ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Monday, January 05, 2015

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Sheryl Guy, County Clerk, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The County Clerk delivered the oath of Office to the following Board members.

Present:	District #1	David Heeres
	District #2	Robert Wilson
	District #3	Karen Bargy
	District #4	Ed Boettcher
	District #5	Bryan Smith
	District #6	Michael Crawford
	District #7	Laura Stanek
	District #9	Christian Marcus
Absent:	District #8	Bernard Blackmore

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Moment of Silence

The County Clerk appointed Peter Garwood, County Administrator teller for the election.

The County Clerk requested nominations for Chairman. Ed Boettcher nominated Michael Crawford. Karen Bargy nominated Laura Stanek.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus that the nominations be closed.

The results of the vote for Chairman were as follows:

Michael Crawford	5
Laura Stanek	3

Michael Crawford was declared Chairman.

The County Clerk requested nominations for Vice-chairman. Ed Boettcher nominated Laura Stanek. Christian Marcus nominated Karen Bargy.

It was moved by Ed Boettcher, seconded by Christian Marcus that the nominations be closed.

The results of the roll call vote for the Vice-Chairman were as follows:

Laura Stanek	7
Karen Bargy	1

Laura Stanek was declared Vice-chairman.

Michael Crawford took the Chairman's seat and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

The Chairman requested Public Comment: There was none.

RESOLUTION #01-15 by Christian Marcus, seconded by Ed Boettcher

REGULAR BOARD MEETING DAYS AND TIMES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED the 2015 regular meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Antrim County Building.

Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus;
No – Wilson, Bargy;
Absent – Blackmore.

RESOLUTION #01-15 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #02-15 by Ed Boettcher, seconded by Karen Bargy

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT/AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT/FAMILY MEDICAL & FAMILY LEAVE ACT

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

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

Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus;
No – None;
Absent – Blackmore.
RESOLUTION #02-15 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #03-15 by Ed Boettcher, seconded by Christian Marcus

PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

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

Resolution #03-15 continued

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

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

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

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

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that, the County Board of Commissioners minutes be posted on the Antrim County web site when available and approved.

Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus;
No – None;
Absent – Blackmore.

RESOLUTION #03-15 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #04-15 by Ed Boettcher, seconded by Karen Bargy

2015 ANNUAL REPORTS

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

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, the following county officers be required to make a 2014 Annual Report in the form stipulated by the Board of Commissioners by the second Thursday, in July 2015: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, Dam Operator, County Surveyor, Probate Judge, District Court, Circuit Court, Abstractor, County Administrator, Planning Director, County Accountant, Building Official, Animal Control Officer, ACT Director, Airport Manager, Housing Director, I.T. Coordinator, Commission on Aging Director, Medical Examiner, Emergency Services Coordinator, and Veterans' Counselor, and also the following Agencies: North Country Community Mental Health, Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility, Department of Human Services, MSU Extension, Antrim Conservation District (County Forester, Soil Erosion Control),

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Antrim County Community Collaborative, Road Commission, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, Grass River Natural Area, Inc., Meadowview Apartments, the Antrim County Fair Board and Other Agencies contractually required to report to the County.

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

Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus;
No – None;
Absent –Blackmore.

RESOLUTION #04-15 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Boettcher the Antrim County Commissioners' Procedures as approved April 13, 2000 and amended on February 8, 2001, February 14, 2002, November 14, 2002, February 9, 2006, January 7, 2010, January 12, 2012, January 3, 2013, March 14, 2013, October 9, 2014, November 13, 2014 and January 5, 2015 continue to be used in the year 2015. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – Wilson; Absent – Blackmore.

Bryan Smith left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Bryan Smith returned to meeting at 9:33 a.m.

RESOLUTION #05-15 by Ed Boettcher, seconded by Karen Bargy

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

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

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

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that all Antrim County expenditures in General Fund Type, Special Revenue Fund Type, Capital Project Fund Type, and Enterprise Fund Type Funds be approved for 2015 at the monthly meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners with some exceptions, and

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

1. Special Revenue Fund Types for which the payment approval has been designated to another board or agency either by law or by action of the Board of Commissioners including but not limited to Meadowbrook Operating Fund, Road Commission, Veterans Affairs, Child

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Care, Register of Deeds Automation, Meadowview Operating, Commission on Aging and other similar Funds.

2. Special Revenue Fund Types that involve grant agreements including but not limited to Housing grants, Parks grants, Emergency Services grants, Antrim County Transportation/Dial –a-Ride grants, Law Enforcement grants, Commission on Aging grants, and other similar Funds.
3. Appropriations to other Agencies as designated in the current year's budgets.
4. Any payroll and related fringe benefit expenses.
5. Expenditures which lack of timely payment results in late fees including but not limited to utilities, credit cards, and other similar expenses.
6. Contractual obligations including but not limited to trash removal, plowing, construction projects, maintenance contracts, insurance, and other similar expenditures.
7. Any expenses which the Chief Administrative/Fiscal Officer deems, due to circumstances, should be paid immediately, such expenses to be signed as approved by the Chief Administrative/Fiscal Officer.

Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus;
No – Wilson;
Absent – Blackmore.

RESOLUTION #05-14 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #06-15 by Ed Boettcher, seconded by Laura Stanek

DESIGNATION DEPOSITORIES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following institutions and their subsidiaries as depositories of Antrim County funds for the year 2015:

Alden State Bank
Bank of America
Bay Winds Federal Credit Union
Charlevoix State Bank
Chemical Bank
Comerica
Fifth Third Bank
First Federal of Northern Michigan
FirstMerit Bank
Flagstar Bank

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Huntington Bank
PNC Bank
Talmer Bank & Trust
The Private Bank
Wolverine Bank
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
Fifth Third Securities, Inc.
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.
Michigan CLASS
UBS Financial Services Inc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to use these designated institutions.
Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus;
No – Wilson;
Absent – Blackmore.

RESOLUTION #06-15 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #07-2015 by Ed Boettcher, seconded by Laura Stanek

COUNTY TREASURER'S INVESTMENT AUTHORITY 2015 -2016

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

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

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

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

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

1. The County Treasurer is authorized to invest funds of the County of Antrim in investments authorized by Act 20.
2. The Investment Policy attached hereto as Appendix 1 is approved and shall take effect on January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016 (see pages).
3. Before executing an order to purchase or trade the funds of the County of Antrim a financial intermediary, broker, or dealer shall be provided with a copy of the County's Investment Policy and shall acknowledge receipt of the Investment Policy

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and agree to comply with the terms of the Investment Policy regarding the buying or selling of securities by executing the form as Appendix 2.

4. The County Treasurer is authorized to rely on the continuing effect of this resolution until and unless it is specifically amended or rescinded by a future resolution of the Board of Commissioners.
5. This resolution shall take effect on Thursday, January 1, 2015.

Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus;
No – None;
Absent – Blackmore.

RESOLUTION #07-15 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #08-15 by Laura Stanek, seconded by Ed Boettcher

TAX WAIVERS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners provides all of the following taxes paid before May 1 in the first year of delinquency for the homestead property of a senior citizen, paraplegic, eligible serviceman, eligible veteran, eligible widow, totally and permanently disable, or blind person, as those persons are defined in Chapter 9 of the Income Tax Act of 1967, PA 281, MCL 206.501 to 206.532, if a claim is made before February 15 for the credit provided by Chapter 9 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.501 to 206.532, if that claimant presents a copy of the form filed for the credit to the County Treasurer, and if that claimant has not received the credit before March 1:

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

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

a. The treasurer of the local tax collecting shall indicate on the delinquent tax roll if a 1% property tax administrative fee was added to taxes collected before February 15.
b. The fees authorized and collected under this section and credited to the delinquent property tax administration fund shall be used by the department of treasury to pay expenses incurred in the administration of this act.

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c. The county property tax administration fee shall be used by the county to offset the costs incurred in and ancillary to collecting delinquent property taxes and for purposes authorized by sections 87b and 87d.

Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus;
No – None;
Absent –Blackmore.

RESOLUTION #08-15 DECLARED ADOPTED.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday, January 08, 2015

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

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Christian Marcus.

Absent: District #8

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Moment of Silence

The Chairman requested Public Comment: There was none.

Jim Rossiter spoke of the resignation of District #8 County Commissioner, Bernard Blackmore, and that the Board will have to make the decision to either appoint within 30 days of the resignation or call a special election to fill the remainder of the term of office.

Peter Garwood reported that the Commission on Aging (COA) clerical position Clerk II was approved at the December Board meeting and that the Administration Committee makes the recommendation to the Board on which applicant to hire. Due to the delay of the hiring process, he requested that the Board authorize the Administrative Committee to make the final decision.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Wilson to authorize the Administrative Committee to make the final hiring decision for the Clerk II position at the Antrim County Commission on Aging (COA). Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Peter Garwood reported that three (3) VAV box controllers in the 1905 Courthouse have failed and that eight (8) of the VAV controllers from the replacement project in the County Building were salvaged and in decent condition. Havel has provided quotes for the replacement using three (3) new VAV boxes, wall sensors and installation at a cost of $3,594.00 and the option to replace using the salvaged VAV boxes, reconnect existing sensors at a cost of $1,975.00.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres to approve the quote from Havel for the replacement of the failed VAV box controllers in the 1905 Courthouse with units salvaged from the County Building on a time and material basis not to exceed $1,975.00, and to be paid from the 1905 General Fund budget, Building Maintenance. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Peter Garwood reported that due to timing of the meeting and appointment of the Buildings, Land and Infrastructure Committee the approval will be needed for the Meadowbrook Construction Project monthly Request for Change Orders; Owner Change Orders; and the Christman Application for payment.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Stanek that the Request for Change Orders #209 (Phase 4 miscellaneous drywall items), #211 (Phase 4 floor preparation), #218 (Rework of D corridor columns for fire marshal) and #220 (HVAC changes for Bulletin #31) totaling $22,792.00 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Smith that the Request for Change Order #227 (credit for unused landscape allowance) totaling $1,418.00 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Smith that for the Meadowbrook Renovation Project, Owner Change Order #39 totaling $8,603.00 be approved and added to Contingencies. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – Bargy; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Bargy that the application for payment from the Christman Company for the work on the Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility Renovation Project totaling $115,863.28 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Consent Agenda:

Bargy requested that two items be removed from the Consent Agenda as follows:

Administration Officer Copier Lease Quotes and Courthouse Security

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus the Claims and Accounts in the amount of $240,070.62 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus that the Chairman be authorized to sign the one (1) year agreement with the United State Geological Survey (USGS), the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the County for a lake level gauge on the Upper Chain of Lakes (in Central Lake) at a cost of $5,545.00 to be approved and paid from Fund #220 Special Assessments- Dams Contractual Services (220-442-802). Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus that the County Accountant be approved to make the 2014 Year End Budget Amendments for the General Fund and Other Funds as proposed during the January 5, 2015 Finance Committee meeting. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus that the vehicle bids be accepted for the high bids from Richard Powell of $1,437.00 for the 2006 GMC Savana and $661.00 for the 2006 Crown Victoria Interceptor. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the Chairman be authorized to sign the five (5) year lease agreement for a Xerox 7835 copier for the Administration Office at the cost of $2,897.64 per year and that $2,350, be paid from the General Fund, County Administration, Lease (101-172-941) and that the remaining $547.64 be paid from the County Administrator General Fund budget. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the Sheriff be authorized to hire a part time officer for courthouse security at a cost of $15,400.00 and that a 2015 budget amendment be made from the General Fund, Fund Balance to the Sheriff General Fund budget to cover the wages and fringes for part time position (101-301-708.265). Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No -None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Boettcher that the minutes of December 11, 2014 be approved. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres that the minutes of January 5, 2015 be approved. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres that the Administration and County Services Committee begin the review process of all County Policies and present their recommendations for amendments to the full Board. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Robert Wilson left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher that the Board retire to Closed Session to discuss pending litigation with Attorney Haider Kazim and the Prosecuting Attorney, and his Assistant, County Administrator, County Clerk and the Family Court Administrator be requested to stay in closed session. Motion carried all members present voting yes.

The Board retired to Closed Session at 10:02 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:30 a.m.

The Chairman appointed Christian Marcus to represent the Board for the Settlement Conference of the 13th Circuit Court Civil Case #2014-8902-NM: Farris V Antrim County, etal.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher that Christian Marcus be appointed as representative on behalf of the Antrim County Board for the scheduled Settlement Conference in Circuit Court Case #2014-8902-NM: Farris v Antrim County, etal. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Wilson.

The Chairman requested input on the resignation of Commissioner District #8 – Bernard Blackmore and spoke on the options available to the Board. The Board can make an Appointment to fill position with a resident and registered voter of Commissioner District #8, within 30 days from the resignation date and the appointed person will complete the term ending December 31, 2016. The County Administration office has received letters of interest from Chuck Johnson and Janice Young; or call for a Special Primary Election and a Special General Election to fill the position by the voters of Commissioner District #8. There was no decision reached.

The Chairman called for a Special Board meeting to be held Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. for the Board to review options. This will allow the County Clerk time to gather information regarding the process to set Special Election dates. The Board will make a decision at this meeting to call the Special Election or make an appointment to fill the term.

The Chairman appointed Ed Kiessel to the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) Board.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the appointment of Ed Kiessel to the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Board (NLEA), term to expire 12-31-2016 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Wilson
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The Chairman appointed Burt Thompson to the E -911 Board.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher the appointment of Burt Thompson to the E-911 Board, term to expire 12-31-2015 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Wilson.

Jim Rossiter spoke of the letter he received from the Office of the Attorney General on the ACUTE (Antrim County United Through Ecology), and MAWSA (Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority); requesting that the County become a co-sponsor to help install TCE-related improvements in the public drinking water system Plume matter. This was not an Opinion and the letter offered no changes in advice to the County than previously reported.

