to determine locations for identifying wireless phone calls.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman that the county apply for a grant from the Public Safety Foundation of America for funding to facilitate mapping to determine locations for identifying wireless phone calls. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Stanek that a short form environmental assessment be performed at the Airport in accordance with runway safety area project. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargo, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - White, Crawford.

It was moved by Bargo, seconded by Dawson that the used Ford Expedition (Sheriff) be transferred to the Airport. Motion carried all members voting yes except Stanek who voted no.

It was moved by Bargo, seconded by Blackmore that the proposed amendment to the Bomb Threat Plan be adopted. Motion FAILED by a ye and nay vote as follows: No - McLeod, Dawson, Howelman; Yes - Bargo, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; Absent - White, Crawford. (Motion fails because a majority of elected members (5) did not prevail.)

It was moved by Bargo, seconded by Blackmore that the Emergency Services Director post documents throughout the County facilities that indicate the different levels of terrorist threat conditions. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

A Public Hearing on the proposed Barnes Park Improvement Recreation Grant convened at 10:10 a.m.

Total grant - \$214,540 Local match - \$54,385 (County cash - 26,635, donated materials - 19,750, Conservation District labor - 8,000)

Public comments - Janet Person - explanation of ACD role in the grant
Mark Randolph - the proposed walking trails fit with the regional concept
Don Schuiteman - question on retaining some rustic camping sites
Laura Stanek - establishment of a priority list if only partial grant obtained.

The Public Hearing closed at 10:24 a.m.

RESOLUTION #13-03 by Bernard Blackmore, seconded by Eugene Dawson

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners fully supported and adopted the Antrim County Comprehensive Recreation Plan on February 10, 2000, and

Resolution #13-03 - continued.

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Recreation Plan states that annual county park system maintenance, a new park office/visitor center, the upgrade of 27 camping sites from rustic to electrical, the addition of a walkway that is handicapped accessible, and required ancillary utilities and services are a high priority for Antrim County, as listed in the Capital Improvement Schedule, and

WHEREAS, the improvements named in the implementation plan of the Comprehensive Recreation Plan and thus also in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application are necessary to provide better recreational amenities, increased access, and to comply with the provisions of the American Disabilities Act (ADA), and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements would provide a greatly increased level of service to visitors by upgrading 27 camping sites, provide park guests greatly increased educational opportunities in the visitor center and office area, provide park guests with better park access and access to nearby inland lakes through establishment of a walking/bicycle trail, and increase the overall safety of the entire park, and

WHEREAS, due to budgetary constraints the County of Antrim does not currently have the ability to finance these capital improvements, without additional funding;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners authorizes a grant application for funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund program for the aforementioned improvements to the Antrim County Barnes Park in Torch Lake Township, Section 1, T31N, R9W, 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%) percent in the amount of \$54,385.

Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent - White, Crawford.

RESOLUTION #13-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Carol Mitchell, Director, gave the Commission on Aging 2002 Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Stanek that the Commission on Aging 2002 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Laura Sexton, County Clerk, presented the 2002 County Clerk Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman that the 2002 County Clerk Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Judge Norman Hayes presented the Probate Court/Family Division 2002 Annual Report.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Howelman that the 2002 Probate Court/Family Division Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

John Strehl, Manager gave the Airport 2002 Annual Report.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Stanek that the 2002 Airport Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Bill Birch reported on the North Country Community Mental Health merger.

Larry Bary reported on the bid opening for the Animal Shelter construction.

It was moved by Bary, seconded by Dawson that Petrie Construction be awarded the bid for construction of an Animal Shelter, the bid being \$417,722 (including adjustments) and that the budget of Fund #470 - Animal Shelter - be increased by \$417,722. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - White, Crawford.

On recommendation from Judge Thomas Power, the vice-chairman appointed Kathleen Beal to the Jury Board.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson that the appointment of Kathleen Beal to the Jury Board, term to expire 04/30/2009 be approved. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - White, Crawford.

There was discussion on the Little League fields that will be constructed on the Animal Shelter property across M-88 from Meadowbrook. Don Schuiteman presented a plan for the complex. He was requested to return in April for finalization of the lease with the Village of Bellaire for this property.

The Emergency Services Annual Report was postponed until April.

It was moved by Bary, seconded by Allen that the Emergency Services Director apply for a Federal grant to help implement terrorism preparedness. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Bill Murphy informed that he was re-submitting a grant request for an Emergency Command Post to the Tribe.

It as moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman that the following amendment to the Antrim Creek Natural Area Ordinance be approved:

2.03.13 A person shall not use or possess a metal detector or similar device capable of detecting objects below or near the surface of the land within the Antrim Creek Natural Area without proper written permission.

Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Allen, seconded by Dawson that the following amendment to the Soil Erosion Control Agreement with the Antrim Conservation District be approved:

In addition to other duties, the soil erosion control officer shall be able to advise consumers of other permits needed and also keep track of wetland permits, denials and violations with the purpose of reporting them to the Board of Commissioners monthly.

Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The Coordinator/Planner 2002 Annual Report was postponed until April.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Dawson that the construction of Little League Fields and a parking lot on Antrim County property in section 30 of Kearney Township directly across M-88 from Meadowbrook be approved contingent upon approval of the lease with the Village of Bellaire by the Prosecuting Attorney. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Robert McLeod, Vice Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

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

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

Absent: Robert McLeod

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Chairman called for Public Comment. Ed Martel spoke on the wetlands issue and indicated he thought the residents in unzoned communities should have a right to referendum.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Blackmore that the minutes of March 13, 2003 be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Robert Englebrecht, Director, gave the Equalization report

See pp

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman that the 2003 Equalization report be accepted. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

Howard Yamaguchi, Associate Planner, and Carl Ferguson from Land Information Access Association (LIAA) explained a proposed grant application, the funds from which would provide interactive mapping capabilities on the county website. Costs for the website would increase by \$300 to \$600 per year. Local cash match for the grant would be \$5,000.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen that the county cooperate with Land Information Access Association (grant recipient) in application for a grant from Coastal Zone Management Program to provide interactive mapping capabilities on the county website; local cash match to be \$5,000 and that \$5,000 be added to expenditures in the 2003 Grant Match Fund budtet and \$5,000 be added to Appropriations in the 2003 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

Howard Yamaguchi gave an update on the Master Plan.

Peter Garwood, Coordinator/Planner, presented that department's Annual Report.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman that the Coordinator/Planner's 2002 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

George Perkins, Veterans Counselor, and Manager of MeadowView Apartments gave those departments' Annual Reports.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson that the MeadowView Apartments 2002 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman that the Veterans Counselor 2002 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

George Perkins gave a tribute to the members of the military now serving in Iraq.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson that the Chairman and County Clerk be authorized to sign a 10 year lease agreement with the Village of Bellaire pending approval by the Prosecuting Attorney for the following described property which would provide 2 baseball fields and parking area for Little League teams.

Commencing at the center of Section 30, T30N, R7W, Village of Bellaire, Kearney Township, Antrim County, Michigan said point also being the SW Corner of the Plat of Holiday Acres as recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Antrim County, Michigan; thence N89 34'20"E250.12 feet along the south line of said Plat of Holiday Acres to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing N89 34'20"E 790.00 feet along the south line of said Plat of Holiday Acres; thence S 00 25'40"E 300.00 feet; thence N89 34'20"W 790.00 feet; thence N 00 25'40"W 330.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 30, T30N, R7W, containing 5.985 acres of land.

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

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson that the Chairman and County Clerk be authorized to sign a 10 year Easement Agreement with the Village of Bellaire pending approval by the Prosecuting Attorney giving easement to the Village (walking path) for the following described property:

A thirty feet (30') wide strip of land the North line of which is described as follows: BEGINNING at the center of Section 30, T30N, R7W, Village of Bellaire, Kearney Township, Antrim County, Michigan said point also being the SW corner of the recorded Plat of Holiday Acres as recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Antrim County, Michigan; thence N89 34'20"E 1340.12 feet along the south line of said Plat of Holiday Acres to the center line of Highway M-88 and the POINT OF ENDING.

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

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman that the Coordinator/Planner be authorized to enter into negotiations with the Village of Bellaire to resolve the following issues:

1. Annexation of the MeadowBrook property to the Village of Bellaire.
2. Leasing of the Antrim County property in Richardi Park to the Village.
3. Long-term lease extension for the Broad Street parking lot.

Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Arthur Lennox, County Surveyor, reported on the Remonumentation Program for the State of Michigan and presented maps showing the areas in Antrim County that have been re-surveyed.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman that the County Surveyor's report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Terry Johnson, Sheriff, presented the Sheriff Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen that the Sheriff 2002 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Mark Stone, Drain Commissioner, gave the Drain Commissioner Annual Report.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Allen that the Drain Commissioner 2002 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Robert Straw, Director, gave the Dial-a-Ride Annual Report.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Allen that the Dial-a-Ride 2002 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Antrim Kalkaska Community Mental Health to sign the Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Transfer of Functions and Responsibilities. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

Sherry Comben, County Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman that the County Treasurer 2002 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the claims and accounts totaling \$57,659.52 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that up to \$1,500 be expended by the Sheriff for OSSI training in North Carolina. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Blackmore that monitoring cameras for the Jail be purchased from MidState Security at a cost not to exceed \$5,689 to be paid from Fund #267, Jail Inmate Proceeds Fund and the budget of Fund #267 be amended to reflect this expense. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Allen that \$1,126 be paid from Special Projects in the General Fund for tuberculosis services to migrant farm workers. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman that, for parks employees, a shift premium of \$.25 per hour be paid for the hours between 12:00 midnight and 8:00 a.m. for the employees that work the 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. shift. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

RESOLUTION #14-03 by Michael Crawford, seconded by Laura Stanek

WHEREAS, the continued escalation of health care costs has significantly impacted the budget of Antrim County government; and

WHEREAS, there is no relief in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the impact of health care is not only a countywide issue, but it affects all sectors of government as well as the private sector; and

Resolution #14-03 - continued

WHEREAS, this crisis is affecting working Americans at all levels, and severely affecting the economy; and

WHEREAS, the quality and availability of health care services throughout the country is threatened by the growing number of hospitals and physician practices facing insolvency and closure; and

WHEREAS, the per capita cost of health care for Americans is significantly higher than other industrialized countries, Americans have a higher rate of infant mortality as well as a shorter lifespan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners calls for immediate action on the part of elected officials at the state and federal level to address this problem in a manner that will **cut costs for health care** for everyone, **not just shift costs** back and forth between Employer and Employee, and will provide affordable quality health care to the American Public;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to all counties in Michigan for the purpose of seeking statewide support for change in the current Health Care System to bring these escalating costs under control.

Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent - McLeod.

RESOLUTION #14-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman that the Sheriff be authorized to hire a part time employee, employment not to exceed one year and the budget of the Sheriff Department be amended to reflect this increase. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded Dawson that the stipulation that the employee present a certification from the doctor that there is no generic substitutes available or a generic substitute would not be appropriate be removed from the county prescription reimbursement plan for Blue Cross Blue Shield #663 \$10/40 prescription and Priority Health \$10/20 prescription. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman that Antrim County Blue Cross Blue Shield, Suffix 001 health plan be discontinued. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman that the non-union position of Supervisor/Administrative Assistant be created in the County Clerk's office for the 2004 budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson that an ad in the 4-H Plat Book be purchased for \$895.00 to be paid from the Advertising line item. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman that Laurie Macks be employed as custodian and in the event she doesn't take the job, Richard Thompson be considered second and Gary Churchill third. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Crawford that the original agreement between MeadowBrook Medical Care Facility and Antrim County for shared services between MeadowView Apartments and MeadowBrook Medical Care Facility (with a cost split for heating of 82.92% for MeadowBrook and 17.08% for MeadowView) be approved and the Chairman be authorized to sign. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Blackmore that the chairman be authorized to sign the contract with Grass River Natural Area pending approval by the Prosecuting Attorney. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman that Antrim County place an ad in the 2003 Fen's Rim county visitor's map at a cost of \$265 to be paid from the Advertising line item and that \$160.00 be transferred from Special Projects to Advertising in the 2003 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Blackmore that A-Preferred install and service two handicap porta-potties at Antrim Creek Natural Area at \$100 per unit per month and one handicap porta potty at Noteware's Landing at \$100 per unit per month. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

The Chairman appointed an ad hoc committee to consider placement, construction, etc. of the Interpretive Center at Grass River Natural Area of Charles Koop, Laura Stanek, Jack White, Mike Crawford, Bob McLeod, and Peter Garwood or Howard Yamaguchi.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Stanek that the above named appointments to the Grass River Natural Area Interpretive Center ad hoc committee be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Blackmore that the amendment to the Bomb Threat Plan and the Fire Alarm Policy be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Dawson that CPR and First Aid training be offered for at least two employees from each county department at a cost not to exceed \$600 to be paid from Special Projects. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Howelman that a grant application for a 2003 Supplemental Personal Protection Equipment Grant from Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) in the amount of \$36,000 be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore, Allen; No - Stanek; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Blackmore that the Chairman of Health and Public Safety Committee and the Chairman of the Board review the submitted consultant proposals to update the EAG proposals and hire the consultant. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore, Allen; No - Stanek; Absent - McLeod.