The Chairman requested that the County Administrator contact all governmental units involved to set up a joint meeting ~~with the Health and Public Safety Committee~~ to determine the current status of all entities involved and continue to work to pursue a community-wide approach to reach a long range solution. **Motion to correct 2/12/2015 BOC**

The Chairman requested Public Comment: There was none.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher to approve the Closed Session minutes of December 11, 2014. Motion carried – Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Christian Marcus.

Absent: District #8 Representation

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Jim Rossiter spoke to the Board on the options available to them according to election law when a vacancy occurs in the office of commissioner, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment within 30 days by the county board of commissioners with a resident and registered voter of that district filling the remainder of the unexpired term. If the board votes not to appoint, a special primary and a special general election will be called by the Board.

Peter Garwood spoke on the revision of the proposed 2015 Commissioner Appointments of Standing Committees, Various Boards and commissions.

The Chairman appointed Chuck Johnson to fill the vacant Commissioner District #8 position for the remainder of the unexpired term.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher that Chuck Johnson be appointed to serve as County Commissioner from District #08, term to expire December 31, 2016 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Wilson, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – Heeres, Bargy; Absent – None.

The Chairman made the following appointments to the Standing Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Administrative & County Services
Ed Boettcher, Chairman
David Heeres
Laura Stanek

Finance, Ways & Means
(Committee of the Whole)
Laura Stanek, Chairman
Ed Boettcher, alternate

Building, Lands & Infrastructure
Chuck Johnson, Chairman
Ed Boettcher
Bryan Smith

Health & Public Safety
Karen Bargy, Chairman
Christian Marcus
Robert Wilson

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Heeres that the above names of Standing Committees be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

The Chairman made the following appointments for the Various Boards and Commissions.

VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Other Appointments Commissioners

Antrim County Board Commission	Christian Marcus	term of elected office
Antrim Conservation District Liaison	Bryan Smith	term of elected office
Antrim Creek Natural Area	David Heeres	term of elected office
Antrim Fair Board Liaison	Karen Bargy	term of elected office
Area Agency on Aging	Karen Bargy	term of elected office
Capital Improvement Committee	Chuck Johnson	term of appointment
Capital Improvement Committee	Ed Boettcher	term of elected office
Capital Improvement Committee	Bryan Smith	term of elected office
Commission on Aging	Laurie Stanek	term of elected office
Community Corrections	Christian Marcus	term of elected office
Community Collaborative Board	Bryan Smith	term of elected office
E-911 Board	Ed Boettcher	term of elected office
EDC/BRA Board	David Heeres	term of elected office
Grass River Natural Area Liaison	Laura Stanek	term of elected office
Glacial Hills Work Group	Ed Boettcher	term of elected office
Housing Committee	Chuck Johnson	term of appointment
Housing Committee	Bryan Smith	term of elected office
Meadow Brook Liaison	Robert Wilson	term of elected office
North Country Community Mental Health	Christian Marcus	term of elected office
NW MI Community Health Department	Karen Bargy	term of elected office
NW MI Community Health Department	Robert Wilson	term of elected office
Networks Northwest (formerly NWMCOG)	Michael Crawford	term of elected office
Networks Northwest (alternate)	Robert Wilson	term of elected office
Northern Lakes Economic Alliance	David Heeres	term of elected office
Parks & Recreation Advisory	Michael Crawford	term of elected office
Planning Commission	Laura Stanek	term of elected office
Planning Commission	Chuck Johnson	term of appointment
Solid Waste/Recycling	Robert Wilson	term of elected office
Veteran's Affairs	Robert Wilson	term of elected office

Circuit Court and District Court Liaisons

Michael Crawford (Chairman Board of Commissioners)
Debra Haydell (Chief Administrative Fiscal Officer)
Laura Stanek (Chairman, Finance, Ways & Means Committee)
Peter Garwood (Antrim County Administrator)

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith the named appointments to Other Commissions to which Commissioners are appointed as representatives be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

The Chairman made the following appointments:

Capital Improvement Committee
Mike Hayes
Peter Garwood
Debra Haydell
Valerie Craft
David Vitale

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the above named appointments to the Capital Improvement Committee be approved and that the Planning Commission make one additional recommendation to Board for approval. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent –None.

Peter Garwood spoke on Commissioner Orientation set for Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. to the Call of the Chair.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday, February 12, 2015

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

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Moment of Silence

The Chairman requested Public Comment: Dennis McKee – Consumers Energy Smart Energy Program spoke on the installation of upgraded meters to enhance customer service and provide new tools and information to their customers in Antrim County. Laura Rogers, Equalization Department employee spoke on her acceptance of the full time position hiring and the series of miscommunications and emotion. Sheryl Guy, County Clerk spoke on the full time hiring of the Equalization Department employee and asked the Board to follow the Union Contract as written. Karleen Helmreich, Equalization Director spoke in support of her employee Ms. Rogers and the request that was presented to the Administration and County Services Committee. The Chairman referred this matter back to the Administration & County Services Committee. Bob Edwards, realtor spoke of the lost real estate sales caused by the possible future impact of the TCE Plume and asked for the support of the County to approve the $250,000 commitment to fund the TCE Plume project. Bethany Hawkins, homeowner Summit Village has a private well and has concerns of future contamination and asked for the support of the County to approve the $250,000 commitment to fund TCE Plume project. Dennis Woods, homeowner Summit Village spoke on his concerns of the TCE plume. Richard Toma, homeowner Shanty Creek spoke on his concerns of the TCE plume and that the TCE Plume is a County problem requesting that the County be proactive rather than reactive. David Schulz, Village of Bellaire President spoke on the Village working toward well upgrades and the addition of a second well, with proactive future planning to provide water lines to the south of M-88. Bill Bailey, realtor spoke of concerns for real estate values with the TCE Plume stigma to the County. Deb Alexander, realtor has experienced loss of sales and encouraged the Board to commit to funding. Linda Scavo, Lake Bellaire resident wants to stop the TCE Plume from moving into the Chain of Lakes and has concerns over the impact on public safety. Dan Bennett, owner of Chain of Lakes Gun Club located in Custer Township spoke on the assessed value of his property and challenged the tax assessment and the assessed value that was lowered. Tom Gilda, property owner spoke on his concerns of waiting for the State of Michigan is not an option and that the County needs to get involved now with a leadership role. Gordy Schafer owner, of the Dockside Bar and Grill at Clam River and Torch Lake spoke on Antrim County as a great place to live and visit stating the County has approved funding in the past for the Alba (Star Township) Well Injection project, the Meadowbrook MCF Renovation project and the Glacial Hills project. He supports the request for the County to commit funding for the TCE Plume Phase I project.

Public comment – Continued.

Jack Harman, President of Cedar River Home Owners Association spoke on the seriousness of safe drinking water, homes sales, home buyers and the future of new businesses coming to the Antrim County with the stigma of the TCE Plume and the unknown impact on the future of the growth of Antrim County. The DEQ has offered County with proposal of $3.00 for every County $1.00 committed to this project, Antrim County can't afford not to come up with the $250,000 for Phase I, also stating that he has twenty (20) letters from the members of the association that were unable to attend the meeting. Donna Gundle Krieg, realtor spoke of concerns of declining real estate sales due to the contamination to the aquifer by the TCE Plume, Shanty Creek business continues to increase but those that may be interested in future home ownership quickly become uninterested due to the stigma of the TCE plume. Grenetta Thomassey, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, Program Director submitted a letter supporting a "yes" vote by the Board to support this project sending a definite and clear message to potential investors in Antrim County. Scott Kendzierski –Environmental Director NW Michigan Health Department spoke of his involvement over the course of the last ten (10) years and has worked with the groups involved and that public health will be impacted if the TCE Plume is not addressed. Peggy Gilda, realtor spoke urging Board to approve funding as proposed. Tina Norris Fields, concerned citizen spoke and urged the Board to approve the funding for Phase I. Carolyn Burke, resident spoke that by the time the TCE Plume reaches her home on Lake Bellaire it will have reached the surface and stated that the meeting room for the number of people here for this issue is a violation of the Open Meetings Act as people are standing in the hallway. Christine Crissman, Executive Director of the Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay spoke in support of the plan and urged the Board to commit $250,000 to the TCE Plume Project. Randy Bishop, spoke in support of the TCE Plume Phase I and asked that the Board vote today either in support or not in support and move forward to seek other funding sources.
John Meeske, former owner of Shanty Creek in the 1970's when Shanty Creek was broke said by supporting this plan they will ensure the continued health, safety, and protection of our properties and our visitors. Randy Roth, DEQ representative stated that there is "no law that says that the State must provide drinking water to anyone" although the state does furnish clean water and bottled water. The DEQ has committed $500,000 to help fund the trichloroethylene (TCE) groundwater contamination as it relates to the municipal water system improvements. In the event the Board approves the commitment of $250,000 towards this effort, the DEQ will commit an additional $250,000 match towards Phase I. Applications are being made to the DEQ daily by communities with groundwater contamination and due to funding limitations, at this time, state cleanup funds are close to depletion. A vote to commit the funding by the Board in the amount of $250,000 will ensure that the DEQ funding offer stated will be appropriated to the TCE Plume Phase I Project.

Public comment closed at 10:15 a.m.

Consent Agenda:

Stanek requested that the item be removed from the Consent Agenda as follows:

Parks & Recreation Infrastructure Study at the cost in the amount of $8,074.00.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus the Claims and Accounts in the amount of $369,068.36 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus that the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) be approved to meet monthly on the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners room and with compensation. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus that the County Accountant be approved to make the Budget Amendments to the 2015 General Fund budget by increasing the wage, salary and corresponding benefit line items in each departmental budget in the amount of $63,282.31 to be transferred from Contingencies cost center, special projects. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus that the County Accountant be approved to make the Budget Amendments to the 2015 Other Fund budgets by increasing the wage, salary and corresponding benefit line items in Fund #249 Construction Code in the amount of $5,956.00, Fund #286 Probate Grant in the amount of $134.00, and Fund #581 Antrim County Airport in the amount of $4,167.00, with the corresponding decrease to the fund balance in each of the funds. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus to authorize the County Accountant to make an amendment to the Commission on Aging 2015 budget to transfer $33,442.00 from line item #297-000-641.010 Truck Fund Special Fundraiser to line item #297-901-980.686 Capital Outlay for the purchase of a Meals on Wheels vehicle. Motion carried as follows: Yes- Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus to authorize the County Accountant to open a special revenue fund to accept the $5,000.00 grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa local 2% funds for the Special Olympics 2015 Summer Games with the corresponding budget amendments, and that Antrim County will be the fiduciary for the grant. Motion carried as follows: Yes- Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Jim Rossiter spoke on the legal obligations of the Board when making a decision to commit County funds to the trichloroethylene (TCE) groundwater contamination as it relates to the municipal water system to assist Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA). He mentioned Public Acts 342, 185, and 233. He said the Board, before making a decision on committing funds, must consider the legal mechanisms that must be reviewed and agreed upon. The Board may negotiate a contract with MAWSA, without becoming a member of MAWSA. The contract must indicate the Board will commit up to $250,000 of Public Funds and is a one-time commitment to assist MAWSA. If the Board approves entering into a contract with MAWSA, legal counsel for both parties shall negotiate a draft contract for all parties to review.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Johnson to resolve that the County of Antrim shall negotiate the terms of a contract for up to $250,000.00 on a one-time basis to assist Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA) for the implementation of improvements to the water system. ~~Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson, Stanek; Absent – None.~~

CORRECTION – MOTION BOC MINUTES 3/12/2015

It was moved by Wilson, to **TABLE** the proposed motion to give the members time to gather additional information before making a decision. The request was not addressed by the Chairman.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Johnson to resolve that the County of Antrim shall negotiate the terms of a contract for up to $250,000.00 on a one-time basis to assist Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA) for the implementation of improvements to the water system. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson, Stanek; Absent – None.

Deana Jerdee, Executive Director gave a presentation on the Paddle Antrim Festival Friday, September 18th and Saturday, September 19th a two day kayak event spanning the lakes and waterways of Antrim County's upper and lower Chain of Lakes and the communities that make our region one of a kind: Ellsworth, Central Lake, Bellaire, Alden, Torch River, and Elk Rapids.

Mark Stone, Antrim County Operator of Dams and Drain Commissioner presented the Antrim County Operator of Dams and the Antrim County Drain Commissioner 2014 Annual Reports.