The Chairman appointed Arlen Turner, Building Official, Peter Garwood, Coordinator/Planner, and David Vitale, Maintenance Supervisor as the Safety Committee.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Stanek that the appointment of Arlen Turner, Peter Garwood, and David Vitale as Safety Committee be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson that estimates be obtained for partial remodeling of the 1st and 2nd floors of the County Building and changes to the Mental Health space in the County Building. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore, Allen; No - Stanek; Absent - McLeod.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen that the contract with Land Information Access Association be amended and an additional \$2,500 be committed for more land use updates. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - McLeod.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 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: Robert McLeod, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen;

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Harvey Thiebert disagreed with the neutral stand taken by the Board of Commissioners on the Manistee River matter.

Charles Koop, Prosecuting Attorney, presented his Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen that the Prosecuting Attorney 2002 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Peter Garwood presented a schedule for the visioning sessions for the Master Plan.

Sheri Rhoades and Wendy Wieland presented the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance 2002 Annual Report.

Patty Niepoth, Register of Deeds, gave that office's Annual Report.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Blackmore that the Register of Deeds 2002 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #15-03 by Laura Stanek, seconded by Larry Bargy

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Antrim, State Of Michigan (the "Road Commission"), intends to authorize the issuance and sale of its Michigan Transportation Fund Notes (the "Notes"), pursuant to Act 143, Public Acts of Michigan, 1943, as amended ("Act 143"), in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$995,000), in anticipation of and for the payment of which shall be pledged future revenues derived from state collected taxes returned to the County of Antrim (the "County") for County road purposes pursuant to law, for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of the construction, improvement, maintenance and repair of highways in the County through the acquisition and construction of a new truck storage facility (the "Improvement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1 of Act 143, the County Board of Commissioners must authorize the maximum amount of the Notes to be issued by the Road Commission before the Notes may be authorized by the Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission, by resolution, has requested the authorization of the County Board of Commissioners to issue the Notes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Road Commission is hereby authorized to borrow the principal amount of not to exceed \$995,000 and to issue its Notes therefor, to provide funds for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of the Improvements, all pursuant to Act 143. The interest rate shall not exceed the maximum rate of interest permitted by law at the time of sale and there shall be pledged for the payment of such Notes future revenues derived from state collected taxes returned to the County for County road purposes pursuant to law. The full faith and credit of the County shall not be pledged for payment of such Notes.

2. The County Treasurer and the County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements, certificates and documents necessary to effectuate issuance of the Notes.

3. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to set aside each year in a separate fund, from the state-collected taxes returned to the County for County road purposes pursuant to law, monies which have not been theretofore specifically allocated for other purposes an amount sufficient for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes coming due within the next year.

4. The sale of the Notes by the Road Commission on a competitive basis is hereby authorized and approved.

5. The County hereby covenants that, to the extent permitted by law, it shall take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Notes from gross income for general federal income taxation purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including but not limited to, actions relating to the rebate of arbitrage earnings, if applicable, and the expenditure and investment of Note proceeds and monies deemed to be Note proceeds.

6. The County has determined that it does not intend to issue, or to authorize to be issued on its behalf, tax exempt obligations in the aggregate amount of \$10,000,000 or more in the calendar year 2003 and therefore authorized the Road Commission to designate the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions pursuant to the Code.

7. The County hereby represents that the aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt obligations which the County expects to issue, or cause to be issued, in the calendar year 2003, including the Notes, will not exceed \$5,000,000. Pursuant to Section 148(f)(4)(D)(iv) of the Code, the County hereby irrevocably allocates to the Road Commission, which issues obligations on behalf of the County, a portion of its \$5,000,000 limitation under said Section of the Code in an amount not to exceed \$995,000. This allocation is intended to qualify the Notes for the \$5,000,000 exception to the arbitrage rebate requirements of the Code applicable to governmental units issuing \$5,000,000 or less of obligations.

Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #15-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that \$2,500 be transferred from Fund #225 (Animal Control Donations) to the spay and neuter program and the budget of Fund #225

be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved Stanek, seconded by Howelman that the following budget for Fund #225 (Animal Control Donations) be approved for 2003:

Revenue-	from donations	32,500	
	from interest	<u>300</u>	32,800
Expenditures	supplies	7,843	
	equipment	15,000	
	communications	800	
	approp. - spay & neuter	2,500	
	special animal care	<u>5,843</u>	32,986
Ending Fund balance			814

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

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that \$14,680 be transferred from Fund #137 (Capital Outlay Reserve Fund) to the General Fund (capital outlay - Sheriff) for purchase of FSG/LEMS software and the budgets of Fund #137 and Fund #101 be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that a CAD mapping update be purchased for 911 from Fund #262 (911 Wireless Fund) for \$39,900 in order to be compliant with Phase II and the budget of #262 be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Dawson that the health insurance account in the General Fund be increased by \$1,760 for reimbursement to Antrim County Transportation for the increase in payments in lieu of health insurance and the County Clerk be authorized to make any other adjustments to accommodate other entities that require reimbursement for this purpose. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the following budget for Fund #256 (Register of Deeds Automation Fund) be approved:

Revenue	from recording fees	48,000	
	from interest	<u>400</u>	48,400
Expenditures	supplies	9,000	
	Equipment	<u>39,000</u>	48,000
Ending fund balance			400

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman that the change order for \$4,000 for addition of a drain field around the new Animal Shelter be approved and the expenditure budget of Fund #470 for this project be increased by \$4,000. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore,

Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Blackmore that \$25,000 be allocated from the Forestry Fund for replacement of the existing railroad bridge on the Jabara property (Cedar River property) and \$10,000 be allocated from the Forestry Fund to match the \$10,000 Tribal grant for the Cedar River property trail to the railroad bridge and the expenditure budget of the Forestry Fund be increased by \$35,000. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that an expenditure of up to \$1,200 as budgeted from Capital Outlay for computer software for the Coordinator/Planner be approved. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the claims and accounts totaling \$96,116.77 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

William Murphy, Emergency Services Director, gave the Emergency Services 2002 Annual Report.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Allen that the 2002 Emergency Services Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Arlen Turner, Building Official, presented the Construction Code Enforcement Annual Report.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Bargy that the 2002 Construction Code Enforcement Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Judy Martin presented the Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman that the Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility 2002 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Bud Shipstead and Elaine Wood gave the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments 2002 Annual Report.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Howelman that the minutes of April 10, 2003 be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that funding for a vacant corrections officer position be restored and the Sheriff fill the position. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the Construction Code Enforcement Department hire a temporary part time Mechanical Inspector for a period of six

months. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The Chairman appointed Robert Atkinson, Tom Lane, and Peter Garwood to the Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Jim Pascoe, Jill Barnard, and Marshall Wright to the Planning Commission.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the appointment of Robert Atkinson, Tom Lane and Peter Garwood to the Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, terms to expire May 10, 2006 and the appointment of Jim Pascoe, Jill Barnard and Marshall Wright to the Planning Commission, terms to expire July 1, 2004 (Pascoe) and July 1, 2006 (Barnard and Wright) be approved. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that health insurance program #6001.1 - High be discontinued as no employees are enrolled. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that, as an insufficient time period elapsed in which to obtain letters of interest in the FIA Board, the vacancy on the FIA Board be re-advertised and the appointment be presented at the next Board meeting. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that the current revision of purchase of stand-alone personal computers and power-stand-alone personal computers for the county be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Dawson that the grant application to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for informational and educational displays and arbor for Antrim Creek Natural Area be resubmitted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by McLeod that the purchase of a security system for Grass River Natural Area be endorsed. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by McLeod that the Parks and Recreation Commission instruct the Wetzel Lake Planning Subcommittee to create and establish cost for plans for implementing a day use park for 2003. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by McLeod that the Antrim Conservation District apply for a Coastal Management Program grant for Elk Rapids Day Park Planning at no cash cost to the County. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson that the quote from Twin Bay Glass for materials and installation of door closers at the 1905 Courthouse north entrance for \$1,489.89 be accepted. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent -

None.

It as moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman that the draft form of the Maintenance Request/Work Order Authorization be adopted and Mr. Vitale be directed to use the forms for departments to request maintenance work in their areas. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson that two wheel chairs be purchased for \$527 each for use in emergency evacuation procedures at the County Building and '05 Courthouse if needed. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #16-03 by Bernard Blackmore, seconded by Eugene Dawson

WHEREAS, all land below the ordinary high water mark of the Great Lakes is held in public trust by the State for the Michigan public, and adjoining private property owners have no inherent right to alter, disturb or modify those bottomlands. Similarly, private property owners adjacent to state parks are not allowed to remove trees or other vegetation on public lands to improve their view or personal enjoyment of the park.

WHEREAS, the current law allows manual non-mechanized grooming of bottomlands by private property owners, including shoveling, raking and removal of vegetation by hand.

WHEREAS, the DEQ and Army Corps currently have a specifically designed expedited permit to allow lakefront owners to use additional measures to access the water from their home during low lake levels. This permit allows construction of a 6-foot wide path, including the use of up to 25 yards of fill, limited mechanical mowing of public bottomlands, and seasonal wooden walkways.

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would allow mechanized grooming (plowing, disking or tilling) of the top 4 inches of public bottomlands. This activity destroys vegetation that protects the shoreline from erosion during high water periods.

WHEREAS, supporters of the proposed legislation argue that exposed vegetation on public bottomlands in front of their property decreases the value of their property. Yet data from the last 10 years shows substantial growth in value of shoreline properties.

WHEREAS, periods of low Great Lakes water levels are a naturally occurring phenomenon, as is the associated growth of near shore vegetation. Allowing adjacent property owners to modify this process to their liking risks long-term consequences of shoreline erosion, reduced fish and wildlife populations, and an increase in exotic and invasive species.

WHEREAS, passage of the bill may put Michigan out of compliance with federal environmental laws and could result in the loss of up to \$3 million in federal coastal zone management funds., further hampering the state's ability to manage coastal wetlands.

WHEREAS, our Great Lakes shoreline is too important to all Michigan residents to jeopardize its future for the short-term benefit of a few adjacent private property owners.

WHEREAS, Legislation that recently passed the state House (HB4257), and is pending in the Senate (SB 244) that would allow mechanized beach grooming on public Great Lakes bottomlands without a permit is a threat to the public trust and water quality of the Great Lakes and should be opposed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Antrim opposes the passage of SB244 and urges the Senate of the State of Michigan to vote against the passage of this bill.

Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #16-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Allen that the Sheriff be authorized to sign the Marine Patrol grant. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Dawson that the Chairman sign an agreement for lease of a fuel truck at the Airport for \$450 per month for six months and that the Airport budget be increased by \$2,700. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore, Allen; No - Stanek; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Dawson that the price of gas at the Antrim County Airport be increased by \$.10 per gallon and that the revenue be increased by \$2,700. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore, Allen; No - Stanek; Absent - None.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by McLeod that the county purchase a plow truck for the Antrim County Airport for \$165,965 which will be grant funded. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #17-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by Eugene Dawson

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 8, 2003 and reviewed a request from Community Corrections to approve a grant application for their FY 04 funding in the amount of \$337,660.00; and

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 implements services for alternatives to jailing; and

WHEREAS, grant funds 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 CCAB has recommended approval of the FY 2004 Grant Application to the Office of Community Corrections for the 13th Circuit Court Community Correction Programs & Services in the amount of \$180,710 and the submittal of the FY 2004 Grant Application for PRS in the amount of \$156,950, totaling \$337,660; and

WHEREAS, Antrim County Board of Commissioners' approval, along with the approval of the Leelanau and Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners, is necessary for the grant submittal.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Antrim County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2004 Grant Application to the Office of Community Corrections for the 13th Circuit Court Community Correction Program and the submittal of the FY 2004 grant application to OCC - Probation Residential Services is hereby approved by Grand Traverse County.

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

RESOLUTION #17-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman that the Board retire to Closed Session to discuss negotiation with the Village of Bellaire for property sale. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The Board went into Closed Session at 12:20 p.m.

The Board returned at Open Session at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Chairman informed that the purpose of the meeting was consideration of termination of employment of the Emergency Services Director, William Murphy. Mr Murphy requested a closed session.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson that, at the request of William Murphy, the Board retire to closed session to consider the termination of employment of Mr. Murphy. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The Board retired to closed session at 9:02 a.m.

The meeting re-opened at 9:18 a.m.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the employment of William Murphy as Emergency Services Director be terminated. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that the funds for the Emergency Services Director be reinstated in Emergency Services budget. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford the Administration/County Services be authorized to interview and make recommendation to the Board for the position of Emergency Services Director. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the Sheriff act as interim Director of Emergency Services until a Director can be hired. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The matter of Jack White and Peter Garwood attending the Ultimate Farmland Preservation Tour on June 19-23 was introduced. It was decided to send nobody on the Tour.

Mr. McLeod announced the new prescription reimbursement program had saved about \$4,000 in the month of April.

Mr. McLeod also introduced the subject of Payment in Lieu of Taxes by the DNR and requested that Peter Garwood's office prepare a resolution protesting continuation of this practice for the June meeting.

Larry Bary requested that the Road Commission members be elected. Considerable discussion followed.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Howelman that the Building and Grounds Committee get estimates on roof repair or replacement on the Emergency Operations Center. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 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 - Robert McLeod, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen.

Absent - None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Dawson that the minutes of May 8, 2003 and May 22, 2003 (Special Meeting) be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Jim Gerr spoke in support of the airport and understanding of wetlands. Hugh McMaster spoke in support of the airport indicating that safety for planes was a major issue. Public Comment closed at 9:30 a.m.

Thomas Zick, CPA presented the 2002 Antrim County audit.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Blackmore that the 2002 Antrim County audit be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Peg Comfort from the Chain of Lakes Watershed Committee gave a presentation on the potential scarcity of fresh water and fresh drinking water in the world. She announced there will be a meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2003 with Japanese participants from "sister cities" concerning this issue among others.

Patti Lowery gave the 2002 Housing Annual Report.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Crawford that the 2002 Housing Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Howelman that the Chairman be authorized to sign an agreement with Mead Hunt for the preparation of environmental documentation on the runway safety area; cost to be \$48,022.00. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Stanek that any youth flying organizations and those flying for the non-profit Wings of Mercy group be sold fuel at "cost". Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by McLeod that the Chairman sign Airport grant contract No. 2003-0335, Federal Project No. B-26-0011-1003 with the MI Dept. of Transportation for the purchase of a snowplow truck for \$166,677; county share to be \$8,334 to be paid from Fund #195 or #196. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #18-03 by Eugene Dawson, seconded by Robert McLeod

BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the proposed Contract for Federal Project No. B-26-0011-1003, submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jack White, Chairman, be authorized and directed to execute Contract No. 2003-0335 for and on behalf of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners.

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

RESOLUTION #18-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that, in the 2003 General Fund budget, the revenue amount for rents be reduced by \$125,000 to \$150,000 and the revenue amount for state revenue sharing be reduced by \$132,056 to \$321,545 and \$257,056 be transferred from tax payment Funds to General. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the position currently shared by the County Clerk's office and the Prosecuting Attorney's office become full time in the County Clerk's office and a clerk-typist position be created in the Prosecuting Attorney's office effectively immediately and the budgets of both offices be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that supplies for adjustments to the computer hardware at the Sheriff Department be purchased for \$4,000 from Capital Outlay originally budgeted for a digital recorder. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman that the County Treasurer imprest cash be increased by \$1,000 to cover increased jury costs. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the 1998 land use study for four Lake Michigan coast townships, Banks, Torch Lake, Milton, and Elk Rapids, be re-worked at a total cost of \$9,000; \$2,000 from Master Plan Grant and \$7,000 from Planning Commission contractual services. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

Laura Stanek explained that, due to a billing change by MSU for 4-H assistant, Antrim County would be billed for more than a year in 2003.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Dawson that the MSU Extension budget line item for 4-H assistant be increased by \$7,400. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the claims and accounts totaling \$66,365.78 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - none.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that, in the 2003 Airport budget, \$838 be transferred from the employee line item to the intern line item. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Dawson that the Abstractor add one more individual to the list she can contact to fill in as a temporary employee during busy period. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that the reclassification of Sandra Davids from Judicial Secretary/Administrative Assistant to Court Reporter/Judicial Secretary be approved and, beginning January 1, 2004, her future increases in pay be linked to 80% of the wage survey of surrounding counties in Region 10 for that position. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Blackmore, Allen; No - Stanek; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that the Sheriff be paid the Emergency Services Director's salary from the day he was appointed as Interim Emergency Services Director until the start date of the new Emergency Services Director. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The Chairman appointed Patti Lowery to the Family Independence Agency Board.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the appointment of Patti Lowery to the Family Independence Board, term to expire October 1, 2005, be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The Chairman appointed Heidi Jo Wayco-Berden to the Solid Waste and Recycling Council.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Dawson that the appointment of Heidi Jo Wayco-Berden to the Solid Waste Recycling Council be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that Carl Goeman to hired as Emergency Services Director with Todd Harger, and Bill Chapman as second and third choices respectively. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows; Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the hiring date of James Rossiter as Assistant Prosecutor be December 16, 2002 for consideration of seniority and pay scale calculation purposes. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #19-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by Eugene Dawson

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan executive budget recommendation on the payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) includes the recommendation that property purchased by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is to be treated the same as swampland for tax purposes, at the rate of \$2.00 per acre, and

WHEREAS, the DNR currently owns 12,054.87 acres in Antrim County with a total tax bill of \$67,878.48, and

Resolution #19-03 - continued

WHEREAS, the administration's proposal would be a significant financial loss to the county and other local units of government and would represent a loss of \$44,726.90 to Antrim County, and

WHEREAS, the proposals for cuts in PILT payments will jeopardize public services provided to state owned lands and could also force higher tax rates on individual taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, Antrim County officially opposes the Administration's proposal for PILT funding and strongly urges the Legislature to maintain the current process of DNR PILT payments, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Antrim County supports funding the payments by utilizing any and all possible funding, including restricted funds and revenue from the sale of state lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Antrim County also supports efforts to streamline tax bills so the DNR gets just one bill from each county and supports letting local governments get sign off whether the DNR can purchase land in its jurisdiction, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Michelle McManus, Senator Jason Allen, Representative John Pastor Representative Ken Bradstreet, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

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

RESOLUTION #19-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Alexis Kaczynski gave an update on the North County Mental Health.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by McLeod that \$756 be expended from the Parks budget for repair of the Elk Rapids Day Park Fence by Apple Fence Company. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by McLeod that the bid of J&W Construction Company for pavilion repair at the Elk Rapids Day at a cost of \$2,112.58 be accepted. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Crawford that the Parks Committee be authorized to proceed with implementing the penalty clause in the contract with Robert T. Cole Inc for construction at Barnes Park if further problems occur. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Stanek that \$161.50 be transferred from uniforms to building maintenance in the 2003 park budget to be used for payment of the additional funds required to pay for the Barnes Park bathhouse tiling work. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman that the requests for private concessions at Barnes Park be denied. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by McLeod that \$80 be allocated from the Parks and Recreation printing budget for 300 additional flyers. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

There was discussion on the proposed Wetzel Lake Park. A one-year agreement with the Department of Natural Resources provides the County with permission to set up day-use facilities at the beach area. There are plans for a more elaborate application of the DNR for possible lease of up to 80 acres for a campground.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson that the Prosecuting Attorney obtain estimates for installing a bullet-proof reception window and an electronic lock on the front entrance door of the Prosecutor's office. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by McLeod that the bid process be authorized for replacing the roof of the Emergency Operations Center; bids to be brought to the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by McLeod that the agreement with Sprint PCS for the use of confidential information for the County 911 system be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Crawford that the fee to be paid to veterinarians of \$1.00 for selling an annual dog license and \$3.00 for selling a three year dog license be approved and the 2003 budget for Animal Control be increased to reflect this change. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Blackmore that the 2003 budget adjustments be approved. (See page). Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Jack White, Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Present: Robert McLeod, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen

Absent: None.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Jim Gerr spoke on the Commission's attention to the public when addressing issues. Lawrence Wolgamott objected to the special interest groups influencing Commission's decisions and encouraged board member's adherence to the constituents. Ed Martel objected to payments for land information and maintained the Conservation District was doing things that interfere with the process of obtaining soil erosion permits. Alan Martel spoke on Planning Commission issues. Public Comment closed at 9:23 a.m.

Charles Koop, Prosecuting Attorney explained the Sport Target Shooting Ordinance for the Wilks Memorial Forest.

ORDINANCE #01-03 by Larry Bargy, seconded by David Howelman

The County of Antrim does hereby ordain:

ARTICLE 1

1.01.1 PURPOSE: The County of Antrim, having ownership of a large number of parcels of property throughout the County, has the control and stewardship of these parcels for use by the County and for the benefit of all of its citizens. The Board of Commissioners of Antrim County is concerned with the potential liability, which could arise from the use of any County property for sport target shooting, with the possible result of injury to citizens or the general public who may be using those County lands for other recreational purposes. Additionally, the Board of Commissioners is concerned with trash and rubbish being left upon County property by those persons conducting sport target shooting.

1.01.2 STATUTORY PROVISIONS: Michigan's Sport Shooting Range Protection Act (Public Act 269 of 1989, as amended) is a statutory scheme for the regulation and civil immunity arising from the operation of sport shooting ranges owned and used as sport shooting ranges that conform with the "generally accepted operation practices". Section 1 of Public Act 269 of 1989, as amended, required the Natural Resources Commission to adopt "generally accepted operation practices" required under Michigan's Sport Shooting Range Protection Act. However, the National Rifle Association has replaced the National Rifle Association Range Manual, A guide to Planning and Construction, 1988 with the National Rifle Association Range Source Book, 1999, and the National Rifle Association has declared the National Rifle Association Range Manual, A Guide to Planning and Construction, 1988 null and void. Since the replacement of the National Rifle Association Range Manual, A Guide to Planning and Construction, 1988, the Natural Resources Commission has not adopted any new "generally accepted operation practices". However, the Natural Resources Commission is currently developing new "generally accepted operation practices" for both supervised and unsupervised sporting shooting ranges. Thus, the

County is concerned that currently there are not any “generally accepted operation practices.”

ARTICLE 2

2.01 DEFINITIONS:

2.01.1 “Sport Target Shooting” means the use of archery, rifles, shotguns, pistols, silhouettes, skeet, black powder, or any other similar device used for sport shooting for the purpose of practice, training or “sighting-in” such devices.

2.01.2 “Person” means an individual, proprietorship, partnership, corporation, club, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

ARTICLE 3

3.01 **PROHIBITED USES:** A person shall not use any property owned by the County of Antrim for the purpose of sport target shooting.

3.02 **EXCLUDED FROM PROHIBITED USES:** Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to prohibit the use of property owned by the County of Antrim for the following purposes:

3.02.01 Hunting or the discharge or use of any archery rifles, shotgun, pistols silhouettes, skeet, black powder, or any other similar device while hunting.

3.02.02 Training, qualification, practice or discharge of any assault weapons, rifles shotguns, or pistols, by any law enforcement officers, reserve officers, or any employees of any law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney’s Office while doing so at the direction or requirement of their Department.

3.02.03 Any County Property designated by the Antrim County Board of Commissioners as a sport shooting range.

ARTICLE 4

4.01 **PENALTIES:** A person who violates any section of this Ordinance, rule or order shall, in accordance with M.C.L.A. 46.10b and M.C.L.A. 600.8701 et. Seq., be deemed responsible for a municipal civil infraction, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00.

4.02 **ENFORCEMENT:** Any peace officer, law enforcement officer or conservation officer may enforce this ordinance and may issue municipal civil infraction citations.

ARTICLE 5

5.01 **SAVING CLAUSE:** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, word, section, or provision is declared void or unenforceable, for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of said Ordinance shall remain in force.