It was moved by Wilson, seconded by Marcus that the 2014 Antrim County Operator of Dams and the Antrim County Drain Commissioner Annual Reports be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Theresa Kent, Abstractor presented the Antrim County Abstractor 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the 2014 Antrim County Abstractor Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Smith that the 86th District Court recommendation to hire Ashley Justice for the Part-time Attorney Magistrate position effective start date of February 28, 2015 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – Marcus; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Boettcher the application for the Christman Company for work at the Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility Renovation Project totaling $132,325.70 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Boettcher that for the Meadowbrook Renovation Project, Owner Work Order #40 at the cost of $22,729.00 and Owner Change Order #41 at the cost of $9,075.00 for a total of $31,867.00 be approved and added to Contingencies. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith to authorize the creation of a Request for Proposal (RFP), for the Recycling Program that will separate the trucking from the tipping fee, to break down tipping fees to have Alden, Elk Rapids, and Kewadin be bid separately from the other five (5) sites, and be for a period of three (3) years. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Boettcher that the stipend paid to Mark Stone for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensing renewal project for the Hydro Electric Dam be discontinued effective January 1, 2015 due to the project completion and that the County Clerk, payroll department be directed to adjust his pay to correct the payments processed in 2015. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the County Administrator be directed to contact American Waste regarding the Recycling Program contract to request that formal notice of a one (1) year contract extension stating the cost freeze amount be obtained with signature line for both the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and an authorized American Waste official, and, if possible that costs for two (2) further year-long extensions be noted in the letter. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that Mark Stone be authorized to conduct a study of the Antrim County parks and recreation infrastructure at the cost of $7,500.00 plus $574.00 for FICA costs, total cost $8,074.00 and that funds to be transferred from the General Fund- Contingencies-Special Projects (other), with corresponding budget amendment to the General Fund, Dam Operator's for stipend and FICA. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Christian Marcus left meeting at 2:30 p.m.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Boettcher that the document submitted by Glacial Hills Work Group to provide roles and responsibilities of each of the property owners for maintaining and managing the trail be approved and sent to civil counsel to be written in legal form. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved Johnson, seconded by Boettcher that Short's Brewing Company be approved on a volunteer basis, to groom the fat tire biking trail at Glacial Hills that is on County- owned property contingent upon approval by the County's insurance carrier. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Boettcher that Race TC be approved to reserve the October 3, 2015 date for a team biking/running event at Glacial Hills. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson; No – Wilson, Bargy, Stanek; Absent –Marcus.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith to permit the online publication of the proposed Glacial Hills website on the condition that Forest Home Township and the Village of Bellaire also permit the online publication of the website. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – Wilson; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Boettcher that the Prince Family estate gift offering of twenty (20) acres property tax ID #05-02-034-010-00 be accepted in fee simple without restriction, subject to a satisfactory phase one environmental study, that a title review satisfactory to the County be completed, that the County seek approval for an easement to enter property, and that the County Administrator be directed to obtain the phase one environmental study and the cost for the study to be funded from the Forestry Fund #230. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce be approved the use of the Courthouse lawn and the use of an electrical outlet to plug in a "Bouncer" (a large inflatable toy that kids can enter and bounce around in) and that extra trash containers be allowed to be placed on Courthouse lawn for the weekend of August 14, 2015 during the annual Rubber Ducky Festival, at no extra cost to the County. Motion carried as follows: Yes- Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson that the Application for the Public Act No. 32 Primary Public Safety Answering Point Dispatcher Training Distribution (911 dispatcher training funds) Fund #259 for 2015 and associated forms prior to the February 6, 2015 deadline be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that the funds be released and the Sheriff be authorized to engage in the hiring process of the vacant Road Deputy position. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreement for new hires of the Probate/Family Court and the General Bargaining Units along with all non-union employees and the Board of Commissioners with a 60-day waiting period to be effective January 1, 2015. Motion carried as follows: Yes- Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

RESOLUTION #09-2015 by Ed Boettcher, seconded by Karen Bargy

OPPOSE SB 1123 & 1124

WE, the **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, Antrim County is the location of some wind energy developments in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, local control of the placement and monitoring of these utility scale wind developments is crucial for local townships and counties; and

WHEREAS, the administration of local zoning is a key component of local government, reflecting local inputs, local control, and local leadership; and

WHEREAS, these local controls would be limited by SB 1123 & 1124; now

RESOLUTION #09-2015 continued.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners opposes SB 1123 & 1124 and any legislation that would limit, hinder, or eliminate local control of zoning administration and implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan Counties, Senator Wayne Schmidt, Representative Triston Cole, Governor Rick Snyder, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson;
No – None;
Absent – Marcus.

RESOLUTION #09-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

The Chairman directed the County Administrator to contact Burt Thompson, Antrim County Road Commission Engineer-Manager to speak to the Board on the significant wage increases that had been awarded to the Road Commission staff. Significant increases are difficult to accept when road repairs are not being done due to the lack of funding.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded Smith that the minutes of January 8, 2015 be approved as corrected. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Smith that the minutes of Special Meeting dated January 13, 2015 be approved as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Jim Barnard and Paul Hresko to the Networks Northwest Board as members to represent the businesses of Antrim County.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher to approve the appointments of Jim Barnard and Paul Hresko to the Networks Northwest Board as members representing the businesses of Antrim County for a two-year term ending 12/31/16. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Ed Boettcher to the Charlevoix Trail Work Group to represent Antrim County.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Bargy that the appointment of Ed Boettcher to the Charlevoix Trail Work Group be approved. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher that the purchase of new batteries for four Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in the County facilities at a cost of $250.00 each for a total cost of $1,000.00 to be purchased out of the respective budgets for equipment maintenance at each location (Jail 101-351-933.001, Commission on Aging - Senior Center 297-686-933.001, 1905 Courthouse 101-264-933.001, County Building 101-265-933.001). Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

RESOLUTION #10-2015 by David Heeres, seconded by Karen Bargy

WHEREAS, most counties in the State of Michigan have a Construction Code Department to serve the residents and contractors engaging in construction projects within their county; and

WHEREAS, the Code Association Conference of Michigan, Northern Michigan Code Officials, Plumbing Inspectors Association of Michigan, Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan and International Association of Electrical Inspectors have annual conferences which feature important and required training and certification opportunities for the individual inspectors; and

WHEREAS, the leadership for the inspector association has chosen to hold the conference in September or October; and

WHEREAS, September through early December happens to be crunch time for homeowners and contractors seeking inspections from the Construction Code Departments throughout the State and is a time when the weather can make a difference in whether or not the job gets completed by winter.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests, in the future, that the leadership of the inspector associations make it a policy to only hold their association's annual conference between late December and the end of March thereby providing better service to those constituents engaged in construction projects throughout the counties of Michigan.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the Code Association Conference of Michigan, Northern Michigan Code Officials, Plumbing Inspectors Association of Michigan, Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan and International Association of Electrical Inspectors and the other 82 counties in Michigan.

Yes- Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson;
No- None;
Absent- Marcus

RESOLUTION #10-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Bargy to approve the Closed Session minutes of January 8, 2015. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Pete Garwood spoke on the upcoming Board of Commissioner training to be held at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) by Leslie Meyers, Emergency Services Coordinator to educate and train the Board on their roles and responsibilities in the event of an emergency or disaster in the County.

The Chairman directed the County Administrator to speak with the Maintenance Director, David Vitale about replacing or repairing the flag poles in the board room and to check into handrails for the handicap parking area of the County building.

David Reck, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney spoke to the Board on the related statute, MCL 124.287(1) that authorizes MAWSA and the County to enter into a contract providing for the improvement of a water supply system. This contract shall provide for the allocation and payment of the share of the total cost to be borne by each contracting municipality. Such a contract would require the County to make a legal finding that there is a public health and safety emergency or imminent threat of one. If the County wishes to do this the Board of Commissioners must by resolution authorize the execution of the contract final draft. The County must base its decision on the firm conviction that the state of emergency is real. Any County resident could contest that assertion as a way of blocking this subsidy by the County to MAWSA. It is speculative as to how a Judge would rule on the question of whether the County has the right in declaring an emergency. The written contract should contain language that MAWSA promises that the County "Shall be under no obligation, whatsoever, to participate in any further phases, projects, or mitigation efforts related to the plume." Legal Counsel for both parties shall negotiate a draft contract for all parties to review.

The Chairman asked for Public Comment: There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday, March 12, 2015

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

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus.

Absent: Ed Boettcher

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Moment of Silence

Public Comment: There was none.

Consent Agenda:

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the Claims and Accounts in the amount of $346,036.57 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent -Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy to authorize the Commission on Aging (COA) Advisory Board to approve the new copier/printer presented to them by the COA Director at their March meeting and authorize the Board of Commissioners, Board Chairman to sign a lease agreement with the company approved by the Commission on Aging Advisory Board upon review and approval of the lease agreement by Civil Counsel, with the lease expense to be paid from the Commission on Aging Fund #297. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), Adult and Disability Resource Collaborative (ADRC), a Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance Services Sub-Contract Agreement between the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM) and the Antrim County Commission on Aging (COA) commencing on January 1, 2015 and continue through September 29, 2015 be approved and the Chairman be authorized to sign the agreement. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Agreement with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for grant #MSC-2014-0333-HO. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the State of Michigan 2014- 2015 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Planning Program Grant Agreement October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 (CFDA Number: 20.703 Grant Number: HM-HMP-0439-114-01-00) be approved and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the agreement. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the County Accountant be authorized to make a budget amendment and expenditure from the Forestry Fund #230 not to exceed $1,250.00 to Grobbel Environmental & Planning Associates for the purpose of a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment of the 20 acre parcel Tax ID #05-02-034-010-00 that is being offered to the County as a gift by the Prince Family. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy to accept the low quote from Advantage Electric to connect the computer network server room UPS to the County Building generator at a cost of $5,900.00 with a warranty of one (1) year and that the County Accountant be authorized to make budget amendments and transfers from Capital Projects Fund #470 to the General Fund, Building and Grounds Capital Outlay #101-901-980.265 in the amount of $5,900.00. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Wilson, seconded by Heeres that the minutes of February 12, 2015 be approved as corrected. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Peter Garwood spoke on the email from Burt Thompson, Antrim County Road Commission Director - Engineer regarding the May 5, 2015 Ballot Proposal 1: Cost of a 7th cent of sales tax and how this could help Antrim County roads. He advised the Board that this was to be the last month of paper Board packets, but with some of the members having issues with the tablets and receiving their documents we will continue to provide paper Board packets until the issues have been resolved.

Leslie Meyers, Emergency Services Director presented the 2016 Antrim County Michigan Natural Hazards Mitigation Five (5) year Plan draft. She announced the last Active Shooter Training will be held at Shanty Creek on March 20, 2015 from 3:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m. An estimated 350 people have attended the training sessions.

Bob Massey presented the Construction Code Enforcement 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Wilson the Construction Code Enforcement 2014 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

Dewey Benson presented the Medical Examiner 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Johnson the Medical Examiner 2014 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

Heidi Shaffer, Soil Erosion Officer introduced Dianna Robinson the part- time Office Manager at Antrim County Conservation District replacing Kristy Mortham.

Heidi Shaffer presented the Antrim County Soil Erosion 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Heeres the Antrim County Soil Erosion 2014 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

Mike Meriwether presented the Antrim County Forestry and Conservation District 2014 Annual Reports.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Smith the Antrim County Forestry and the Conservation District 2014 Annual Reports be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson that the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance Purchase of Service Agreement between Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program, Inc., (MMAP) and Antrim County Commission on Aging (COA), with the effective date October 1, 2014 and continues as long as Pool funds remain available, but no later than September 29, 2017 be accepted and the Chairman be authorized to sign the agreement. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the Antrim County Airport Manager be approved to purchase of airport liability insurance from Global Aerospace through NationAir Aviation Insurance in the amount of $7,755.00 which includes increasing the general liability to $15,000,000 at an additional cost of $255.00 and increasing the hangar keeper's liability to $5,000,000 at an additional cost of $324.00 for the policy period: March 15, 2015 to March 15, 2016. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that Sergeant Todd Rawling, Jail Administrator be authorized to send notification to the existing commissary vendor that their contract will not be renewed, and approve the development and issuance of a request for proposals (RFP) and the selection of the most appropriate commissary vendor for a three (3) year contract. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Meadowbrook Renovation Project, Owner Change Order #30 at a cost of $.00 and the Owner Change Order #42 at a cost of $9,496.00 be approved and added to Contingencies. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith to approve the removal of a portion of the trail system at Grass River Natural Area which allows access to habitat (Finch Creek floodplain) the stretch is .17 mile of trail and in very poor condition, other existing trails allow access to Finch Creek at the Grass River Natural Area (GRNA). Motion carried as Follows: Yes- Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith to accept the low quote from Work' n Play Shop for a John Deere tractor and associated equipment for the Maintenance Department, with the trade in of the current tractor at a total cost of $11,831.99 to be paid from the General Fund, Capital Outlay-County Building #101-901-980.265 as budgeted. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith the American Waste Recycling Contract be extended for one (1) year and the cost not to exceed $339,480.00 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith the County Administrator be directed to write a letter of support for Milton Township to purchase the Water's Edge Resort to create 450' of frontage on Elk Lake to create a new Milton Township Beach in the heart of the Village of Kewadin and to support their application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for partial funding of the project prior to the April 1, 2015 deadline. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Chairman be authorized to sign a communication to the Department of Management Technology and Budget (DMTB) to move the Department of Human Services (DHS) to a temporary month-by-month lease #10171 agreement at the monthly base rate of $6,512.06 plus any adjustments consistent with the Antrim County Cost Allocation Plan to begin April 1, 2015 until a longer term lease agreement based on the Cost Allocation Plan (CAP) can be finalized. Motion carried as follows – all present voting yes.

Terry Smith and Wendy Johnson spoke to the Board on the Antrim County Township Ambulance Authority EMS covering Central Lake, Chestonia, Custer, Forest Home, Helena, Kearney, Mancelona, Star and Warner Townships. The authority has terminated their contract with Allied EMS effective March 31, 2015 and most planned changes will take place in administration and will not affect the operational duties regarding patient care regulated by legislation and medical control standards.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres the funds be released and the Register of Deeds, Patty Niepoth be authorized to fill the vacant permanent irregular part-time Clerk II position as budgeted for 2015. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

The Chairman appointed Dr. Veronica Welter to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and William Bailey to the Capital Improvement Plan Committee.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres to approve the appointment of Dr. Veronica Welter to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for a two-year term ending 12/31/2016 and William Bailey to the Capital Improvement Plan Committee (CIP) for a one-year term ending 12/31/2015. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – Marcus; Absent - Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres to approve the addition of language regarding criminal convictions to the interest notification forms for appointed boards, commissions and committees. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

Jerome Dobrzelewski and Fred Hunt, members of the Antrim County Road Commission, spoke to the Board on the recent wage increases negotiated for the employees with Teamsters Union and the Non-union unpresented staff. Stating that the Road Commission staff wages had been frozen for the years: 2012, 2013 and 2014; and beginning July 1, 2011, all employees had a significant change in their health care plan which resulted in a large increase of employees' out of pocket expenses. The increases that were given estimated to be .95% per year over the last six (6) years and the additional increase to the Road Commission Engineer- Manager, was to adjust the salary to become in line with the neighboring Counties for the position. The May 5, 2015 Election Ballot Proposal 1 to increase the sales tax by one cent if it passes will generate an additional 2.3 million for county roads after full implementation in year three. This is a 68% increase in funding. Although we have at least a $34 million need for county paved roads, this will go a long way toward improving our roads.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Dobrzelewski and Mr. Hunt for speaking to the Board on the wage increases for the road commission staff and the information provided for the May 5th Ballot Proposal.

James MacQuarrie, Administrator Mancelona Area Water & Sewer Authority spoke to the Board requesting that the Agreement for the Water Facility Construction and Operation as drafted by James Young, Attorney for the TCE plum project be approved.

The Chairman spoke on the proposed contract that the Board members had received in an email from James Rossiter, Civil Counsel for the County, stating that he has reviewed the proposed contract and it is his legal opinion that the proposed contract lacks the legal basis that would enable the County to sign as drafted. With Mr. Rossiter unavailable to attend the Board meeting today we are unable to discuss the contract as proposed.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Stanek that the Board reconsider the motion to resolve that the County of Antrim shall negotiate the terms of a contract for up to $250,000.00 on a one-time basis to assist Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA) for the implementation of improvements to the water system. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Stanek; No – Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; Absent – Boettcher**. MOTION DIED**

Robert Wilson spoke on the motion that was passed at the last Board meeting and that his request to **TABLE** the issue was not considered by the Chairman. He was asking that the members be given time to gather additional information on the former Wickes Manufacturing TCE Plume Site before making a decision. According to the Board's Policies, Procedures and Rules the request to Table should have been acknowledged by the Chairman and the motion should have not been voted on.

James MacQuarrie spoke on the progress that has been made by the Mancelona Area Water & Sewer Authority (MAWSA), Antrim County, Antrim County United through Ecology (ACUTE), and the State of Michigan, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The plume is estimated to impact Shanty Creek wells in five (5) years. The commitment of the State of Michigan, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) having pledged the funds for the project in the amount of $750,000.00 and applications are being made to the DEQ daily by communities with groundwater contamination and due to funding limitations, at this time, state cleanup funds are close to depletion. The contract will be sent back to legal counsel and will provide a revised draft when it becomes available.

Laura Stanek spoke on her concerns regarding the various people who received a copy of the proposed draft Agreement for the Water Facility Construction and Operation prior to the contract being sent to the Board members and Legal Counsel. Mr. MacQuarrie was directed to send future drafts and documents concerning the TCE Plume Project to the Board members, Legal Counsel, and County Administrator.

The Chairman asked for public comment at 2:20 p.m.

Randy Bishop spoke to the Board on how he received a copy of the proposed agreement for the Water Facility Construction and Operation for the TCE Plume through an email. Becky Norris spoke on the Robert's Rules of Order as to when and how a motion can be reconsidered. Bethany Hawkins spoke of her concerns to the ongoing negotiations of the TCE Plume Project and the length of time it is taking to negotiate and reach an agreement. Deborah Goldenberg stated that those that attended the meeting last month appreciated the Board's decision to continue to move forward with the TCE Plume Project. Donna Gundle Krieg requested that the Board continue to move forward and that the real estate market is showing signs of improving due to the commitment of the County for this project. Garry Knapp stated that documentation has been submitted to the County from 2013 to date from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Antrim County United through Ecology (ACUTE), Three Lakes Association, District Health Department and the AMEC Engineering Annual Report for the Monitoring for 2014. Public comment closed at 2:35 p.m.

County Administrator, Peter Garwood spoke on the resignation of Jim Rossiter as Civil Counsel for the County he stated that he will continue to work on matters that are already assigned to him. All new matters will have to be contracted out.

The Chairman directed the County Administrator, Peter Garwood to gather information for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the contracting of Antrim County Civil Counsel and that this be sent to the Administration & County Services Committee.

The Chairman directed the County Administrator, Peter Garwood to review the renewal contracts in the absence of Civil Counsel or until a contract has been reached.

The County Administrator gave an update of the County Policy review. The Chairman directed that the review of County Policies be sent to the Administrative & County Services Committee and was not in favor at this time to create an Ad Hoc Committee.

The Chairman directed the Finance, Ways and Means Committee to pursue the Recycling Program Funding research and provide full Board with options.

The County Administrator, Peter Garwood updated the Board on the Glacial Hills Agreement and that civil counsel continues on work through the Urban Cooperation Act.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Monday, March 30, 2015

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus.

Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

The Chairman requested Public Comment: There was none.

County Administrator, Peter Garwood spoke of the recent resignation of the Equalization Director Karleen Helmreich. The County has a large liability concern if the reporting's aren't completed timely to the State Tax Commission but if needed the County can request an extension. The County has two (2) options available pending the hiring of a new Equalization Director. 1) Ms. Helmreich has provided a contract proposal if deemed necessary to contract monthly to proceed and work toward the completion of the State Tax Commission requirements of the Equalization Director for the 2015 reporting at a cost of $6,000 per month, also to be paid out her remaining accrued vacation hours, and to reclassify the Equalization Department's Clerk II position as a Clerk I and to make Michigan Certified Assessing Officer (MCAO), level II certification a requirement of that Clerk I position and that the current employee in that position obtain the certification in a timely manner. 2) The County contract with Polly Cairns, City of Grand Traverse Assessor to perform the completion of the required reports for a flat fee that would be negotiated. Ms. Cairns gave an estimated figure of $20,000, but will need to visit the Equalization office to see exactly what shape the assessment rolls are in and to evaluate the processes in Antrim County.

Some of the discussed issues:

State Tax Commission Requirements of an Equalization Director with Annual Deadlines
Equalization Directors resignation March 31, 2015 and the proposed contract offered to Antrim County by Ms. Helmreich to complete the 2015 equalization reports as follows: The recommending of the equalized value of each class of real and personal property for each local unit and present to the County Board of Commissioners; file form L-4023, reporting the final recommended state equalized value for each class for each of the local units; File the official County Board of Commissioners report of County Equalization L-4024 and deliver the statement of the computations to the County Treasurer. Additional demands being requested are to be paid out her accrued vacation hours and to reclassify the Equalization Department's Clerk II position as a Clerk I.
Status of the Equalization Clerk II Union Grievance and Appeal denied.

Discussion continued.

Teamster Local Union 214 Bargaining Agreement with County and procedures to reclassify the employees within the bargaining unit whom have followed the contract procedures.
County Treasurer Sherry Comben – Stated her concerns to comply and the reporting for the (15) Townships and the County Agreement.
Request an extension for reporting to the State.
That the County begin the process to address the need to restructure the Equalization Department to prevent these urgent situations.
Board members were not given enough time to review and study the options before them.

Robert Wilson requested that according to the Antrim County Commissioner Procedures Section 5.24 Deferred Action be followed. "Any Commissioner may demand deferral of an issue until the following Board meeting if he/she has not had sufficient time (3 days) to consider that issue."

Karleen Helmreich spoke to the Board of her opportunity to accept the position as Equalization Director in 2014 she was anxious to start and be afforded the benefit package. She stated that the Proposal to contract the 2015 equalization processes, to be paid at the rate of $6,000 per month, also to be paid out her accrued vacation hours, and that the Clerk II position be reclassified to a Clerk I. When the Board approved the budget amendment to restore the full time position she was under the impression that the Clerk II would be paid at the rate of pay proposed on worksheet. She stated that she stands firm on her proposal and is not willing to withdraw the Clerk II reclassification request. Take offer or don't take offer,

The Chairman requested Public Comment:

Debra Ho'on spoke on classifications within the Union Contract for the job rankings and the process in which to request reclassifications. Concerned with requirements to support a reclassification and the proof that is expected to prove a reclassification is valid and that an employee be rewarded according to Union Contract. Micki Hocking spoke on one (1) county employee that is currently a Level II Certified Assessor and there is one (1) employee that has been certified in the past and could have been recertified. Those referred to may have been interested in the Equalization Clerk position and may have signed the posting but the position was never posted as required per the Union Contract. Public comment closed at 9:56 a.m.

The Chairman referred to Robert Wilson's request that the Antrim County Board of Commissioner Procedures per Section 5.24 Deferred Action be followed. "Any Commissioner may demand deferral of an issue until the following Board meeting if he/she has not had sufficient time (3 days) to consider that issue.

The Chairman requested that a Special Meeting be scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the Equalization Director Position and Contracts.

Peter Garwood spoke to the Board on the status of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Civil Counsel with the deadline approaching March 31, 2015 he has received one (1) response and one (1) phone inquiry.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Wednesday, April 1, 2015

SPECIAL MEETING

Chairman Michael Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus.

Absent: Karen Bargy

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

The Chairman requested Public Comment: Micki Hocking read the motion from the Special Meeting for the Administration and County Services Committee dated March 17, 2015, "Motion by Laura Stanek, seconded by Dave Heeres, to deny the grievance request filed by Laura Rogers as it would be inconsistent with the collective bargaining agreement between Antrim County and the Teamster's Local 214. Motion carried – unanimous." Public comment closed at 6:03 p.m.

Peter Garwood spoke on behalf of Jonathan Scheel Antrim County Housing Director, the Housing Policy and Procedures requires legal review of client abstracts. With the recent approval of the CDBG Housing Grant, there are eleven (11) client's projects ready to move forward and without legal counsel, he is unable to fulfill the title review requirement as stated in the Policy and Procedures of the Housing Department. Mr. Scheel has been trained by MSHDA in the process that they require to safeguard the County's mortgages and has performed these reviews with the housing programs in Kalkaska, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. As the Director of the Antrim County Housing Department he is requesting that he be authorized to review and approve the abstracts for the eleven (11) projects prepared by the County Abstract Department. The Board would have to approve the waiver of the Antrim County Housing Department Policy and Procedures for these projects due to the County having no legal counsel at this time.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Smith that the Antrim County Housing Director, Jonathan Scheel be authorized to review and approve the abstracts prepared by the Antrim County Abstract Department for the projects that are currently in place as of April 1, 2015; that the Antrim County Housing Policy and Procedures adopted November 8, 2012 portion be waived that requires legal counsel review and approval; and subject to the County Administrator, verifying Mr. Scheel's training with two of the three Counties (Kalkaska, Charlevoix, Emmet). Motion carried all present voting yes.

Peter Garwood spoke on the Equalization Director Position and Contract options available to the Board to fulfill the County's obligation for preparation and reporting of the 2015 equalization process.
Option 1 – Contract with Polly S. Cairns Michigan Master Assessing Officer (MMAO-Level IV) for Traverse City at the cost of $20,000.00 to complete all reporting required through June 30, 2015.
Option 2 –Contract with Karleen Helmreich at a cost of $6,000.00 per month to complete all reporting requirements; Payout of accrued vacation time in the amount estimated to be $800.00; Reclassify the Clerk II in the department to a Clerk I and require the employee in the position become Level II – Michigan Certified Assessing Officer (MCCAO) as soon as reasonably possible.
Option 3- No action taken would cause the State to step in and complete the 2015 Equalization processes and reporting for Antrim County at a cost that is unknown.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the contract to hire Polly S. Cairns, Michigan Master Assessing Officer (MMAO-Level IV) to perform the Antrim County 2015 Equalization reporting processes and to work with the County's Agreement with the Townships and meet the Tax State Commission requirements through June 30, 2015 and to include the equalized value of each class of real and personal property for each local unit and present to the County Board of Commissioners; file form L-4023, reporting the final recommended state equalized value of each class of the local units; file the official County Board of Commissioners report of County Equalization L-4024 and deliver the statement of the computation to the County Treasurer by the deadline at the cost of $20,000.00 and authorized the Chairman to sign the contract. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Wilson, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Heeres, Boettcher; Absent – Bargy.

Peter Garwood reported that he has received six (6) legal counsel proposals and that the Administration and County Services Committee will be reviewing them at their meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2015.

Robert Wilson asked about the status of printing from the Board tablets. Janet Koch will follow up with the I.T. Director Valerie Craft and report back.

The Chairman requested Public Comment: Laura Rogers spoke to the Board on the lack of support the former Equalization Director Karleen Helmreich received from the County Administrator and the Board, and on her acceptance of the full time position and the series of miscommunications. Public comment closed at 6:40 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday, April 9, 2015

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

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus

Absent: Ed Boettcher

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Invocation offered by Triston Cole.

The Chairman requested Public Comment: There was none.

Consent Agenda:

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the Claims and Accounts in the amount of $258,735.21 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the budget amendment be approved to transfer the remaining funds in the amount of $17,389.15 from the General fund Prosecuting Attorney's - Civil Counsel cost line item 101-267-706 to the Board of Commission's – Civil Counsel cost line item 101-101-806. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Antrim County Airport land lease agreement between Antrim County and Laker Aviation, LLC for the term of twenty (20) years commencing April 9, 2015 and expiring on December 31, 2035. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the invoice in the amount of $3,660.00 from Arndt Electric Service for the completion of repairs at the Bellaire Dam as approved by the Board September 11, 2014 be paid and that a budget amendment be made from the Dam Reserve Fund #142. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that a 2015 budget amendment increase of $3,045.00 for Fund #220 Contractual Services for a total budget balance of $5,545.00 (220-442-802) be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the 2015 Remonumentation Grant Contract with the State of Michigan, that the Grant Administrator Peter Garwood be authorized to sign the agreement, which now includes the submission of latitude and longitude, and the following 2015 budget amendments be approved: Revenue be decreased by $3,604.00 changing from $50,133.00 to $46,529.00, 101-000-575; Training be decreased by $600.00 changing from $600.00 to $0.00, 101-278-725; Operating Supplies be increased by $129.00 changing from $2,000.00 to $2,129.00, 101-278-741; Contractual Services be increased by $7,000.00 changing from $37,400.00 to $44,400.00, 101-278-802. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the transfer of $1,074.89 from the 2015 General Fund #101, Appropriations #967, to the Energy Savings Fund #242 Revenue and to approve a budget amendment for the General Fund #101 for department #967 expenditure. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy the transfer of $20,000.00 for the payment of services to Polly Cairns, W.A.S., LLC, from the General Fund #101, Equalization #257 Salary line item #702 to the Equalization Department – Contractual Services (101-257-802), be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Johnson that the minutes of March 12, 2015, the Special Minutes of March 30, 2015, and the Special Minutes of April 1, 2015 be approved. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Pat Simmons, Department of Human Services Director spoke of her concerns of the State of Michigan Department of Management and Budget having been ordered by Governor Snyder to cut five (5) million dollars in rental and leases across the State. The Governor is pushing consolidation and the closing of some of the Departments of Human Services (DHS) offices. She urged the Board to support the local Department of Human Services Office to keep the office from closing and keep the local Department of Human Service applicants and Client/Customer access local. If the Antrim County Office closed the closest offices will be Traverse City, Grand Traverse County and Petoskey, Emmet County offices and this will greatly impact the residents of Antrim County.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator spoke of the letter that he has sent to Senator Wayne Schmidt asking for his support to keep the offices of the Department of Human Services in Antrim County and that the closing and moving out of the Bellaire office will have a tremendous negative impact on the residents of Antrim County. Representative Triston Cole, present today, is also aware of our concerns and the negative impact this would cause for the County and our residents. He reported that the lease agreement rates are based on the County Cost Allocation Program, completed each year using the same format that the State of Michigan uses to calculate their lease agreements with the Federal Government. Further negotiations with the Department of Management and Budget will be thoroughly considered before their final decision is rendered.