5.02 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of notice of adoption.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that Ordinance #01-03 be tabled. Motion FAILED by a ye and nay vote as follows: No - Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore; Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Crawford, Allen; Absent - None.

Motion to table having failed, the roll call vote on Ordinance #01-03 was taken as follows:

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

ORDINANCE #01-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Howard Yamaguchi, Associate Planner, reported on the visioning sessions for the County Master Plan.

Stan Moore, MSU Extension Director gave the MSU Extension Annual Report.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Dawson that the MSU Extension 2002 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Allen that the minutes of June 12, 2003 be accepted. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the Veterans Counselor purchase a computer and printer, total cost not to exceed \$1,300 and the Capital Outlay budget in the General Fund be increased by \$1,300. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the claims and accounts totaling \$50,344.44 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that \$6,776 be transferred from Capital Outlay Reserve Fund to Jabara Property Acquisition Fund to cover a fund balance deficit and the budgets of both funds be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

Cathy Odom, Village of Bellaire Clerk, requested approval of annexation to the Village of Bellaire.

Michael Crawford, Board of Commissioners member and owner of Crawford Construction, made the following statement: *He is the owner of Crawford Construction and therefore there is a conflict of interest in his participation in the annexation matter and, as such, he would not participate in the discussion or vote on the Village of Bellaire annexation matter.*

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Allen that the annexation of the following described property to the Village of Bellaire be approved:

Property #05-07-224-019-00, E ½ of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 24 T30N R8W
Forest Home Township, Antrim County

and

Property #05-07-224-020-00, W ½ of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, of Section 24 T30N R8W.

Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Abstain - Crawford; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that the Digital Geographic Data Sharing Agreement between Antrim County and Charlevoix County be approved and the Chairman be authorized to sign same. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Allen that the county Privacy Policy (#2003-1) be approved. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Allen that the following policy concerning computers be approved:

When a computer is being replaced and there is no other use for it within that department or another County office, the hard drive shall be removed from the Central Processing Unit (CPU) and destroyed. The remaining CPU can be sold or properly disposed of.

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

RESOLUTION #20-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by David Howelman

RESTORATION OF THE MI CHOICE MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the 2000 Census reports there were 5,459 Antrim County residents age 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, a recent study of adults in Michigan conducted by W.K. Greene and Associates found that 90% of respondents think that people receiving Medicaid assistance for long term care should have the option of choosing where to receive their services and 91% believe it is somewhat to very important that the Governor and Legislature explore lower-cost alternatives for delivering long term care services to Medicaid residents; and

WHEREAS, many disabled residents live alone, or have family care givers who are unable to meet their care needs without help or financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, elderly and disabled residents in Lake County should be able to receive needed long term care in a variety of settings, such as nursing homes and community-based options including their own home; and

WHEREAS, the MI Choice program saves money by costing Medicaid an average of just \$39 per person per day compared to Medicaid average payments for nursing home care of \$98 per day; and

WHEREAS, MI Choice has contributed toward a 17% reduction in the utilization of Medicaid beds in nursing homes over the past 10 years and can be used by the state to control expensive nursing home costs during this time of fiscal crisis; and

WHEREAS, the MI Choice program served 15,000 individuals in 2001, but will only be helping approximately 5,000 by the end of fiscal year 2003; and

WHEREAS, Michigan citizens should have the freedom to choose where they live, especially when it can be less costly to taxpayers, rather than being forced to choose to live in a nursing home

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners calls upon the State of Michigan to re-open Michigan's MI Choice Medicaid Waiver program so that indigent elderly and disabled individuals will have a community-based long term care option.

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

RESOLUTION #20-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by McLeod seconded by Crawford that the following policy on Driving in Behalf of the County be approved:

Prior to driving an Antrim County vehicle or driving their private vehicle in behalf of Antrim County, the potential driver must fill out a form that authorizes the County to check their driving record.

Each department head is responsible for making sure the forms are completed and signed by all individuals driving an Antrim County vehicle or collecting reimbursement for driving their private vehicle on behalf of their department.

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

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the following bargaining unit agreements be ratified and the Chairman be authorized to sign:

Sheriff Department Command Unit - Teamsters

Corrections/Cooks/Clerical Unit - Teamsters

Deputies/Dispatcher Unit - POAM

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

The Chairman announced there would be a special meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2003 at 7 p.m. to hear presentations on health insurance and to discuss other pertinent matters.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Allen that, in the 2003 Airport budget, \$1,006 be transferred from wage account #705 to part time wage account #708 (summer intern). Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

Because Mike Crawford is Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners and also owner of Crawford Construction, he made the

following statement: *He is the owner of Crawford Construction Company and, as such, he would not participate in the discussion of or vote on the bid award for re-roofing at the Emergency Operations Center.*

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Dawson that the bid from Crawford Construction Company for \$2,919.15 for re-roofing of the Emergency Operations Center be accepted. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Abstain - Crawford; Absent - None.

Mike Crawford reported that the Village of Elk Rapids had expressed interest in management of the Elk Rapids Day Park.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the Parks Committee continue with negotiations with the Village of Elk Rapids for management of the Elk Rapids Day Park. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was suggested that the September meeting include a trip to Wetzel Lake recreational area.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Blackmore that Carl Goeman, Emergency Services Director, use the county car for transportation to work and back and for emergency situations. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Stanek that the 2003 MeadowView appropriation to the General Fund be increased by \$10,000 to \$15,000 and the budgets of both funds be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The recommendation from the Lands Committee concerning an appropriation for the River Restoration program was referred to the Finance Committee.

Kent McNeil gave a presentation on Farmland Preservation.

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

Jack White, Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

Jack White, Chairman, called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Robert McLeod, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman, Michael Crawford,
Laura Stanek, Joseph Allen.

Absent: Eugene Dawson, Bernard Blackmore.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Allen the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce hold its Arts and Crafts Fair on the Court Square lawn on August 16, 2003. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #21-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by David Howelman

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the plans for budget deficit elimination for Fund #223, Grass River Natural Area Operating Fund, Fund #232, Jabara Property Acquisition Fund, Fund #235, Barnes Park Grant Fund, Fund #236, Antrim Trails Fund, and Fund #297 Services to the Aged Fund, as prepared by the County Administrative Officer (County Clerk) be approved as prepared and be sent to the Michigan State Department of Treasury, Local Audit and Finance Division.

Yes - McLeod, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Allen;

No - None;

Absent - Dawson, Blackmore.

RESOLUTION #21-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Terry Roote of Great Northern Benefits and John Denton of Michigan Employee Benefit Services, Inc. presented a proposal for "Community Blue Wrap Medical Plan" which would significantly reduce the total cost to the county of health insurance.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman the Administration/County Services Committee proceed with plans for considering adoption of a plan the same as or similar to "Community Blue Wrap Medical Plan" and also open negotiations with various unions seeking agreement with this plan. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

Jack White, Chairman

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

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

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. The following individuals spoke on the Farmland Ordinance and wetlands: Kent McNeil, Ed Martel, Janet Person, Voss Guntzwiller. The following individuals spoke on zebra mussels: Ray Ludwa and Linda Gallagher. The following individuals spoke on the target shooting range: Brian Rathke, Ed Niepoth, and Russ Blasdall. Public Comment ended at 9:35 a.m.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Dawson that the minutes of July 10, 2003 be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by McLeod the Building and Grounds Committee be authorized to investigate the \$3,745 bill from Consumers Power for supplying power to the new Animal Shelter and approve payment. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

Greg Piaskowski gave the Area on Aging 2003 Annual Report.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod to transfer \$10,000 from the Solid Waste Reserve Fund (Fund #118) to the General Fund (Resource Recovery Cost Center) for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and the budgets of both funds be adjusted to reflect this change. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Dawson to transfer \$2,400 from Solid Waste Reserve Fund to the General Fund (Resource Recovery Cost Center) to cover a 2003 budget overage as of June 30, 2003 and the budgets of both funds be adjusted to cover this transfer. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that \$3,000 be transferred from Capital Outlay Reserve Fund (#137) to the General Fund (Computer Cost Center) to cover the cost of converting the present computer connection between the county buildings and the Bellaire Computer Center from Twinax cable to Ethernet. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargo the Emergency Services Coordinator purchase a laptop computer with a docking station at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 to be paid from grant proceeds. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that \$63,585 be transferred from Contingencies to Sheriff and Secondary Roads in the 2003 General Fund budget to cover the costs of wage increases and other changes resulting from approval of the union contracts and the General Fund budget be adjusted to reflect this transfer. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargo that the claims and accounts totaling \$60,294.24 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod the Animal Control Officer purchase an animal wash tub for \$2,395 to be paid from the Antrim Control Donations Fund (Fund #225) and the expenditures budget of that fund be increased by \$2,395. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #22-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, affordable health care is a national issue impacting state and local governments, non-profit organizations, and private business; and

WHEREAS, the pharmaceutical drug costs are increasing faster than the medical inflation rate; and

WHEREAS, the pharmaceutical drug costs are projected to increase rapidly because of the aging population, drug treatments for medical conditions, and marketing and product development costs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has joined with other states in a purchasing program for pharmaceutical drugs; and

WHEREAS, counties could assist with implementation at the local level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners urges counties to request local government participation in the state purchasing program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties' request be provided to Governor

Granholm, all Antrim County Legislators, and all 83 counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Michigan Association of Counties adopt county inclusion in the drug-purchasing program as a priority.

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

RESOLUTION #22-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

The matter of a choice between annuity in lieu of health insurance or cash in lieu of health insurance was referred back to committee.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Allen that a letter be sent to Leonard T. Zolnierek, Chairman of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners supporting their efforts to attract the Boeing Corporation to Northeastern Michigan. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the Delta Dental proposal for dental coverage for all employee units which is identical or better than what is now carried be approved for two years - 2004 and 2005. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows:

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

RESOLUTION #23-03 by Michael Crawford, seconded by Laura Stanek

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Family Independence Agency Title IV-D Cooperation Agreement (Contract #CS/PA 04-05002), be and hereby is approved in its entirety; and

The Chairperson of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners.

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

RESOLUTION #23-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #24-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by Laura Stanek

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners wishes to communicate to its Representatives and the Governor of the State of Michigan the concerns of the possibility of reduction in revenue sharing; and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners receives approximately \$400,000

of revenue sharing revenue and its reduction would dramatically affect them in a negative manner; and

WHEREAS, Antrim County has committed these dollars, since they have been a long term revenue source, to one of our most important functions, **Sheriff Road Patrol**,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes any additional cuts in revenue sharing and hopes the State understands the major financial problems revenue sharing reductions would cause all counties in the State of Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners requests that its Representative Ken Bradstreet and Senator Jason Allen oppose any further reduction in revenue sharing.

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED, that the copies be forwarded to the Michigan Association of Counties, all 82 other counties, Representative Ken Bradstreet, Senator Jason Allen, and Governor Jennifer Granholm.

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

RESOLUTION #24-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Ed Martel offered a criticism of the Board of Commissioners handling of the Wetlands Ordinance and the rescinding of same. He opined that Committees should have specific instructions and rules to follow. Charles Koop answered Mr. Martel by referring to his memo to the Board concerning the subject.

The matter of driving checks for those driving on behalf of the county was tabled.

ORDINANCE #02-03 by Larry Bargy, seconded by Bernard Blackmore

Ordinance Related to Civil Infractions
(See pages)

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

ORDINANCE #02-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Blackmore that the schedule of civil fines for Ordinance violation be adopted as follows:

(See page)

Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, white, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

ORDINANCE #03-03 by Barga, seconded by Blackmore

Ordinance Related to all County Ordinances Converting Penalties from
Misdemeanors to Civil Infractions

(See page)

Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;
Absent - None.