Norman R. Hayes, Antrim County Probate and Family Court Judge presented the Antrim County Probate Court and the Antrim County Family Division 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the Antrim County Probate Court and the Antrim County Family Division 2014 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

Marna Robertson, Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility Administrator presented the Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Stanek that the Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility 2014 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

David Schulz, Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility Administrative Services Director presented the Meadow View Senior Housing 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Meadow View Senior Housing 2014 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Andy Hayes, President, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) presented the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Stanek that the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) 2014 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Scott Papineau, Antrim County Surveyor presented the Antrim County Surveyor 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Johnson that the Antrim County Surveyor 2014 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Crystal Swain, Vice President of the Antrim County Fair Board presented the Antrim County Fair 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Marcus that the Antrim County Fair 2014 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

John Strehl, Antrim County Airport Manager presented the Antrim County Airport 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the Antrim County Airport 2014 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Haley Breniser, Executive Director, Grass River Natural Area (GRNA), and James Dake, Director of Education, together presented the Grass River Natural Area, Inc. 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Marcus that the Grass River Natural Area, Inc. 2014 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

Heidi Shaffer, Antrim County Conservation Soil Erosion Officer spoke to the Board on Invasion Plant Control and the Eurasian Water-milfoil an extremely aggressive weed that is very likely to spread to the entire chain of lakes. The Antrim County Conservation District is accepting a grant to create and manage the CAKE-CISMA under the MDNR's direction. She requested that the County prepare a letter of support for the District's services to the county and its residents and the District's efforts to manage invasive species in Antrim County and the CAKE-CISMA Region. The County recognizes the need to work as a community to protect the natural resources of the area and support for in kind local match of the Soil Erosion Office and County Forester time, benefits, office space, equipment, mileage and volunteers not to exceed $22,480.00.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the County Administrator be directed to prepare a letter of support for the Antrim County Conservation District in accepting a grant to create and manage the CAKE-CISMA and approve an in kind local match for the Professional Personnel Inventory of the Soil Erosion Officer and County Forester time, benefits, office space, equipment, mileage and volunteers not to exceed $22,480.00. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith the application for payment from the Christman Company for work at the Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility Renovation Project totaling $26,536.38 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Art Rapids! and Antrim County. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – Marcus; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Bargy that Art Rapids! be approved to continue to display the Pail of Dreams sculpture in the Elk Rapids Day Park until June 1, 2019. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – Marcus; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that Art Rapids! be approved to schedule events at the Elk Rapids Day Park on Saturday, June 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. "Art Beat", Tuesday, July 30 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. "A concert in the park's pavilion", Tuesday, September 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. "Business After Hours" to be held in the pavilion and the week of July 21 "art camp for kids" ages 7-12 to be held during four mornings at the pavilion. Motion carried as follows: Yes- Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Bargy that Art Rapids! be approved to display a tile mosaic at the Elk Rapids Day Park bathhouse through the 2015 season with the provision that the bathhouse not be altered in any way. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that Tailwind Racing be approved to hold a mountain bike race at Glacial Hills on Saturday, August 22 and that Tailwind Racing provide the appropriate certificates of insurance to the County prior to race date and all required amenities at no cost to the County. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Bellaire Boy Scout Troop #76 be approved the use of the County Building front parking lot for a yard sale fundraiser to be held on Saturday, May 23 through Sunday, May 24 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day and provide name of insurance carrier and at a cost of $1.00. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith to authorize the County Administration Office to put out for bid the replacement of the hot/cold water heater for the Barnes Park original bathhouse. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

The Chairman requested that Building, Lands & Infrastructure Committee address the Antrim Creek Natural Area (ACNA) boat access improvement plan.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Manna Food Project and the Antrim County Commission on Aging. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent –Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract #2015-0152 (Federal Project No. D-26-0011-2912 install guidance signs including apron lights & wind cone design) for and on behalf of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners with the project cost of $17,000.00, at a cost of $850.00 to the County and remaining $16,150.00 from the Federal and the State governments. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

RESOLUTION #11-2015 by Karen Bargy, seconded by Christian Marcus

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Michael Crawford Chairman, be authorized and directed to execute the Contract #2015-0152 (Federal Project No. D-26-0011-2912; Install Guidance Signs Including Apron Lights & Windcone –Design) for and on behalf of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners.

Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus;
No – None;
Absent – Boettcher.

RESOLUTION #11-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres that the funds be released and the Sheriff, Dan Bean begin the hiring process to fill the vacant full-time dispatcher position. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres that the Chairman appoints Ed Sayre to be the Antrim County Emergency Services (ACES) representative to the 911 Board for the 2015 term. Motion carried as follows – All present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Ed Sayre to be the Antrim County Emergency Services (ACES) representative to the 911 Board for the 2015 term.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Marcus that the appointment of Ed Sayre to be the Antrim County Emergency Services (ACES) representative to the 911 Board for the term ending 12/31/2015. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres that the letter of resignation from the Prosecuting Attorney James Rossiter as Antrim County's Civil Counsel be accepted and that the Law Firm Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, P.L.C. be hired as Civil Counsel, and if the law firm Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, P.L.C. does not accept, that the law firm Plunkett Cooney, P.L.C. be hired as Civil Counsel. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson that the Committee's Agenda be put on the County website without attachments for the public and that the private portal that is used for Board members, County Employees and Elected Officials contain the agenda with the attachments, and that the attachments be posted with the minutes of each committee for the public. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Wilson, Bargy, Stanek; No – Heeres, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; Absent – Boettcher. **MOTION FAILED.**

On recommendation from the Circuit Court Judges, the Chairman appointed Michael Shanahan from Mancelona to the Antrim County Jury Board.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy to accept the appointment of Michael Shanahan to the Antrim County Jury Board term to expire April 30, 2017. Motion carried - all present voting yes.

Peter Garwood spoke on the Antrim County 2015 Equalization Report and that the Chairman will need to call a special meeting for Polly Cairns to present the report to the Board in April.

Christian Marcus left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Christian Marcus returned to meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Chuck Johnson left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Bethany Hawkins spoke on the MAWSA contract and requested that the Board make the contract their highest priority now that the Board has hired Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, P.L.C. for the County's legal counsel. Randy Bishop spoke of a new business Antrim County Ammunition Company recently opened in Mancelona. Public comment closed at 2:44 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday, April 23, 2015

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus.

Absent: Laura Stanek

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

The Chairman requested Public Comment: There was none.

Equalization Director, Polly Cairns presented the 2015 Equalization Report.
(Pages 197, 198 & 199)

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Smith the 2015 Equalization Report be accepted. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Stanek.

County Administrator, Peter Garwood reminded the Board to sign up for the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) luncheon on May 20th.

The Chairman requested that the Board approve an appropriation in the amount of $1,000.00 for the Petoskey Stone Festival.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Boettcher that that County Accountant be approved to make the Budget Amendment to the 2015 General Fund Budget to transfer $1,000.00 from Special Projects, Contingencies (101-895-999), to the Petoskey Stone Festival Fund #285. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson; No – Wilson, Bargy, Marcus; Absent – Stanek.

The Chairman requested Public Comment: There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m. to the Call of the Chair.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday, May 14, 2015

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

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus.
Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Invocation offered by Randy Bishop

The Chairman requested Public Comment: Linda Gallagher, Representative of the Petoskey Stone Festival reported on the progress of the Festival scheduled for May 23, 2015 and thanked the Board for their continued support. She reported that she will be stepping down as representative of the festival but will continue to volunteer. Bill Derenzy, Supervisor of Echo Township spoke in opposition to the proposed action of the Board to the enter into a contract for up to $250,000.00 on a one-time basis to assist the Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA), this may be viewed as setting precedent and he recommended that the Board consider a special assessment. David Peterson spoke on various concerns with the proposed agreement between the County and Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA), the Agreement for the Water Facility Construction and Operation. Steve Grill spoke on the processes taken to negotiate the terms of the proposed contract naming the five (5) attorneys involved with Jim Rossiter being the only attorney that did not agree. The proposed agreement offered to the Board today has been approved by the County's legal counsel and Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA), legal counsel. Randy Bishop spoke of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) which is working collaboratively with the Village of Mancelona, Networks Northwest and Northern Lakes Economic Alliance to develop a Regional US-131 corridor strategy plan. The next work session is scheduled for June 16, 2015 and he encouraged all members to attend. Public comment closed at 9:25 a.m.

Consent Agenda:

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Johnson the Claims and Accounts in the amount of $303,972.93 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Johnson that funds be released in the amount of $58,807.00 from the General Fund, Capital Outlay – Sheriff for the purchase of two (2) Dodge Chargers; one pursuit patrol vehicle and one detective vehicle be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Johnson that the request from County Forester, Mike Meriwether to plant trees in the Cedar River Natural Area at a cost of $500.00 be approved and paid from the Forestry Fund #230 and that the County Accountant be authorized to make the budget amendment. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Johnson that the County Accountant be authorized to make a budget amendment to increase the General Fund #101, Department #134 Family Court – Detention Support, line item #802 contractual in the amount of $4,131.00 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Johnson that the County Accountant be authorized to make a correcting journal entry in the 2014 Register of Deeds expenditures to increase the wage line item for Deputy #2, 101-268-704.00 in the amount of $29,953.78 and decrease the Other Wage line item 101-268-705 for the same dollar value be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the minutes of April 19, 2015 be approved. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the minutes of the Special Meeting dated April 23, 2015 be approved. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Al Meacham, Antrim County Transportation Director presented the Antrim County Transportation 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Wilson that the 2014 Antrim County Transportation Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Deborah Peters, Veterans Affairs Director presented the 2014 Antrim County Veterans Affairs Annual Report.

It was moved by Wilson, seconded by Johnson that the 2014 Antrim County Veterans Affairs Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Computer System and Software License Sales Agreement with Fidlar Technologies for the Register of Deeds office. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus that the County Accountant be authorized to make a budget amendment for the Register of Deeds Automation Fund #256, Equipment 980.268 in the amount of $23,000.00 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Jennifer Berkey, Interim District Coordinator, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension presented the 2014 Michigan State University Extension Annual Report.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Johnson that the 2014 Michigan State University Extension Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Wilson that the County Accountant be authorized to make a budget amendment in the amount of $400.00 in Fund #468-Grass River Center Construction for equipment maintenance and that the funds be released and two (2) invoices from Sheren Plumbing & Heating be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that the reclassification of the Commission on Aging Head Cook, Paul Tate to Food Service Coordinator and that the position be indexed in the pay grade of the Clerk II wage scale starting at the one (1) year rate of pay $14.45 per hour per the General Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement and that in accordance with the General Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement the reclassification will be effective the first full pay period in July 2015. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Wilson that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Tuition Reimbursement Agreement between Antrim County and Casey Guthrie, Equalization Department Appraiser, for reimbursement of enrollment costs associated with the Michigan Advanced Assessing Officer Level 3 Certification a twelve (12) month course through the State Tax Commission Certified Assessing Officer Training program. Mr. Guthrie must provide proof that he has passed and completed the course before tuition is reimbursed. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the request of Laura Rogers Clerk II of the Equalization Department, be temporarily moved from full- time employment of 37.5 hours per week to part-time employment of 32 hours per week, following the applicable union contract regarding benefits, for a period of three months with the stipulation that if the workload of the position is not completed in a timely and satisfactory manner, the position will be restored back to full-time immediately. The temporary, regular part-time status will take effect on May 25, 2015 and be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; No – Stanek; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the Amended Authority to Sign Contract Policy be approved and adopted. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the contract with Experience Works to provide a temporary, irregular, part-time employee for the County Accountant's office be approved at no cost to the County. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #12-2015 by Ed Boettcher, seconded by Laura Stanek

Village of Mancelona Economic Development Strategy
PARTNERSHIP RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Northwest Michigan Communities along the US-131 corridor, including Cadillac, Manton, Fife Lake, South Boardman, Kalkaska, Mancelona, Alba, Boyne Falls, Walloon Lake, and Petoskey, are uniquely positioned for high-impact economic development efforts based on the availability of broadband, industrial infrastructure, highway, rail, trails, and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Mancelona has identified goals to work toward greater prosperity and economic opportunity for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Mancelona, Networks Northwest, the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, and other local stakeholders are working collaboratively to develop a Village of Mancelona Economic Development Strategy; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the US-131 corridor, Networks Northwest, the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, and other local and regional partners are working collaboratively to develop a Regional US-131 Economic Development Strategy; and

WHEREAS, Antrim County recognizes that a locally-driven economic development strategy can help identify and prioritize actions that will create the conditions for enhanced economic opportunity in the Village of Mancelona, and;

WHEREAS, Antrim County recognizes that a collaborative economic development effort can help identify corridor-wide assets and opportunities that will create the conditions for economic prosperity along and beyond the US-131 corridor, while providing a platform that allows communities to work together on the corridor's most important issues; and

WHEREAS, Antrim County is supportive of efforts to create conditions for enhanced economic prosperity and opportunity in the Village of Mancelona and along the US-131 corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Antrim County agrees to cooperatively engage in and/or support the development of the Village of Mancelona Economic Development Strategy and the Regional US-131 Corridor Economic Development Strategy.