ORDINANCE #03-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Barga, seconded by Crawford to repeal Ordinance #3 of 1970 concerning the prohibition of non-returnable containers in Antrim County. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Barga, seconded by Crawford that Larry Barga and Michael Crawford attend a 4-day out-of-state training on Jail liability. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The matter of the contract between the Antrim Conservation District and Antrim County for services of the Solid Waste Coordinator was tabled until the September meeting.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Barga that Change Order #1-A to the Animal Shelter Construction contract be approved at a cost of \$2,610.94 to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund (Fund #470). Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

There was discussion on Elk Rapids Village operating the Elk Rapids Day Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission will investigate further options.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by McLeod that the 1980 snowblower at the Airport be sold to Torch Port Air Park for \$1,251.00. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Barga that the following budget adjustments be approved:

	Increase	Decrease
GENERAL FUND		
<u>Revenue</u>		
From Taxes	5,000	
From Licenses & Permits	5,000	
From Other Agencies	15,000	
From Current Services	135,300	
From Other sources	3,000	
 VICTIMS RIGHTS RESERVE FUND		
Revenue - interest	400	
Expenditures	400	
 CAPITAL OUTLAY RESERVE FUND		
Revenue - bldg Permit renewal fee	300	
 DAMS RESERVE FUND		
Revenue - interest	600	
 GAS & OIL ROYALTIES FUND		
Revenue - royalties	1,000	
 FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND		
Revenue	700	
Expenditures	700	
 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY LEGAL FUND		
Expenditures	4,525	
 ANIMAL CONTROL DONATIONS FUND		
Revenue - donations	350	
 FORESTRY FUND		
Revenue - interest	2,000	
 ANTRIM CREEK FUND		
From other agencies	14,316	
 BARNES PARK GRANT FUND		
Expenditures	4,500	
 ANTRIM TRAILS FUND		
Expenditures - close fund	75	

GIS IMPLEMENTATION FUND	
Revenue - interest	200
LAND USE FORUM GRANT	
Revenue - interest	50
Expenditures	875
MASTER PLAN GRANT FUND	
Revenue - from grant	1,700
Expenditures	1,300
CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCEMENT FUND	
Revenue - plumbing permits	4,000
911 TRAINING FUND	
Revenue - interest	50
911 WIRELESS FUND	
Revenue- wireless fees	17,500
K-9 FUND	
Expenditures	200
SHERIFF - FINGERPRINT GRANT	
Expenditures	16,000
EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT FUND	
Revenue - from Grant	1,300
HOUSING - PROJECT INCOME FUND	
Revenue - debt payments	40,000
Interest	800
Expenditures - projects	30,000
MEADOWVIEW OPERATING FUND	
Expenditures - insurance	3,700
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - Jail Acquisition & Renovation	
Revenue - Inmate R&B	25,000
Interest	1,500
CAPITAL PROJECTS - Buildings & structures	
Revenue - interest	6,000

Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White,

Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

Peter Garwood informed the Board about properties with unpaid taxes that will be auctioned by the State on September 27 including the Mt. Clemens property with access to U.S. 131. The Board tabled the matter indefinitely.

Ed Martel talked about Meggison Rd. being a problem area.

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: Robert McLeod, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen;

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Chairman called for Public Comment. Ed Martel spoke on wetlands issues. Russ Blasdall spoke about the shooting range and suggested county property on Simpson Rd. as a proposed site. This was referred to the Lands Committee and Parks and Recreation Commission. Ray Ludwa commented that all dissenters were not extremists and commended the Chairman for limiting public comments to three minutes. Janet Person announced the Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Public Comment closed at 9:20 a.m.

Nathan Graham, a Boy Scout who is working on his Eagle Scout badge, reported that he had marked trails and placed picnic tables at Morhmann Park as part of his badge work. He was thanked and commended for his work.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Dawson the minutes of July 22, 2003 and August 14, 2003 be approved as corrected. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod the rates paid to jurors for the Circuit, District, and Probate Courts be established at \$25.00 for ½ day and \$50.00 for a whole day effective January 1, 2004. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - Crawford; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod the Chairman be authorized to sign a contract for accounting services with Maximus at a cost of \$9,500 for 2004. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod the claims and accounts totaling \$72,571.15 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The Chairman appointed Al Luurtsema to the Planning Commission.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the appointment of Allen Luurtsema to the Planning Commission, term to expire 7/1/2005, be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the following wage increases for Probate Court employees be approved:

Court Administrator	4% effect. 01/01/2004	1.5% effect. 07/01/2004
Court Reporter	2003 salary plus the stipend with 4% effect. 01/01/2004 And 3% effect. 07/01/2004.	

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

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that a hiring freeze be implemented effective immediately and remain effective through the budget year, 2004. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the new PPO "WRAP" health insurance plan which includes implementing a Community Blue 12 with a \$10/\$40 prescription and a \$10 office visit be adopted and that the proposal from Michigan Employee Benefit Services (MEBS) to be third party administrator be accepted, all to be effective January 1, 2004. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the two union contracts between Antrim County and Police Officers Association of Michigan for Correction Officers, Cooks, and Clerical; and Deputies and Dispatchers be ratified and the Chairman be authorized to sign. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The Clerk read a letter from Janet Killian urging the Commissioners to retain the Elk Rapids Day Park in county ownership.

Gary Knapp of the Mancelona Water & Sewer Authority Board and Brett Gourdie from Gourdie Fraser Associates gave a presentation on the plume and its relationship to the water and sewer project. Tom Persons from Dura also spoke on that subject.

John Ferguson, Helena Township Supervisor and DDA member presented information regarding Helena Township Downtown Development Authority and Tax Increment Financing for the project.

RESOLUTION #25-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by Eugene Dawson

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Antrim County exempt itself from the Helena Township Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Financing until further information is obtained.

Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;
No - None;

Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #25-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Lon Bargy, Milton Township Supervisor, introduced Scott Everett from the American Farmland Trust who gave a presentation on Farmland Preservation. He indicated that a joint meeting with Grand Traverse County would be necessary for Ordinance passage.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson that Todd's Tree Service remove two maple trees from the Courthouse lawn at a cost of \$1,660. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson that the quote from Bob Pecar for \$1,245 for installing phone/data cable at the Animal Shelter be accepted and the Capital Projects expense budget for the Animal Shelter be increased by \$1,245. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Stanek that the Chairman sign that he has reviewed the Agreement between Michigan Family Independence Agency and Lutheran Child and Family Services of Michigan for services regarding care for individuals under the Child Care Fund. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Blackmore that the Chairman sign agreements with the following independent contractors under the Child Care Fund: Jay Gould, Charlene Cooper, Sharon Bailey, Rose Harvey, Gerard Schwind, Mary DeEtt Hoose, and Katherine Gould. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson that the Department of Environmental Quality be given access to county property to perform water quality testing related to the contaminated plumes. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The County Clerk announced the recommendations made by the Republican Party and Democrat Party for appointments to the Board of Canvassars. The Board members voted on the recommended individuals by secret ballot.

As a result of the balloting, the Chairman appointed Olga Mills as the Democrat member and Patricia Jones-Colvin as the Republican member of the Board of Canvassars.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Stanek that the appointment of Olga Mills and Patricia Jones-Colvin to the Board of Canvassars, terms to expire October 31, 2007 be approved. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White,

Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Stanek that the following budget adjustments be approved:

	Increase	Decrease
GENERAL FUND		
<u>Revenue</u>		
From Licenses & Permits	15,000	
From Other Agencies	500	
From Current Services	23,950	
From Other Sources	2,500	
 <u>Expenditures</u>		
Fringe benefits		
FICA	20,000	
Retirement	25,000	
 GRANT MATCH RESERVE FUND		
Revenue - refund - Airport grant	3,600	
 AIRPORT GRANT MATCH FUND		
Expenditures - '99 expense	6,100	
 GRASS RIVER FUND		
Revenue - from G.R. Inc.	500	
 ANIMAL CONTROL DONATIONS FUND		
Revenue - Interest	100	
 BARNES PARK GRANT		
Expenditures - project	51,200	
 GIS IMPLEMENTATION FUND		
Revenue - GIS copies	3,000	
 MASTER PLAN GRANT FUND		
Expenditures	2,600	
 EMS PLAN GRANT		
Revenue	5,000	
Expenditures	5,000	
 SHERIFF - FINGERPRINT GRANT		
Revenue - from other agencies	5,000	
Expenditures - equip. maint.	4,000	

HOUSING - PROJECT INCOME FUND

Revenue - debt payments	20,000
Expenditures - projects	55,000

MICHIGAN JUSTICE TRAINING FUND

Expenditures	2,000
--------------	-------

HOUSING - HOME PROJECTS

Expenditures - projects	30,000
-------------------------	--------

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

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the matter of the agreement between ACUTE and the Antrim County Board of Commissioners be tabled. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Howelman that at the Airport the monthly rent for a single engine aircraft be increased to \$85.00/month and for a twin engine aircraft be increased to \$160.00/month. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Dawson, Bargo, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

Jack White, Chairman

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

Present: Robert McLeod, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Bernard Blackmore, Joseph Allen.

Absent: Eugene Dawson

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Ed Martel spoke against the proposed Farmland Preservation program. Jerry Green inquired about who sets the lake levels for Intermediate Lake and stated he thought the level had been set prior to 1913. Janet Person commended the Equalization Department on services they provided to her. Public Comment closed at 9:10 a.m.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Stanek the minutes of September 11, 2003 be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Howelman the Chairman be authorized to sign an agreement with Otec Tower Systems for lease of a tower at 3005 Mancelona Rd.; lease to be for one year beginning October 1, 2003. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson.

Peter Garwood presented a request from the Planning to appoint a county-wide committee to address questions on preservation of water and natural resources, committee to be under Planning Commission oversight. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Mark Randolph, Grass River Natural Area, Inc. Director, gave a presentation on the proposed fund raising for and construction of a new Center, target date for completion to be 2006. He requested the Board pass a motion of support for the project.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Stanek the Board of Commissioners support the plans of Grass River Natural Area, Inc. to plan for and construct a new Center at the Grass River Natural Area. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the \$25,000 in the Forestry Fund designated for Jabara Property be changed to an appropriation to the Antrim Conservation District in the 2004 budget and the debt of \$20,000 owed to the county by the Antrim Conservation District for Skaff Property purchase be canceled. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod the Meadowbrook operating millage be set

at .50 mills for 2003. Motion tabled until later in the meeting.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford that \$1,000 be advanced from the General Fund to Fund #237, Public Access Book Fund, to finance publication of an updated Public Access Book; funds to be returned to the General Fund from proceeds from sale of the books. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Barga that the Sheriff purchase a server from Dell for \$4,225 as budgeted in the 2003 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Barga that the Sheriff purchase a desk and utility box for the Jail for a total of \$1,750 as budgeted in the 2003 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford that \$67,000 be budgeted in Fund #470 for replacement and repair of the outside panels and roof of the 1978 County Building. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod the Register of Deeds purchase a condominium cabinet for \$4,100 as budgeted in the 2003 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Barga that the claims and accounts totaling \$88,100.92 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson.

Mike Paradis, Chairman of the FIA Board, urged rejection of the proposed .50 mills for Meadowbrook and requested adoption of .69 mills.

The Public Hearing on the General Fund budget opened at 10:00 a.m. Laura Stanek, explained cuts that had been made in the proposed budget. There was no public comment and the hearing closed at 10:15 a.m.

RESOLUTION #26-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by Michael Crawford

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners sets the millage rate of 5.1467 for General Operating and 0.3811 for Commission on Aging for 2003, and

BE IT ALSO HEREBY RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners adopts the following General Fund budget for 2004:

Beginning Fund Balance January 1, 2004 500,000.00

REVENUE

From Taxes	7,043,987.00	
From Licenses & Permits	156,300.00	
From Other Agencies	1,407,798.00	
From Current Services	1,322,635.00	
From Other Sources	<u>384,000.00</u>	<u>10,314,720.00</u>

\$ 10,814,720.00

EXPENDITURES

Commissioners	94,250.00
Circuit Court	347,318.00
Family Division - Circuit Court	385,540.00
Circuit Court Probation	4,300.00
District Court	476,148.00
Friend of the Court	66,700.00
Probate Court	209,023.00
Jury Commission	5,750.00
Elections	47,800.00
Budget/Accounting Services	53,434.00
County Clerk	182,738.00
Communications	149,350.00
Equalization	147,077.00
Prosecuting Attorney	274,430.00
Pros. Atty. - Victims Rights	50,943.00
P.A. Child Support/IV-D	46,517.00
Purchasing	39,398.00
Register of Deeds	131,839.00
Abstract	72,656.00
Survey and Remonumentation	26,000.00
Microfilm	16,050.00
Tax Allocation Board	500.00
County Treasurer	172,913.00
Cooperative Extension	93,032.00
Computer Department	160,500.00
Buildings and Grounds	258,890.00
'05 Courthouse	77,550.00
Grove Street Annex	12,500.00
Plat Board	250.00
Drain Commissioner	10,472.00
Economic Development Commission	13,500.00

Airport	306,698.00	
Sheriff	1,262,731.00	
Marine	57,803.00	
Secondary Roads	134,700.00	
Jail	314,085.00	
Planning/Coordinator Department	148,597.00	
Planning Commission	28,850.00	
Resource Recovery	20,050.00	
Emergency Services	38,198.00	
Gun Board	-0-	
Animal Control	91,308.00	
Dams	5,250.00	
Health	419,550.00	
Welfare	403,640.00	
Veterans Affairs	56,912.00	
Housing Projects	25,000.00	
Parks Commission	2,260.00	
Parks	163,851.00	
Fringe Benefits	1,920,800.00	
Insurance & Bonds	313,000.00	
Special Projects - Other	325,000.00	
Capital Outlay	26,514.00	
Appropriations	<u>613,842.00</u>	10,306,007.00

Ending Fund Balance December 31, 2004 508,713.00

10,814,720.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners adopts the following policies for implementation of the 2004 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.
2. That the Chief Administrative Officer for 2004 shall be the County Clerk
3. That over-expenditures 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 2004 and not covered elsewhere by Union agreement and 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 2003, the position shall immediately and automatically be deleted from the 2004 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. A hiring freeze having been established by action of the Board of Commissioners at the meeting of September 11, 2003, the position shall not be reinstated.
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 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 appropriations) of 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 questions concerning assignment of account to any purchase will be decided by the County Clerk.

Yes - McLeod, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen;

No - None;

Absent - Dawson.

RESOLUTION #26-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the 2004 budgets for Special Revenue, Debt Retirement, Capital Projects, and Enterprise Funds as on file in the office of the County Clerk/Administrative Officer be approved. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson.

The following motion from earlier in the meeting was removed from the table.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the Meadowbrook operating millage be set at .50 mills for 2003. Motion **DEFEATED** by a yea and nay vote as follows: No - Bargy, White, Howelman, Blackmore, Allen; Yes - McLeod, Crawford, Stanek; Absent - Dawson.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Howelman that the Meadowbrook operating millage be set at .69 for 2003. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Bargy, White, Howelman, Blackmore, Allen; No - McLeod, Crawford, Stanek; Absent - Dawson.

Kent McNeill spoke on the proposed Farmland Preservation program. He is against using tax dollars for buying farmland development rights.

The Public Hearing for Farmland Preservation convened at 11:00 a.m. Scott Everett gave a brief explanation of the program. Kim Schmidt, Brett Pharo, Lon Bargy, Glenn Kole, Chris Weinzapel, Dorance Amos, John King, Stan Moore, Brian Altonen, Dean Veliquette, Jack White, and Janet Person spoke in favor of the program. Ed Martel, Kent McNeill, and Jerry Green spoke against the program. The Public Hearing closed at 11:55 a.m.

Michael Crawford left the meeting at 12:00 Noon.

Robert Englebrecht gave the 2003 Apportionment Report. (See pp)

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Stanek that the 2003 Apportionment Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson, Crawford.

RESOLUTION #27-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by Laura Stanek

WHEREAS, enrolled Senate Bill 293 was passed by the Michigan Legislature and presented to the Governor on June 30, 2003, and

WHEREAS Senate Bill 293 allowed local governmental public safety agencies to attach communications equipment to state-owned towers potentially saving local communities millions of dollars, and

WHEREAS Senate Bill 293 was vetoed on July 11, 2003, and

WHEREAS the Governor issued Executive Directive No. 2003-12 which intends to provide local law enforcement agencies access to state owned communication towers, and

WHEREAS an Executive Order is subject to change or termination, it does not provide the long term stability required for planning, building and operation of a Public Safety Communications system, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order imposes restrictions and fees on local agencies seeking to utilize state owned towers that were not part of Senate Bill 293, and

WHEREAS the restrictions and fees required for the use of state owned towers effectively denies access to the towers to many agencies and departments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners urges that Governor Jennifer Granholm reconsider her veto of Senate Bill 293 and sign the Bill into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Antrim County's State Representatives and Senators, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all County Boards of Commissioners in Michigan.

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

RESOLUTION #27-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that the Equalization Director participate in the Homestead Audit program with the Treasurer and local Assessors. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that any benefits awarded to employees of the Sheriff Department under union contract be extended to the Sheriff and Undersheriff also. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Bargy, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson, Crawford.

RESOLUTION #28-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, the ACUTE (Antrim County United Through Ecology) coalition has been formed in order to reach consensus on a plan of action to address the Wickes trichloroethylene (TCE) groundwater contamination plume, and

WHEREAS, the TCE plume extends over six (6) miles from the Dura plant in Mancelona to the Schuss Mountain Village and the Cedar River Village in Shanty Creek, and
ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday, October 9, 2003

WHEREAS, the ACUTE membership consists of representation from the following organizations and associations: The Antrim County Board of Commissioners; Bellaire Realtors; Three Lakes Association; Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority; Community Resource Development; Shanty Creek Resort; Gourdie-Fraser; Cedar River Association; Schuss Property Association and the Lodge at Cedar River Association, and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners shares concerns with the other ACUTE partners regarding the impact of the plume on the health, safety and welfare of County residents, as well as the impact on the environment and economy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners supports the ACUTE Coalition by; Appointing a minimum of one (1) representative to serve on the ACUTE Coalition to help formulate the plan of action to address the threat of the TCE plume, assist in the education and outreach efforts, assist in the efforts to broker agreements among all the stakeholders in order to ensure a timely and holistic set of solution to address the TCE plume problem.

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

RESOLUTION #28-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman that the Board of Commissioners support the \$100,000 grant request submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency to address

the TCE plume coming from the Dura property. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by McLeod the Chairman sign a Letter of Understanding with Teamsters Local 214 (General Unit) giving three employees at the Commission on Aging a reduction in hours for the last quarter of fiscal year 2003 only. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson, Crawford.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Blackmore that the hiring freeze be lifted, the funds be released, and the process be started to fill the vacant position of Mechanical Inspector. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson, Crawford.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Blackmore that \$440.00 be budgeted in the Antrim Creek Natural Area Fund for purchase of signs. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson, Crawford.

It was moved by Barga that funds in the Animal Control Donations Fund be used for purchase of equipment for the new Animal Shelter. The matter was tabled and sent back to committee.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by McLeod that camping rates at Barnes Park be raised as follows:

	Resident	Non-resident
Electric Sites	\$ 18.00	\$ 22.00
Non-electric sites	15.00	17.00

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

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by McLeod that the pavilion rent be raised as follows:

	Resident	Non-resident
Pavilion Rental	\$ 35.00	\$ 55.00

Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - none; Absent - Dawson, Crawford.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by McLeod that a usage fee for the solid waste dump station at Barnes Park be set at \$10.00. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson, Crawford.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by McLeod that up to \$1,700 be expended for apton stone for the Wetzel Lake site. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson, Crawford.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Stanek that the floors and carpet be repaired and replaced at Meadow View Apartments at a cost of not to exceed \$5,080.10. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson, Crawford.

It was moved by Barga, seconded by Howelman that the amendment to the fire and bomb threat plan be adopted. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - Barga, White, Howelman, Blackmore, Allen; No - McLeod; Absent - Dawson, Crawford.

It was moved by Barga, seconded by Blackmore that the request of the Emergency Services Director to apply for a \$9,000 grant be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen that Elk Rapids Village be granted permission to temporarily store dewater spoils on county land. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen that the Mellem Family Trail sign be erected at the Cedar River Natural Area at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 to be paid from the Forestry Fund. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Barga, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson, Crawford.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Stanek that the request of Grey Avey to construct a new hangar at the Airport be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The Chairman made the following appointments:

Abstractor	Theresa Kent
Chief Administrative Officer	Laura Sexton
Animal Control Director	Terry Johnson
Airport Manager	John Strehl
Dial-a-Ride Manager	Robert Straw
Building Official	Arlen Turner
Commission on Aging Director	Carol Mitchell
Coordinator/Planner	Peter Garwood
Emergency Services Coordinator	Carl Goeman
Equalization Director	Robert Englebrecht
Maintenance Director	David Vitale
Medical Examiner	Dr. Dewey Benson
Purchasing Agent	Laura Sexton
Veterans Counselor	George Perkins
911 Manager	Terry Johnson

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

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Blackmore that the following budget adjustments be approved:

GENERAL FUND	Increase	Decrease
<u>Revenue</u>		
From Licenses & Permits	-0-	
From Other Agencies	29,500	
From Current Services	2,100	
From Other Sources	35,000	
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Jury Commission	300	
Elections		300
Computer	11,000	
Health		
	Increase	Decrease
Medical Exams	2,000	
Autopsies	<u>3,000</u>	
Special Projects		5,000
LAND USE GRANT FORUM FUND		
Expenditures	1,500	
MASTER PLAN GRANT FUND		
Expenditures	3,910	
REGISTER OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND		
Revenue	9,000	
K-9 FUND		
Expenditures	200	
JAIL INMATE PROCEEDS FUND		
Expenditures	2,000	
LAW LIBRARY		
Expenditures	1,000	
SHERIFF - FINGERPRINT GRANT		
Revenue	10,800	
EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT 02-03		
Expenditures	1,300	
HOUSING - PROJECT INCOME FUND		

Revenue - debt payments	73,800
Expenditures - projects	73,800

HOUSING - HOME PROJECTS

Revenue - from Grant	50,000
Expenditures - projects	50,000

Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as following: Yes - McLeod, Bary, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson, Crawford.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Blackmore that the Chairman sign the Community Corrections Agreement with Grand Traverse County. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes - McLeod, Bary, White, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No - None; Absent - Dawson, Crawford.

Laura Stanek reported on a meeting she attended at Boyne Falls about septic sewage.

The Clerk announced the Organization Meeting will be Monday, January 5, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

Jack White, Chairman

Laura Sexton, County Clerk

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

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

Absent: Robert McLeod, Joseph Allen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. There was none.

Robert Englebrecht presented the revised 2003 Apportionment Report, the report being revised due to the Star Township Election.

(See pages 88-91)

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Bargy the 2003 revised Apportionment Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m. to the Call of the Chair.

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

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

Absent: Robert McLeod, Joseph Allen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Ed Martel commented on wetlands regulations.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Blackmore the minutes of October 9, 2003 and November 6, 2003 be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson the Chairman sign an agreement with Quicksilver Resources Inc for drilling on county property in Custer Township – SE ¼ of SW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 9, T29N, R7W. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

RESOLUTION #29-03 by Michael Crawford, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, MSU Extension in Antrim County provides educational programming to address local issues that affect families, economic enterprises, and communities, MSU Extension utilizes the research and knowledge base of the state's land grant university, and MSU Extension represents a three-way partnership among federal, state and local governments, and

WHEREAS, MSU Extension in Antrim County provides 4-H programming for youth, works with agricultural producers, offers nutrition education, offers training about land use and planning laws and policies, offers natural resource education, and offers family resource education; and

WHEREAS, Antrim County provides \$93,032 to help support MSU Extension programming: the county investment being coupled with state and federal appropriations, as well as grants, ensuring the programming will meet the needs and interests of the county's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the state currently provides \$28.6 million in funding for MSU Extension and elimination of that funding would destroy this important educational network;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners opposes any suggestion that state funding for MSU Extension be eliminated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this board conveys to Governor Jennifer Granholm and to its state legislators that the elimination of state funding for MSU Extension is an unacceptable solution to the state's budget problem.

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

No - None;
Absent – McLeod, Allen.

RESOLUTION #29-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #30-03 by Laura Stanek, seconded by Larry Bargy

WHEREAS, Public Act 738 of 2002, requires the Antrim County Board of Commissioners to adopt a resolution to authorize electronic transactions, and

WHEREAS, Public Act 738 of 2002, effective December 20, 2002, authorizes counties to make electronic transactions involving public funds by electronic payment, debit or credit transfer processed through an automated clearing house, and

WHEREAS, Public Act 738 of 2002, authorizes the Antrim County Treasurer to enter into an ACH arrangement for a national and governmental organization that has authority to process electronic payments (ACH) including, but not limited to, the National Automated Clearing House Association and Federal Reserve System, and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Treasurer and County Clerk have prepared a written automated clearing house (ACH) policy as required by the Act, for the purposes of maintaining effective internal control by clarifying and emphasizing the department initiating ACH transactions through systems provided by the County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County to utilize electronic transactions in compliance with the written procedures and internal controls developed and adopted by the Antrim County Treasurer and the Antrim County Clerk as the County's ACH policy and presented to the Antrim County Board of Commissioners on November 13, 2003.