Yes- David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus;
No – None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #12-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that Valerie Craft, IT Director be authorized to upload the 2005 Antrim County digital orthophotography to the County's website. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Bill Broadwick, a representative for the Antrim County Community Collaborative presented the 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Smith that the 2014 Antrim County Community Collaborative 2014 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Peter Garwood introduced the County's civil counsel Haider Kazim. Both presented the final draft of the Antrim County Resolution and Agreement for Water Facility Construction and Operation with the Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA) for the implementation of improvements to the water system. The contract terms negotiated have been reviewed and approved by legal counsel. The agreement contains the language for the funding of up to $250,000.00 on a one-time-basis to assist Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA) who shall not ask for, or request any additional payments whatsoever from the County related to the Project at any point in the future.

Peter Garwood requested disclosure of any pecuniary interest that a Board member may have that would present the appearance of impropriety commissioners responded:

Bryan Smith, Commissioner District #5 resident of Kearney Township stated that he has a real estate license which is hanging at the Shanty Creek Real Estate Properties office but he has not sold real estate for over nine (9) years; and his wife is the Accountant for Shanty Creek Real Estate Properties and has been employed by Grant Rowe for the past twenty-five (25) years.

Michael Crawford, Commissioner District #6 resident of Helena Township stated that he is the owner of a parcel inside the Shanty Creek properties since 1977 which has been for sale for several years.

Haider Kazim, civil counsel rendered legal opinion that the statements provided by Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Crawford are acceptable and did not recommend that either member abstain from voting.

RESOLUTION #13-2015 by Ed Boettcher, seconded by Christian Marcus

COUNTY OF ANTRIM

STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR WATER FACILITY CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION

RECITALS

WHEREAS, a plume of trichloroethylene (TCE)-contaminated water originates in or near the Village of Mancelona in Antrim County and is migrating in a northwesterly direction toward the Shanty Creek Resort area. Experts assert that there is a reasonable basis to believe that the TCE plume could contaminate the Cedar River Well Field of the Authority, which supplies water to many residents in that area and in the next few years, that plume will also contaminate the wells that supply water to Shanty Creek Resort. Such contamination would render these wells useless. In addition, contamination of the

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groundwater aquifer stops the installation of private wells for new homes in the affected area due to the Health Department's Well-First Policy;

WHEREAS, Shanty Creek is the largest employer in Antrim County. Its economic viability plays a significant and important role in the economic vitality of the County. The inability to construct private wells for new homes or new businesses or the contamination of existing wells (or even a public perception of such a situation) would render many parcels in the area unmarketable, decrease property values and adversely impact the property tax base of the County, various townships and local school districts. In addition, the TCE plume will contaminate ground water and adversely impact the health, safety and welfare of persons living in the Cedar River Well Field and water users at the Shanty Creek Resort;

WHEREAS, Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA) is a Michigan public authority and municipal corporation pursuant to MCL 124.284, and has the power pursuant to MCL 124.284(2)(e) to determine the location of any water supply project constructed by it, to determine the design, standards, and the materials of construction for that project, and to construct, maintain, repair, and operate the project;

WHEREAS, Antrim County is a Michigan body politic and municipal corporation with the power to enter into contracts pursuant to MCL 45.3, and has the power pursuant to MCL 46.171(1) to establish a system of water services within the County;

WHEREAS, the construction of a storage tank near the Cedar River Well Field, and new mains & pumps to connect MAWSA's water system near Schuss Mountain area to its Cedar River area water system, and the necessary emergency electrical supply to provide water service to the potentially impacted area has been proposed (the Project);

WHEREAS, since MAWSA may have a portion of its existing water supply system adversely impacted by the plume and already has the ability to administer and operate a water supply system, the County has determined that it is most efficient for MAWSA to manage the construction of the Project and then to administer, operate, maintain, and repair the Project rather than for any other entity, including the County to undertake these actions;

WHEREAS, The County has elected to pay MAWSA a specified sum of money in exchange for MAWSA undertaking all other aspects of the Project;

WHEREAS, the Agreement for Water Facility Construction and Operation is authorized by the Michigan Partnership Act (specifically MCL 124.113 and MCL 124.115) which, among other things, allows the joint exercise of any function or service which the County or Authority could exercise separately;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the Agreement for Water Facility Construction and Operation. Attached hereto and becoming a part of this resolution, is hereby approved in its entirety;

RESOLUTION # 13-2015 continued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any other agreements relating to the Project, written or otherwise, are rescinded in their entirety, and are declared null and void.

YES:	David Heeres, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus;
NO:	Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Laura Stanek;
ABSENT:	None;
ABSTAIN:	None.

RESOLUTION #13-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

AGREEMENT FOR WATER FACILITY
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION

THIS AGREEMENT is between the County of Antrim, a Michigan body politic and municipal corporation, whose address is P.O. Box 520, Bellaire, Michigan 49615 (the County) and the Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority, a Michigan public authority and municipal corporation, whose address is 9610 South M-88 Hwy., Mancelona, Michigan 49659 (the Authority).

Recitals

A. The County is a Michigan body politic and municipal corporation with the power to enter into contracts pursuant to MCL 45.3.

B. The Authority is a Michigan public authority and municipal corporation pursuant to MCL 124.284.

C. The Authority has the power pursuant to MCL 124.284(2)(e) to determine the location of any water supply project constructed by it, to determine the design, standards, and the materials of construction for that project, and to construct, maintain, repair, and operate the project.

D. The County has the power pursuant to MCL 46.171(1) to establish a system of water services within the county.

E. This Agreement is authorized by the Michigan Partnership Act (specifically MCL 124.113 and MCL 124.115) which, among other things, allows the joint exercise of any function or service which the County or Authority could exercise separately.

Agreement for Water Facility Construction and Operation – continued.

F. A plume of trichloroethylene (TCE)-contaminated water originates in the near the Village of Mancelona in the County and is migrating in a northwesterly direction toward the Shanty Creek Resort area. Experts assert that there is a reasonable basis to believe that the TCE plume could contaminate the Cedar River Well Field of the Authority, which supplies water to many residents in that area and in the next few years, that plume will also contaminate the wells that supply water to Shanty Creek Resort. Such contamination would render these wells useless. In addition, contamination of the groundwater aquifer stops the installation of private wells for new homes in the affected area due to the Health Department's Well-First Policy.

G. Shanty Creek is the largest employer in the County. Its economic vitality plays a significant and important role in the economic vitality of the County. The ability to construct private wells for new homes or new businesses or the contamination of existing wells (or even a public perception of such a situation) would render many parcels in the area unmarketable, decrease property values and adversely impact the property tax base of the County, various townships and local school districts. In addition, the TCE plume will contaminate ground water and adversely impact the health, safety and welfare of persons living in the Cedar River Well Field and water users at the Shanty Creek Resort.

H. The construction of a storage tank near the Cedar River Well Field, and new mains & pumps to connect the Authority's water system near Schuss Mountain area to the Authority's Cedar River water system, and the necessary emergency electrical supply to provide water service to the potentially impacted area has been proposed (the Project). Since the Authority may have a portion of its existing water supply system adversely impacted by the plume and already has the ability to administer and operate a water supply system, the County has determined that it is most efficient for the Authority to manage the construction of the Project and then to administer, operate, maintain, and repair the Project rather than for any other entity, including the County to undertake these actions.

I. The County has elected to pay MAWSA a specified sum of money in exchange for MAWSA undertaking all other aspects of the Project. As a result, the parties are working jointly to initiate and then implement the Project.

J. The parties, therefore, desire to specify their respective rights and obligations in this Agreement.

Agreement for Water Facility Construction and Operation - continued

Agreement

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. County's Obligations. The County shall pay the Authority the sum of $250,000 expressly contingent upon the Authority receiving pledged funds from the State of Michigan (the State) in the amount of $750,000. The County shall make the payment, as required by this Paragraph, within 15 days of the County receiving written notice from the Authority that the State has approved the payment of the pledged funds for the Project. The County shall have no other obligations related to the Project.

2. Authority's Obligations. The Authority shall do the following.

    a. State Funds. The Authority shall apply for the pledged funds from the State for the purpose of constructing the Project in the amount of $750,000.

    b. Construction. If the Authority actually receives the pledged funds in the amount of $750,000 and after receiving the payment from the County, as required by Paragraph 1 above, the Authority shall proceed with due diligence to have the Project constructed consistent with the Project plans as shall have been approved by the State.

    c. Post-construction Obligations. Once construction of the Project is complete, the Authority shall incorporate the Project, as completed, into its water supply system and shall be deemed the "sole owner" of the Project. Accordingly, MAWSA be solely responsible for the administration, operation, maintenance, and repair of the Project and all of its components.

3. Miscellaneous.

    a. No Further County Obligations. The parties acknowledge that this Project may only be the initial phase needed to mitigate the impacts of the plume as it advances and that additional efforts may be needed in the future to mitigate the impacts of the plume. The parties agree that the County shall be under no obligation, whatsoever, to participate financially or otherwise in any further phases, projects, or mitigation efforts related to the plume. The only obligation of the County is to make payment specified in Paragraph 1 of this Agreement. MAWSA shall not ask for or request any additional payment(s) whatsoever from the County related to the Project at any point in the future.

    b. Term. The County's obligations terminate upon its payment as provided above. MAWSA's obligations shall continue unless terminated by consent of the County.

Agreement for Water Facility Construction and Operation – continued.

c. Indemnification. The Authority shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, board members, assigns, agents, servants, employees, and insurance companies from any liability related to the Project (except for the County's obligation to make the payment specified in Paragraph 1 of this Agreement). This includes, but is not limited to the construction of the Project and the administration, operation, maintenance, and repair of the completed Project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this to be effective the day and year first above written.

	COUNTY OF ANTRIM, a Michigan body politic and Municipal corporation
Date: May 14, 2015	By: /s/
	Michael Crawford
	Its: Chairperson
Date: May 14, 2015	By: /s/
	Sheryl Guy
	Its: Clerk
	MANCELONA AREA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY, a Michigan public authority and municipal corporation
Date: May , 2015	By: /s/
	Bill Koenig
	Its: Chairperson

Haider Kazim, Civil Counsel pending litigation and settlement strategy.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus to go into closed session to consult with our attorney regarding settlement strategy in connection with the case of Estate of Dorothy Bigelow v Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility, et al, File No. 14-8908-NH pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Antrim pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act since discussion in an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the County. Peter Garwood, Sheryl Guy, Marna Robertson, Fred Harris and Rick Teague were asked to attend the closed session. Roll Call: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

The Board retired to Closed Session at 11:20 a.m.

Rick Teague left closed session at 12:29 p.m.

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

Rick Teague returned to meeting at 12:31 p.m. to an open session.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Boettcher to authorize Haider Kazim, our attorney to negotiate a settlement agreement in connection with the case of Estate of Dorothy Bigelow v Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility, et al, File No. 14-8908-NH pending in the Circuit Court of Antrim County as discussed and recommended during closed session. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

The Board adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:41 p.m.

Sheryl Guy, Antrim County Clerk presented the County Clerk 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Wilson that the County Clerk 2014 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the bid from K & K Heating & Cooling to replace the Barnes Park Water Heater at the cost of $4,797.00 be approved and accepted. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Revised Project Authorization for Antrim County Transportation Contract 2012-0034/P7/R1 with the Michigan Department of Transportation. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #14-2015 by Karen Bargy, seconded by Robert Wilson

ANTRIM COUNTY TRANSPORTATION BLANKET RESOLUTION FOR PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION RELATED SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners has the authority, on behalf of Antrim County Transportation, to contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for state and/or federal funds for passenger transportation related services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners Chairman be authorized and directed to execute all applicable contracts and project authorizations with the Michigan Department of Transportation for passenger transportation related services on behalf of Antrim County Transportation.

Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus;
No – None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #14-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Marcus, _____that the First Amendment to Amended and Restated Enabling Resolution to Form the North Country Community Mental Health Authority. **No support - Motion failed.**

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus that for the Agreement for the Water Facility Construction and Operation with Mancelona Area Sewer and Water Authority (MAWSA), for the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) through a transfer of funds from the General Fund, Contingencies – Special Projects 101-895-999 to the General Fund, Appropriations 101-895-956 and the County Accountant be authorized to make the transfer be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Marcus; No – Wilson, Bargy, Stanek; Absent – Johnson.

The Chairman spoke of the letter sent by the Star Township Board regarding the Cinderhill Road Project completed by the Antrim County Road Commission which has not held up and is in need of repairs.

The Chairman appointed Christian Marcus and Chuck Johnson to the Village of Mancelona Development Strategy and Regional US-131 Corridor Economic Development Strategy Partnership as the Board's Liaison.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Smith the appointment of Christian Marcus and Chuck Johnson to the Village of Mancelona Development Strategy and Regional US-131 Corridor Economic Development Strategy Partnership as the Board's Liaison be approved. Motion carried all present voting yes.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Smith that the funds be released and that the hiring process begin for the I.T. Director, Valerie Craft to fill the Irregular Part-time position which will soon be vacant with employee Jessie Nooney's last day of employment being Friday, May 22, 2015. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Johnson.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Smith that the funds be released and that the hiring process begin for the County Treasurer, Sherry Comben to fill the Full-time position of Deputy II, currently held by the retiring Sharon Schultz be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson~~, Bargy~~, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – Bargy; Absent – Johnson. **Correction approved 6/11/2015**

The Chairman requested Public Comment: Randy Bishop, Chairman, Antrim County Republican Party spoke on the discussions that are taking place to provide funding for Michigan Roads in Lansing, election processes are being reviewed and may affect all those elected to office whether a Republican or Democratic, attend the next Republican Party meeting Monday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Forest Home Township Hall. Public Comment closed at 3:17 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday, June 11, 2015

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

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson.

Absent: Christian Marcus

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Moment of silence

The Chairman requested Public Comment: Marna Roberts spoke of the fabulous article written by Linda Gallagher in the Antrim Review on the history of Meadow Brook MCF and announced the Open House to celebrate the completion of the construction and renovation project. The State of Michigan Licensing performed their annual visit and Meadow Brook MCF was recertified with no citations written. David Schulz spoke on behalf of the Village of Bellaire and business owner, requesting that the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Creating the Glacial Hills Recreation Board by a unanimous vote. Due to the growing popularity of Glacial Hills, the Village of Bellaire has seen growth with the addition of three (3) new businesses affiliated with recreation, the local restaurants and hotels have benefited greatly. Because of the growing popularity, the County, Township and Village have the ability to greatly increase economic growth. Recently Bridge Magazine had ranked all eighty-three (83) Michigan Counties for Wages (September 2014) and Antrim County was ranked the sixth (6th) worst for an average weekly wage of private and public workers $536.00 per week. Dean Crandall spoke in favor of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Creating the Glacial Hills Recreation Board and provided handouts containing the thirty-one and a half (31.5) miles of trails built with the help of over two-hundred (200) volunteers during the past five (5) years; a calendar of events for June and July; and a parking lot vehicle count for Saturdays representing four (4) weeks of all three (3) parking lots totaling two-hundred and twenty- four (224) vehicles. The growing popularity of Glacial Hills is evident and the impact to our economic growth is invaluable and a board representing the County, the Township and the Village working together to perform general management, maintenance, activities and marketing to promote trails will be the key to success. Patrick Boyd owner of Paddles & Pedals a new business located in Bellaire because of the numerous recreational opportunities for his family and his business, asked the Board to support the agreement. Sarah Ferguson a resident of Antrim County stated that she is unable to find employment opportunities in Antrim County and currently travels to Traverse City for employment and recommended that the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement. Kelly Ferguson resident, local farmer and has recently formed the group “Bellaire Women”. Antrim County has it all for the recreation enthusiast from lakes, hills, trails and suggested that a recreation district be formed to promote Antrim County and all that we have to offer. Linda Gallagher spoke in support of the Agreement stating that public land is a great asset for our residents, tourist and business opportunities and that a Recreation Board could work to promote Antrim County by having an aggressive marketing plan. The Board consider re-activating the Antrim Alliance Committee to develop and maintain a vigorous marketing strategy for all of Antrim County. Also, spoke on the success of the Petoskey Stone Festival and thanked the Board for their continued support. Public Comment closed at 9:21 a.m.

The Chairman announced at the Petoskey Stone Festival Linda Gallagher was crowned and awarded the 2015 Betty Dinger Award.

Peter Garwood spoke on the Jail commissary contract the Sheriff will be switching vendors and signing the contract.

Robert Wilson spoke on deaf and hard of hearing people are entitled to effective communication with state and local government agencies. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), forbids discrimination by any public entity. The County must provide qualified interpreters, computer-aided transcription (also called CART), assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids or services to ensure effective communication with deaf and hard of hearing people. He stated that he is frustrated that he has made several request to the County Administrator and that no action has been taken since his initial request which began in November before taking office. After taking office in January he has asked for help many times. The County Board and Committees meeting notices have the statement at the bottom: If you have any questions, concerns or are disabled and need special help please contact the Administration and Planning Office. Laura Stanek stated that the County must be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), for all disabilities and the Board must modify their policies and practices when necessary to prevent discrimination. Peter Garwood stated that he recalls that Mr. Wilson did bring this problem to his attention previously but did not recall monthly conversations. Mr. Garwood also stated that a hearing apparatus was supplied to Mr. Wilson that he found not to be adequate, which required that other alternatives be pursued. A request was made by the County Clerk to the I.T. Director to research systems and that vendors provide quotes for a system that will be suitable for Antrim County. Two vendors provided quotes for the Board room and the meeting room #211, the lowest of which was American Loop Services, LLC which was provided to, and discussed by the Administration & County Services Committee. The committee was unable to make a recommendation on the system for implementation, and decided to have a hearing loop presentation at the Finance Committee. A hearing loop system would assist people with hearing aids (and those provided with special apparatus), it would not assist people without hearing aids to hear the more soft voiced speakers, requiring a public address system. A recommendation was made to bring to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee and place under various matters. Karen Bargy stated concerns that this issue was not identified on the agenda as an item or various matters. Peter Garwood assured the Board that this matter will be addressed and placed on the Health & Public Safety Committee Agenda at the next committee meeting. Also, if a vendor can do it, a demonstration will be scheduled for the next Finance, Ways and Means Committee meeting.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith the Claims and Accounts in the amount of $282,146.27 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the 2015 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029) be approved and the millage rate for the County Operating millage be set at 5.4000 mills, the E-911 Operating Fund #261 be set at 0.5000 mill; the millage rate for Commission on Aging be set at 0.4000 mill, and Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility Operating and Renovations be set at 1.0000 mill. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

RESOLUTION #15-2015 by Laura Stanek, seconded by Bryan Smith

PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK (PFN)

Whereas, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners ("Board") is authorized under Michigan's Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended ("Act") and under Authority provided by its Emergency Telephone Service Plan ("911 Plan") to make administrative findings regarding among other things, the service suppliers providing 9-1-1 services within the 911 Plan's Service District;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board hereby makes an Administrative Finding that Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC and or its affiliates shall be the primary 9-1-1 service supplier, employing a common network that enables all other service suppliers within the 911 Plan's Service District to be selectively routed and otherwise assess the 9-1-1 system and the primary PSAPs identified in the Plan;

Be It Resolved, that all service suppliers shall cooperate with Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC in order to facilitate the switchover to its common network, Next Generation Selective Router and other Next Generation 911 services, features and offerings as may be applicable or required herein;

Be It Further Resolved, that Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC and or its affiliates is authorized and directed to work with the 911 Plan's service suppliers, the Michigan Public Service Commission, State 911 Committee and State 911 Director and any other state, federal or local authority in order to effectuate and implement the provisions of this Administrative Finding, including but not limited to the identification for a specific date and time for the switchover to the Peninsula Fiber Network's or its affiliate's common network;

Be It Further Resolved, that this Resolution shall augment, supersede, modify or replace any inconsistent prior resolution or motion;

Be It Further Resolved, that the County Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution and its Administrative Findings to PFN and to each PSAP, and emergency service provider within the County.

Yeas:	Commissioners: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson;
Nays:	Commissioners: None;
Absent:	Commissioners: Christian Marcus;
Abstentions:	Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION #15-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED:

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the Chairman be authorized to sign the 2015 Agreement with Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan, Inc. as the fiduciary for the Antrim County Community Collaborative (United Way of Michigan, Host Agency). Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the funds be released from the General Fund Capital Outlay – Animal Control budget and the Sheriff be authorized to purchase a 2016 Ford F250 4X4 Super Cab Pickup w/8 foot bed with a chassis mount unit installed and fully equipped, not to exceed $40,000.00 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the repairs for the Marine Patrol Zodiac boat be approved, and the funding sources be as follows: That the jet boat be sold with the funds from the sale of jet boat be accounted for in the Sale of Fixed Assets, that the County Accountant be approved to complete the budget amendments and line item transfers in the General Fund to Capital Outlay Marine budget 101-901-980.331; and that the General Fund, Capital Outlay, Animal Control budget remaining balance after the Antrim Control vehicle purchase has been finalized be transferred; and the remaining balance of Capital Outlay – Sheriff budget after the two (2) police vehicle purchases have been finalized be transferred; and if there is still insufficient funds, the remaining funding will require a budget amendment from the General Fund – Contingencies 101-895-999. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the expenditure of $3,230.00 be approved for the demolition of 0.17 miles of boardwalk at the Grass River Natural Area (GRNA), Fund #223 and that the County Accountant create a line item for Ground Maintenance (934) and budget $3,230.00 for this expenditure. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the County Accountant be authorized to make a budget amendment to the 2015 General Fund – Maintenance Department - Building Maintenance (101-265-932), be increased in the amount of $86,806.00 for the February 2015 payment of the Havel Bros invoice, an insurance liability claim for replacement of 82 VAV boxes, damaged by lightning strike, the reimbursement payment from Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA), was receipted into the 2014 revenues. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the County Accountant be authorized to transfer the necessary funds within the County Treasurer's budget line items to pay for the extra costs of the new hire employee overlap, also, if required to authorize the County Accountant to transfer up to $4,800.00 from Foreclosed Property Expenditures Fund #516201-967-999.101 to the necessary wages and benefits line items. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Johnson that the correction to the minutes of May 14, 2015 reflect that Karen Bargy voted against the motion to release funds and that the hiring process begin for the County Treasurer, Sherry Comben to fill the Full –time position of Deputy II, currently held by retiring Sharon Schultz. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Johnson that the minutes of May 14, 2015 be approved as corrected. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Valerie Craft, Information Technology Director presented the 2014 Information Technology Annual Report.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Wilson that the 2014 Information Technology Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Dan Bean, Antrim County Sheriff presented the 2014 Antrim County Sheriff, Animal Control and 911 Annual Report.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Johnson that the 2014 Antrim County Sheriff, Animal Control and 911 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Sarah U'Ren, Representative for the Watershed Center Grand Traverse presented the 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Wilson, seconded by Heeres that the 2014 Watershed Center Grand Traverse Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Jill Porter, Representative of the Traverse Area District Library presented the 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the 2014 Traverse Area District Library Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Leslie Meyers, Emergency Management Director presented the 2014 Antrim County Emergency Services Annual Report.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Johnson that the 2014 Emergency Management Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson that the Sheriff's Department fleet shall remain at twenty-five (25) vehicles with the exception of retired vehicles used for training purposes until no longer operable and not to be replaced unless another retired car becomes available that fits the training requirements a total not to exceed twenty-six (26) total vehicles. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson that the Memorandum of Understanding with Civil Counsel revisions dated May 21, 2015 between Antrim County and the Department of Health & Human Services be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Intergovernmental Agreement Creating the Glacial Hills Recreation Board be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson; No – Wilson, Bargy, Stanek; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Boettcher that the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce be approved to use the Courthouse parking lot and the parking lot east of the Food Pantry, for their Harvest Festival on September 26,2015 from 10 am -4 pm and subject to providing County with the appropriate certificate of insurance and contingent upon the approval of the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners Procedures, Section 4.5 Parliamentarian, to read: "The County Clerk and/or the Associate Planner shall advise the Chairman and the Board of Commissioners regarding questions of parliamentary procedures." Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

RESOLUTION #16-2015 by Ed Boettcher, seconded by David Heeres

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (MERS) OF MICHIGAN
APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL CREDITED SERVICE
STEVEN M. BRATSCHI

Whereas, provided by the MERS Plan, and in accordance with the Employer's policy there under, the additional credited service of four (4) years is hereby granted this member by Resolution of the Governing Body of Antrim County, at its meeting on June 11, 2015;

Whereas, the Employer understands this is an estimated cost, calculated using actuarial assumptions approved by the Retirement Board. Any differences between the assumptions and actual experience will affect the true cost of the additional service. For example, changes in benefit programs through adoption or transfer of the affected employee to a division with "better" benefits; increases in wages other than 4.5% per year; and changes to the anticipated date of termination, will affect the actual cost of the additional service (increase or decrease);

Be It Resolved, thus, actual future events and experience may result in changes different than those assumed, and liability different than the estimated.

Be It Further Resolved, the employer understands and agrees that it is accountable for any difference between estimated and actual costs.
Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson;
No – None;
Absent – Marcus.
RESOLUTION #16-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the proposed draft Policy for the Antrim County Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Procedures and Guidelines be adopted with revised Summary of Procedures, Guidelines and forms and that all previous Antrim County Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), policies and procedures be rescinded. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

Amy Beyer, Representative of the Conservation Resource Alliance presented the 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Heeres that the 2014 Conservation Resource Alliance Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Johnson that the County Administrator be directed to provide the Buildings, Lands and Infrastructure Committee with three (3) quotes for a sound system that meets all federal law requirements and is certified per the Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA) for the Board of Commissioner Room and the meeting Room #211. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Smith to go into closed session to discuss pending settlement agreement in connection with the case of Estate of Dorothy Bigelow v Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility, et al File No. 14-8908-NH pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Antrim pursuant to Section 8 (e) of the Open Meetings Act since discussion in an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the litigated position of the County. Peter Garwood and Sheryl Guy were asked to attend the closed session. Roll Call: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

The Board retired to Closed Session at 12:08 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:15 p.m.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Johnson that the Closed Session minutes of May 14, 2015 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Marcus.

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

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday, July 9, 2015

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

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Moment of silence

The Chairman requested Public Comment: There was none.

Consent Agenda

Boettcher requested that one item be removed from the Consent Agenda as follows:

Action on the American Loop Services quote

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher the Claims and Accounts in the amount of $199,414.34 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher that the **amendments** to the 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Plan be **accepted** and the plan be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No - None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the minutes of June 11, 2015 be approved. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Janet Koch spoke on Glacial Hills and has requested verification from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on charging user fees. Requested that the Board make two (2) appointments to the Glacial Hills Advisory Board. Reminder that when members are ready to go paperless to contact the County Administrator's office.

Burt Thompson, Antrim County Road Commission Manager presented the 2014 Antrim County Road Commission Annual Report.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Johnson that the 2014 Antrim County Road Commission Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Carol Stocking, 86th District Court Administrator presented the 2014 86th District Court Annual Report.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Johnson that the 2014 86th District Court Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Alexis Kaczynski, North Country Community Mental Health Director presented the 2014 North Country Community Mental Health Annual Report.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Stanek that the 2014 North Country Community Mental Health Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Pat Simmons, Director for Department of Human Services presented a verbal 2014 Annual Report.