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

No - None;

Absent – McLeod, Allen.

RESOLUTION #30-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the County Treasurer purchase two computers for \$1,266 each, as budgeted in the 2003 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

It was moved Stanek, seconded by Bargy that two copiers, one for the first floor and one for the second floor, be leased from Xerox at \$357.47/mo for one copier and \$427/mo for the second copier to be paid for from funds currently budgeted for maintenance agreements on currently owned copiers. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that \$14, 148 be transferred from Contingencies to Sheriff in the 2004 General Fund budget to cover both increases and decreases in various line items. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy,

White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that a Pathfinder ProXR GPS Field Kit be purchased for 911 from Fund #262 (Wireless Fund) at a total cost of \$4,790.00. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes - Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman that a sign be purchased for the Animal Shelter from ProImage Design of Rapid City for \$5,470 to be paid for from the Animal Donations Fund. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Dawson that \$3,691.42, which is the unused portion of the funding for Household Hazardous Waste Day be transferred back to Solid Waste Reserve Fund. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that Chairman be authorized to sign the NETCOM maintenance agreement plan; total cost for 2004 to be \$5,072.08. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the Register of Deeds purchase work stations from Excel Office Interiors for \$7,350 as budgeted in the 2003 General Fund budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman the Register purchase an electric sealer for \$1,150 and a table top copier for \$1,500 from the Technology Fund, total cost not to exceed \$3,000. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

There was discussion on the remodeling of the Register of Deeds office and whether costs could be paid from the Technology Fund. The matter was tabled.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the claims and accounts totaling \$78,518.21 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

RESOLUTION #31-03 by Michael Crawford, seconded by David Howelman

A Resolution of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners urging the State and Federal Legislature to address the escalating costs of health insurance in Michigan and throughout the United States.

WHEREAS, in the last five years the cost for health care insurance has doubled for the County of Antrim, while the Consumer's Price Index has stayed below three (3) percent, and

WHEREAS, the cost of prescription drugs has been a major factor in the increased cost to Antrim County as well as throughout the nation, and

WHEREAS, the United States business community and consumers continue to bear the manufacturers cost of supplying prescription drugs to other countries, and

WHEREAS, the prescription drug manufacturers continue to indicate the high cost of supplying drugs is due to the research and development costs, yet much of these costs are covered through a United States government subsidy, and

WHEREAS, the increasing costs of prescription drugs and health care in general are becoming financially unbearable for Antrim County and its employees as well as other employers and employees throughout the nation and

WHEREAS, shifting the cost between the employer and the employees will not resolve a problem which appears to not have a resolution in sight.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners strongly but respectfully request the State and Federal Legislators waste not another minute to address the crisis of the escalating cost of health insurance which affects the health, safety and welfare of every citizen in the State of Michigan as well as throughout the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to our State and Federal Legislators, Michigan Counties, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

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

No - None;

Absent – McLeod, Allen.

RESOLUTION #31-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman that Eileen Wallick be reinstated on the county life insurance policy. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman a 3% wage increase for all irregular part-time employees in the Commission on Aging (see page 102) and a 7% increase for the irregular part-time secretary position in Commission on Aging be approved effective January 1, 2004. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Blackmore.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson to change the stand alone prescription program from \$2.00 co-pay to \$5/10 co-pay for unrepresented employees. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Howelman Mark Haynes be hired as Mechanical Inspector with Francis Carmichael to be considered as second choice. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The matter of appointments to various boards was tabled.

Janet Person and Chris Groebel reported on the results from the wetland assessment mapping project.

Ed Martel reported on the rights of riparian owners and property easements.

Alan Martel and Jim Pascoe from the Planning Commission presented a proposed Resolution concerning Antrim County water and natural resources. The matter was tabled.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Howelman that Antrim County act as sponsor of a grant from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association for the snowmobile academy. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Blackmore that application by the Emergency Services Coordinator for a Homeland Security Assessment and Strategy Grant totaling \$5,000 be approved. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

Alexis Kaczynski gave an update on activities of the North Country Community Mental Health.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Crawford the Chairman sign an agreement among Michigan Snowmobile Association, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority and Antrim County for operation of the snowmobile academy. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson that Antrim County continue to operate the Elk Rapids Day Park and the originally submitted 2004 budget for the Elk Rapids Day Park be reinstated. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – Dawson, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – Bargy; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Crawford that Pecar Electric run four-inch conduit from the Animal Shelter to M-88 at a cost of \$866.96. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Howelman, Crawford, Stanek, Blackmore; No – None; Absent – McLeod, Allen.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee was requested to obtain a quote on insulating the floor of the attic in the '05 Courthouse.

Theresa Salveta, Solid Waste Coordinator, reported on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day held October 11, 2003.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Stanek the Airport Manager apply for a grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation for payment for the environmental assessment (Mead & Hunt) of the runway safety area (RSA); the county share to be approximately \$2,500. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Stanek the Chairman sign a commercial fueling (airplane) agreement with Dura Automotive. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Bary that, in the matter of the proposed Construction Code Enforcement appeal, any irregularities regarding the 60-day appeal deadline be waived and the appeal go to the Construction Code Appeals Board, the waiver to be effective for 30 days from today (November 13, 2003). Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Kent McNeil and Melinda Lautner (Leelanau County Commissioner) gave a presentation on reasons for not participating in the Farmland Preservation program.

It was moved by Howelman, seconded by Stanek the Chairman sign an agreement with Leelanau County for use of Non-Secure Detention Home Services by the Family Division of Circuit Court. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bary that the following budget adjustments be approved:

	Increase	Decrease
GENERAL FUND		
Revenue		
From Taxes	7,200	
From Other Agencies	4,350	
From Current Services	13,250	
Expenditures		
'05 Courthouse – utilities	5,200	
Marine – wages & fringes	10,500	
Secondary Roads	1,900	
Health – Autopsies	5,000	
Appropriations – to Law Library	2,000	
ANIMAL CONTROL DONATIONS FUND		
Revenue – interest	100	
CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCEMENT FUND		
Revenue – inspections	88,700	
interest	100	
Expenditures – rent (bldg. space)	7,100	
REGISTER OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND		
Revenue – recording fees	4,000	
911 – WIRELESS FUND		
Revenue – from state	2,500	
ANTRIM K-9 FUND		
Expenditures – services	200	
LAW LIBRARY FUND		
Revenue – from General	2,000	
Expenditures – books	2,000	

EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT	
Expenditures – equipment	5,000
HOUSING PROJECT INCOME	
Expenditures – projects	30,000
HOUSING 03/04 GRANT	
Revenue – from grant	63,000
Expenditures – projects	50,000
JUVENILE OFFICER GRANT	
Expenditures – close fund	3,600
CHILD CARE FUND	
Expenditures – state wards	63,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	
Revenue – interest	3,700

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

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

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

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Linda Gallagher presented a petition, circulated by Janet Brown, and signed by approximately 300 people requesting that the classification of the Antrim County Airport be changed from C-2 to B-2. The purpose of the change in classification being increased environmental protection by decreasing the need for extensive augmentation of the runway ending safety area. Stan Moore thanked the Board for its support of maintaining the state level of funding for MSU Extension. Public Comment ended at 9:10 a.m.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Blackmore that minutes of November 13, 2003 be accepted as corrected. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

Charles Koop, Prosecuting Attorney, reported that the non-profit status of the East Jordan Health Center making them exempt from property taxes or not was not a concern of the Board of Commissioners as they cannot control the outcome.

He also reported that the Farmland Preservation statute had been repealed as reported at the November 13 meeting but had been re-adopted under a different statute.

Mr. Koop reported on the acquisition and status of de-icers in local lakes.

RESOLUTION #32-03 by Laura Stanek, seconded by Michael Crawford

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners, the Antrim Kalkaska Community Mental Health Board and the Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Board are committed to providing excellent mental health services to those requiring such services in the most efficient and effective manner possible, and improving the quality of those services where they can; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an amendment to the Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, as amended, being MCL 330.1100 et seq., there is an option to create a Community Mental Health Authority with powers and duties as defined in Section 205, being MCL 330.1205; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners has determined that the creation of the North Country Community Mental Health Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority") from the community mental health programs serving Antrim, Charlevoix,

Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties (hereinafter referred to “participating counties” or individually as “participating county”), under the Mental Health Authority structure provided in MCL 330.1205 would better serve the County’s residents by enhancing the effectiveness of mental health services;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 205, being MCL 330.1205, at least three (3) public hearings have been held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, MCL 15,261015.275; and

WHEREAS, the requisite notifications of the dissolution or termination of the Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Authority and the Antrim Kalkaska Community Mental Health Agency have been given.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Creation. There is hereby created a Community Mental Health Authority pursuant to Section 205 of the Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, as amended (hereinafter “Act”), being MCL 330.1205. The existing community mental health services programs serving the participating counties of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego, being the Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Authority and the Antrim Kalkaska Community Mental Health agency, are dissolved upon the effective date of this resolution as defined elsewhere herein.
2. Purpose. The purpose and the power to be exercised by the North Country Community Mental Health Authority (hereinafter “Authority”) shall be to comply with and carry out the provisions of the Act.
3. Effective Date, Duration and Termination. The Authority shall commence as of April 1, 2003. The authority shall exist until terminated as hereinafter defined. Termination or dissolution may be accomplished by a resolution of the Community Mental Health Authority to dissolve or terminate, or by a resolution of all participating counties to dissolve or terminate the Community Mental Health Authority. In the event that one or more, but not all, of the participating counties elect to terminate participation in the Community Mental Health Authority, the same must be accomplished by an official notification from the County Board of Commissioners to the Department of Community Health and to all other participating County Boards of Commissioners. The date of termination in all other instances, whether by withdrawal of a particular County or by total dissolution of the Community Mental Health Authority, shall be one (1) year following receipt of notification by the Department of Community Health, unless the director of the department consents to an earlier termination date. During the interim between notification and official termination, the respective County’s participation in the Community Mental Authority shall be maintained in good faith.
4. Return of Net Financial Assets. In the event of termination or dissolution of the Community Mental Health Authority or termination by a withdrawing county by exercise of notice as above described, the net financial assets originally made available to the

Authority by the participating county or counties will be returned or distributed according to the respective county's original contribution. All other remaining assets net of liabilities shall be transferred to the Community Mental Health program or programs that replace the Authority, if applicable.

5. County Bonded Property. The Authority shall pay to Antrim County annual rent for the lease of space in the Antrim County Building according to the terms outlined in the lease agreement for the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2007. The interest of the agency in that lease shall be assigned to the Authority. The Authority shall pay to Kalkaska County annual rent for the lease of space in the Mental Health/Public Health Building according to the terms outlined in the lease agreement for the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2005. The interest of the agency in that lease shall be assigned to the Authority.

6. Transfer of Assets, Debts, and Obligations to the Authority. Upon the effective date of the Authority, all assets, debts, and obligations of the Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Authority, including but not limited to, equipment, furnishings, supplies, cash and personal property, as listed in attached Exhibit A, shall be transferred to the Authority; and all such assets, debts and obligations of the Antrim Kalkaska Community Mental Health Agency, as listed on attached Exhibit B, shall likewise be transferred to the Authority.

7. Liability of Authority to County. The County acknowledges that it has not made available to the Authority any real or personal property that is not otherwise covered by lease or other agreements.

8. Privileges and Immunities. All the privileges and immunities from liability and exemptions from laws, ordinances, and rules that are applicable to county community mental health agencies or community mental health organizations and their board members, officers, and administrators, and county elected officials and employees of county government are retained by the Authority and the board members, officers, agents, and employees of an Authority created under the Act.

9. Personnel Actions. Personnel actions necessary to establish the Mental Health Authority shall be in accordance with the Act. Further:

(i) Employees of the Authority are public employees. The Authority and its employees are subject to 1947 PA 336, MCL 423.201 to 423.217.

(ii) The employees of the former community mental health services programs shall be transferred to the new Authority as follows and appointed as employees subject to all rights and benefits for 1 year. Such employees of the Authority shall not be placed in a worse position by reason of the transfer for a period of 1 year with respect to workers'

compensation, pension, seniority, wages, sick leave, vacation, health and welfare insurance, or any other benefit that the employee enjoyed as an employee of the former community mental health services program. Employees who are transferred shall not by reason of the transfer have their accrued pension benefits or credits diminished.

- (iii) The newly established authority shall assume and be bound by the existing collective bargaining agreement if either Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Authority or Antrim Kalkaska Community Mental Health Agency was the designated employer or participated in the development of a collective bargaining agreement. The formation of a community mental health authority shall not adversely affect any existing rights and obligations contained in the existing collective bargaining agreement. For purposes of this provision, participation in the development of a collective bargaining agreement means that a representative of the community mental health agency or organization actively participated in bargaining session with the employer representative and union or was consulted with during the bargaining process.

10. Board Composition. Existing board members of the community mental health services programs are hereby transferred and appointed as board members of the community mental health authority, and shall serve in accordance with the provisions of the Act, subject to the following constraints on board membership. The membership of the Board shall be constituted in accordance with the Act. Each Board of Commissioners shall, by a majority vote, appoint the board members from its county. If the Authority becomes effective prior to April 1, 2003, the initial Board shall consist of up to twenty-four (24) members, seven (7) from Antrim County; five (5) from Kalkaska County; three (3) from Charlevoix County; three (3) from Emmet County; three (3) from Cheboygan County; and three (3) from Otsego County. At least one (1) county commissioner shall be appointed from each county.

Effective April 1, 2003, the Board shall consist of up to twenty (20) members, five (5) from Antrim County; three (3) from Kalkaska County; three (3) from Charlevoix County; three (3) from Emmet County; three (3) from Cheboygan County; and three (3) from Otsego County. One (1) county commissioner shall be appointed from each county.

Effective April, 2004, the Board shall consist of no more than eighteen (18) members, three (3) from Antrim County; three (3) from Kalkaska County; three (3) from Charlevoix County; three (3) from Emmet County; three (3) from Cheboygan County; and three (3) from Otsego County. At least one (1) county commissioner shall be appointed from each county.

Effective April 1, 2005, the Board shall consist of no more than fourteen (14) members, two (2) from Antrim County; two (2) from Kalkaska County; two (2) from Charlevoix County; two (2) from Emmet County; two (2) from Cheboygan County; and two (2) from Otsego County. One (1) county commissioner shall be appointed from each county. The remaining two (2) seats will be at large consumer members, appointed by the commissioners of the county in which they reside, in a fashion that alternates among all counties as needed to fill the seats. If a county is unwilling or unable to appoint a commissioner to a seat on the board of the mental health authority, then that county shall relinquish that seat on the board and the board membership will be reduced by one (1), in accordance with the provisions of the Act specifically, Section 222(2).

11. Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities of Authority. The Authority shall have all of the powers, duties, obligations, rights and protections of community mental health authorities set forth in the Act.

12. County Annual Local Match. The amount of local match required by the county for the Authority will not exceed the amount of funds provided in calendar year 2003, pursuant to the Act, specifically Section 308(2)(b).

13. Depository. The Authority shall be its own depository for all funds received on behalf of the Authority as provided in R 330.3016, Michigan Administrative Code, 1979.

14. Conflict. If any provision of the enabling resolution conflicts with the Act, the Act shall supersede.

15. Additional Powers. All power, duties, obligations, rights and protections not mentioned herein but otherwise provided by the Act are included herein by reference.

16. Liability. Participant counties are not liable for any intentional, negligent, or grossly negligent act or omission, for any financial affairs, or for any obligation of the Authority, its Board, employees, representatives, or agents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above enabling resolution is not effective until filed with the Secretary of State and County Clerk of each county creating the Authority. If any provision of the enabling resolution conflicts with the Act, the Act shall supersede.

Yes – McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Crawford, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen.

No - None.

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #32-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by McLeod the Prosecuting Attorney contact the Attorney General's office as well as the Department of Natural Resources legal department to obtain information on possible regulation of de-icers in local lakes.

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

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod that the Prosecuting Attorney purchase a computer for \$1,379.99 as budgeted in the 2003 budget. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Crawford, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Howelman that the Housing Director apply for a \$225,000 Housing grant for 2004-2005 (local leveraging to be \$62,500). Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Crawford, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by McLeod, the claims and accounts totaling \$158,130.23 be approved and paid. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Crawford, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Dawson that the following budget adjustments be approved:

(see pages 118-120)

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

There was discussion on reconsidering requested 2004 budget items that had been removed from the final budget. The matter was tabled.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Allen the Chairman be authorized to sign the agreement with Michigan Employee Benefits Service, \$10,000 “up-front” money be sent to MEBS, and the 2003 General Fund Budget be increased by \$10,000. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – McLeod, Dawson, Bary, White, Crawford, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Allen the Chairman be authorized to sign an Environmental Assessment for the Mentally Disabled Housing Project being implemented in Mancelona by GTP Industries after the legal counsel statutory check list is completed. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman the Privacy Policy be amended. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #33-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by Eugene Dawson

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Senate’s Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force Report recommends that Michigan launch a comprehensive effort to improve it’s 20% recycling rate and finds that such a project will require a regular source of dedicated

funding; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has identified a state imposed surcharge of up to \$3 per ton on all residential and commercial waste disposed of in Michigan's Type II sanitary landfills as the primary option for financing this effort; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in both the State House and Senate which would assess a \$3 per ton surcharge on landfilled waste, stipulating that generated revenue be deposited in a state waste diversion fund, then disbursed to counties for new and existing recycling programs, with a small amount set aside for state coordinated diversion efforts; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the money for counties would be distributed in equal shares to all counties in the state, while the remainder would be distributed based on population; and

WHEREAS, counties, already statutorily designated as the entities responsible for solid waste management planning and strategically situated for advancing local and regional coordination, are the appropriate governmental agencies to receive these surcharge funds; and

WHEREAS, waste delivered to most landfills in Michigan, regardless of origin, is already subject to surcharges through host community agreements (HCAs), with associated revenues benefiting only the community or county where the landfill is located and often without limitation as to how the funds may be spent; and

WHEREAS, under the current circumstances, counties with landfills have substantial resources available to support recycling programs while counties without landfills, whose residents are contributing to landfill surcharge revenues through payments for waste disposal, derive no share of the benefit whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, the proposed surcharge is a user fee, in that users of the system would pay in proportion to their volume of disposed waste and would have an incentive to reduce that volume through increased participation in recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, a statewide surcharge could be conceived and implemented in a manner which would protect existing HCAs and complement local recycling assessments, while restoring fairness to the system and providing a base level of recycling revenue for every county in the state; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five other states in the U.S. now have statutes requiring surcharges on solid waste, ranging from \$0.25 per ton to \$10 per ton, including all of Michigan's immediate neighbors, whose rates vary from \$0.60 per ton to \$3.75 per ton; and

WHEREAS, at a time when Michigan's communities are facing difficult

budgetary challenges, the State Legislature is acting on several bills which will expand local responsibilities and financial obligations for waste management and recycling efforts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to provide a stable funding mechanism for a substantial improvement in waste reduction programs, we urge that the State Legislature approve, and the Governor sign, a bill which would impose a \$3 per ton surcharge on solid waste landfilled in Michigan, earmarking all revenues for waste reduction programs and providing that most of the money be disbursed to counties under the formula described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to villages and townships participating in the Antrim County Resource Recovery Program, Boards of Commissioners of other counties, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Senator Jason Allen, Representative Bradstreet, Governor Granholm, Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Township Association.

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

RESOLUTION #33-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #34-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners wishes to communicate to its Representatives and Governor of the State of Michigan the concerns of the possibility of reductions in revenue sharing; and

WHEREAS, Antrim County receives approximately \$350,000 of revenue sharing revenue and its reduction would cause significant financial problems for Antrim County; and

WHEREAS, Antrim County understands through communications with other counties that reduction in revenue sharing would dramatically affect them in a negative manner; and

WHEREAS, Antrim County has committed these dollars, since they have been a long-term revenue source to many of our most important functions, including, but not limited to Sheriff Department Road Patrol.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners requests that Senator Jason Allen and Representative Ken Bradstreet oppose any further reduction in revenue sharing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Michigan Association of Counties, all 82 other counties, Senator Jason Allen, Representative Kenneth Bradstreet, and Governor Jennifer Granholm.

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

RESOLUTION #34-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #35-03 by Robert McLeod, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, through state law, judicial courts are partially funded by county governments and those judicial services are mandated by the state, and

WHEREAS, a separation of powers is stated in current state law, and county boards are responsible for approving funds for county employees at serviceable levels in the case of mandated services including those county paid employees working for the courts, and

WHEREAS, from time to time during the budget processes serious disagreements occur relating to the courts requests for county funds and the separation of powers; and

WHEREAS, often levels of judicial support being requested are stated as necessary to reach that serviceable level as determined by the court, and

WHEREAS, the personnel policies of the court are often inconsistent with county personnel policies, resulting in disparity with other county mandated and non-mandated offices causing serious internal county inequities, and

WHEREAS, those inequities are related to the human capital important to the people of Benzie County and when pressures on the expenditure of the general fund tax dollars are requested putting the county board and judicial administrators at odds, and

WHEREAS, when disagreements over the funding of those requests, and mediation fails, counties are unable to afford the logical progression in the process of formal litigation necessary to resolve differences, and

WHEREAS, the county board has no affordable alternative to consider given the potential fiscal threat to general fund dollars generated from public funds, and

WHEREAS, originally the legislature had addressed this potential and predictable controversy, it has become necessary to illuminate the repetitive conflict that lies at the origin in state law established and passed by the Michigan Legislature.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of

Commissioners urge the Michigan State Legislature to revisit the funding model to ensure that there is a true and workable separation of powers rather than a process that puts county boards in an unaffordable position to capitulate to requests by the court.

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

RESOLUTION #35-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford the membership of the following Boards be reduced as follows:

Parks and Recreation Commission	from 11 to 9 members
Solid Waste and Recycling Council	from 12 to 9 members

and the membership be reduced through attrition. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Crawford, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Dawson that the union contract between Antrim County and the Teamsters representing Dial-a-Ride be ratified and the Chairman is authorized to sign. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Crawford, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Crawford that the salaries and wages for the unrepresented employees be established based on the following: (see page for actual salary and wage figures)

	Jan 1, 2004	July 1, 2004
Employees at average or above	2%	
Employees .1% to 2.9% below average	2.5 %	
Employees 3% to 5.9% below average	3%	1%
Employees 6% to 9.9% below average	3%	1.5%
Employees greater than 10% below average	3%	2%
Employees with not less than 3 comparables	2.5%	

(Abstractor compared to 2003 Register of Deeds average salary for average comparison) and that all other fringe benefit requests remain the same as for the general unit and the 2004 budgets be adjusted to reflect these increases. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Crawford, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by McLeod, seconded by Howelman the hiring freeze be lifted and Antrim County Transportation Director hire a temporary bus driver for the period of time which shall end upon the return of the regular bus drivers. Motion carried by a ye and nay vote as follows: Yes – McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Crawford, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Crawford, seconded by Dawson the bid from Ken Kelly for \$1,460 to move the walls in the Register of Deeds office and the bid from Pecar Electrical Service to move the phone and do electrical and phone wiring be accepted and the costs be paid from the Register of Deeds Technology Fund. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Crawford, Howelman, Allen; No – Stanek, Blackmore; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Blackmore that a grant application to the Office Domestic Preparedness to augment staffing at the Emergency Services Department for 2004; grant amount to be \$25,000, be approved. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The Chairman assigned the matter of the de-icers in local waters to the Health and Public Safety Committee.

It was moved by Blackmore, seconded by Dawson that the request from T.S. Coughlin for an oil and gas lease easement through Grass River Natural Area be denied. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by McLeod the bid from Surveillance and Sound Technologies of Kewadin in the amount of \$6,787.80 for installation of a closed circuit television system for the gas pump island area at Antrim County Transportation be accepted. Motion carried by a yea and nay vote as follows: Yes – McLeod, Dawson, Bargy, White, Crawford, Howelman, Stanek, Blackmore, Allen. No – None; Absent – None.

The Transportation Committee presented a grant request, county share to be \$2,550 be paid from the Airport Grant Fund.

RESOLUTION #36-03 by Eugene Dawson, seconded by Laura Stanek

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jack White, Chairman, be authorized and directed to execute Contract No. 2004-0047, Federal Project No. B-26-0011-1103, for and on behalf of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners.

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

RESOLUTION #36-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

There was discussion on changing the status of Antrim County Airport from C-2

to B-2.

The Chairman requested the current Finance Committee to review the claims and accounts for the January Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned to the Call of the Chair.