It was move by Boettcher, seconded by Wilson that the 2014 Department of Human Services Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Dan Blough, Director of External Affairs for Dan Benishek, 1st District Congressman introduced himself and offered his assistance to the Board.

James Rossiter, Prosecuting Attorney presented the 2014 Antrim County Prosecuting Attorney Annual Report.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Heeres that the 2014 Antrim County Prosecuting Attorney Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Judy Parliament, Director of Antrim County Commission on Aging presented the 2014 Commission on Aging Annual Report.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher that the 2014 Antrim County Commission on Aging Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Jonathan Scheel, Housing Director presented the 2014 Antrim County Housing Annual Report.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Smith that the 2014 Antrim County Housing Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Sherry Comben, Antrim County Treasurer presented the 2014 County Treasurer Annual Report.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Marcus that the 2014 County Treasurer Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Kenneth Talsma, Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC Certified Public Accountants presented the 2014 Antrim County Audit Report.

Ed Boettcher left the Board meeting at 11:40 a.m.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the 2014 Antrim County Audit Report be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

Debra Haydell, Antrim County Accountant and Chief Administrative Officer presented the 2014 Antrim County Accountant Annual Report.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the 2014 Antrim County Accountant Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

Robert Schlueter, Executive Director Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan presented the 2014 Area Agency on Aging Annual Report.

It was moved by Wilson, seconded by Stanek that the 2014 Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #17-2015 by Karen Bargy, seconded by Laura Stanek

FISCAL YEAR 2016 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
OF THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN

"**Be it resolved** that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners have reviewed the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Implementation Plan of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan and believe that the plan addresses the needs of the aging population in Region 10.

Be it further resolved that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners approves the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Implementation Plan of the Area Agency on Aging of North Michigan."

Yes – David Heeres, Bob Wilson, Karen Bargy, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus;
No – None;
Absent - Ed Boettcher.

RESOLUTION #17-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

The Board retired at 12:20 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Smith that the County Clerk's position of Clerk Typist permanent part-time currently working 22.5 hours per week and the Abstractor's part-time Clerk Typist position currently working 15 hours per week be consolidated to form a full-time Shared Clerk Typist position working 37.5 hours per week at the rate of $11.85 per hour and all benefits of the General Bargaining Unit; That the County Clerk be the supervisor of the position and if there are any circumstances that create a change in the Abstract Department the position will be moved to the County Clerk's office and budgeted to create the full-time position; The Clerk be authorized to post and hire the position; That the County Accountant be authorized to make the budget amendments necessary to provide for wages and benefits for the remaining budget year of 2015 at the rate of 60% for the added benefits in the Clerk's budget and 40% for the Abstractor's budget for (wages and benefits). Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – Marcus; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Marcus that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed and that David Heeres, Karen Bargy and Chuck Johnson work with the Associate Planner, Janet Koch to take appropriate steps to thoroughly examine three (3) quotes for sound systems for the Board of Commissioner's room and Room 211, to ensure that communications with participants, and members of the public with deaf or hard of hearing disabilities are effective and compliant with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), and that the best option for the County's needs be met and selected at a cost not exceed $20,000.00, to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund #470 and that systems be installed immediately. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

RESOLUTION #18-2015 by Karen Bargy, seconded by Christian Marcus

13th CIRCUIT COURT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION TO MDOC FOR FY 2016

WHEREAS, the yearly Plan and Services Grant Application to the Department of Corrections, Office of Community Alternatives, has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners for approval, and

WHEREAS, the grant is for one year starting with October 1, 2015 and is consistent with the prior year's funding amount of $188,915 and,

WHEREAS, now, application requires approval from the Antrim County Board of Commissioners to continue funding for the next fiscal year with no changes or amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that Antrim County approves the submission of the 13th Circuit Court Community Corrections FY 2016 Grant Application as presented.

Yes – David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus;
No – None;
Absent – Ed Boettcher.

RESOLUTION #18-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the 13th Circuit Court Community Corrections Office be approved to add the new program "Pre-Trial Services" and that one (1) .8 Full- time employee be hired to administer program for the 13th Circuit Court Community Corrections Office and to be paid for by the grant at no additional cost to Antrim County. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the November 8, 2012 Antrim County Housing Department Policy and Procedures revisions to amend the Antrim County Housing Department Policy and Procedures be adopted. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the County Accountant be authorized to make budget amendments to the General Fund Detention Support Service, 101-134-802 to increase expenditures in the amount of $18,000 for total line item budget $33,131 and to the General Fund-State-Family Court Detention Services, 101-000-541.015 to increase the revenue $17,268 for a total line item budget $33,131. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the Antrim County Transportation American Disability Act Complaint Policy and associated forms be adopted. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Meadowbrook Renovation Project Owner Change Order #43 be approved and reflect a credit to Contingencies in the amount of $15,545. Motion carried all present voting yes.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith the application for payment from Christman Company for the work at the Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility Renovation Project totaling $13,191.50 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson**, ~~Bargy~~**, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Stanek that the contract be extended between Antrim County and W.A.S. LLC (Polly Cairn) for Equalization Services Director Services effective July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015 at the rate of $6,666.67 per month and to be paid by the 10th of each month from the General Fund – Equalization budget line item Contractual Services. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the proposed Antrim County Purchase and Bid Policy be **TABLED**. All present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Ed Boettcher and Scott Beal to the Glacial Hills Advisory Board.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith the appointments of Ed Boettcher and Scott Beal to the Glacial Hills Advisory Board for a term of one year to expire 7/9/2016 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, ~~Bargy~~, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy; Abstain – Stanek; Absent – Boettcher.

Bob Wilson stated that a member of the Glacial Hills Advisory Board should be appointed to represent hunting enthusiast such as Jim Gorno, Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Bob Wilson stated that there are many types of auxiliary aids and systems for the hearing impaired and the research has taken far too long. The Board needs to approve a system that can accommodate deaf and hard of hearing people to ensure effective communications at our meetings. It's the County's responsibility and accountability to provide this service per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Chairman appointed Peter Garwood as Officer Delegate representing administration and Sheryl Guy as Officer Alternate representing administration to the Municipal Employees Retirement System Annual Meeting to be held October 8 – 9, 2015 at the Amway Grand Hotel, in Grand Rapids.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the appointment of Peter Garwood as the Officer Delegate representing administration and Sheryl Guy as Officer Alternate representing administration to the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Annual Meeting to be held October 8 – 9, 2015 at the Amway Grand Hotel, in Grand Rapids be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres that the closed session minutes dated June 11, 2015 be approved. Motion carried all present voting yes.

The Chairman requested Public Comment: There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday, August 13, 2015

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

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus.
Absent: Ed Boettcher

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Moment of Silence

The Chairman requested Public Comment: Mary Shafer, employee of the Antrim County Commission on Aging - Nifty Thrifty presented the Board with an anonymous donation to Nifty Thrifty to support the continued operations. The gift is an effort to help prevent the discussion of closing Nifty Thrifty. The department has been put on notice and allotted six (6) months to operate in the black and be self-supported. Ed Martel spoke of his concerns that the Antrim County Road Commission is steam rolling the pavement curves edges which is causing the road improvements to breakdown. Public Comment closed at 9:05 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Marcus the Claims and Accounts in the amount of $330,291.71 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Marcus that the contract between Antrim County and W.A.S. LLC (Polly Cairns) for the Equalization Director Services be extended for two-months from September 1, 2015 through October 30, 2015 at the rate of $6,666.67 per month and the County Accountant be approved to transfer funds from line item 101-257-702 to line item 101-257-802 in the amount of $13,333.34 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Marcus that the County Accountant be authorized to make a budget transfer from line item 101-257-702 to line item 101-257-802 to cover the cost of the two-month extension of the contract between Antrim County and W.A.S. LLC (Polly Cairns) for the Equalization Director Services effective July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015 at the cost of $6,666.67 per month totaling $ 13,333,34 be approved to cover the Boards motion to extend the contract at the July 9, 2015 meeting. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Marcus that the County-owned Grass River Natural Area parcel # 05-04-006-039-10 be surveyed to find the property corners, and locate the dock, shed and other structures on the riverfront parcel and if needed that the parcel to the east be surveyed ID #05-04-006-049-00 and that the cost not exceed $1,500.00, to be paid from the Forestry Fund #230-758-741. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator reported that he has spoken to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) about fees charged at Glacial Hills for proposed biking events and the DNR does not control fees of properties bought with trust fund dollars. An event fee is allowed and if there was to be an entrance fee to Glacial Hills the DNR would approve rates to ensure that fees are fair and reasonable.

Janie McNabb, representative for Networks Northwest presented the 2014 Networks Northwest Annual Report.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Johnson that the 2014 Networks Northwest Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Linda Yaroch, Health Officer and Scott Kendzierski, Environmental Officer of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan presented the 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Marcus that the 2014 Health Department of Northwest Michigan be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Honorable Thomas G. Power, 13th Circuit Judge presented the 2014 13th Circuit Court Annual Report.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Wilson that the 2014 13th Circuit Court Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Patty Niepoth, Register of Deeds presented the 2014 Antrim County Register of Deeds Annual Report and introduced Lori Wilson, Montcalm County Register of Deeds.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Marcus the 2014 Antrim County Register of Deeds Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator presented the 2014 Antrim County Administration and County Planning Annual Report.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Heeres that the 2014 Antrim County Administration and County Planning Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Ed Martel spoke on Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) violating the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wetland standards, property rights and standards being abused. He requested that the use of A1 and A2 wetland hydrology indicators be verified before declaring an area regulated wetlands. He referred to an Attorney General Opinion on the issue of riparian rights and public rights when complaints arise at the Torch Lake Sandbar.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that Grass River Natural Area (GRNA) be permitted to apply for a 2% tribal grant with a 1/3 match from the county in the amount of $50,000.00 for road improvements and budgeted in the Capital Improvements Plan for 2016-2021. Motion as follows: Yes - Heeres, Smith, Stanek; No – Wilson, Bargy, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; Absent – Boettcher. **MOTION FAILED**

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that ballot language for placement of millage in the amount of 0.25 mills to fund the current Recycling Program be submitted to the qualified electors of the County at the Presidential Primary election which is to be held Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Motion as follows: Yes – Heeres, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek; Absent – Ed Boettcher. **MOTION FAILED**

Bob Wilson and Karen Bargy requested that all the Townships be approached on future funding of the Antrim County Recycling Program. Act No. #69 of Public Acts of 2005 "An act to provide for interlocal public agency agreements; to provide standards for those agreements and for the filing and status of those agreements; to permit the allocation of certain taxes or money received from tax increment financing plans as revenues; to permit tax sharing; to provide for the imposition of certain surcharges; to provide for additional approval for those agreements; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies" and that the Townships provide their opinion for an interlocal public agency agreement that imposes a surcharge on households within the townships of county at a rate of $25.00 per household to fund the Countywide Recycling Program.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the request from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to set aside one (1) approved parking space in the alley to the west of the County building for their employee of the month program. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – Wilson, Bargy, Marcus; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the Amendment #1 to the contract with Mead & Hunt for the construction administration to replace guidance signs and apron lights at the Antrim County Airport at a cost of $ 21,828.00 to be paid from Fund #581 Airport, equipment maintenance and that the Chairman be authorized to execute the contract. Motion carried as follows: Yes -Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the contract be approved with Korthase and Sons Company as the contractor to replace guidance signs and apron lights at the Antrim County Airport at a cost of $176,000.00 to be paid by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) under the block grant program. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

RESOLUTION #19-2015 by Karen Bargy, seconded by Christian Marcus

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Michael Crawford, Chairman, be authorized and directed to execute the Contract #2015-0335 (Federal Project No. B-26-0011-3015), with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the installation of guidance signs and apron lights for the Antrim County Airport on behalf of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners.
Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus;
No – None;
Absent – Boettcher.
RESOLUTION #19-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the request from Mr. Lapham to reimburse him for expenses for the 2009 incident when a tree fell on his hanger at the Antrim County Airport be DENIED, with the County's legal counsel opinion that the incident was an act of God and that the County has absolute immunity. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Johnson that the Chairman be authorized to sign a five-year contract with Rave Mobile Safety for Smart 911 services at the cost of $6,750.00 per year to be paid from Fund #262- 911 Wireless, Capital Outlay (262-901-980.348). Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

Karen Bargy reported that the Sound System Ad Hoc Committee had met and reviewed four quotes and the committee agreed to award a contract to AscomNorth, Inc. for a sound system for the Board of Commissioner's room at the cost of $14,295.00 and a sound system for Room 211 at the cost of $4,995.00 for a total cost of $19,290.00, to be installed as soon as possible; best scenario prior to the next Board meeting.

RESOLUTION #20-2015 by David Heeres, seconded by Laura Stanek

RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION TO
GOOD SAMARITAN FAMILY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Good Samaritan Family Services is a Christian based, charitable human services organization located in Ellsworth, Michigan. The flagship program is Good Samaritan Pantry and Resale Shop, which has been in existence since 1990 to provide food, clothing, emergency heating fuel, and basic necessities to neighbors in need. It was created by Mary Peterson (current Pantry and Resale Shop Director) and a group of concerned neighbors who realized their community was touched by significant poverty. The Pantry and Resale Shop rely solely on area volunteers to stock and sort inventory, and serve clients. In 2014, 95 volunteers contributed more than 23,650 hours to ensure those in need would be helped. The number of families the Pantry and Resale Shop assists on a monthly basis has steadily increased to more than 700. In 2014, the Pantry had 8,272 family visits, while 311 families received

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assistance with their utilities and heating fuel. In 2014 Sammy's Shoe Store was opened to provide new shoes for hundreds of area school aged children who need shoes, and The Good Samaritan Pantry and Resale Shop has been a helping hand in the lives of many Antrim County residents, and

WHEREAS, In 2001, the Good Samaritan board of directors established the Moms & Tots Center to provide for the special needs of pregnant young women and single mothers. The Center serves its clients in three ways: One is to meet the immediate needs of the young women who are facing an unexpected pregnancy. Secondly, the Center provides a baby closet which offers maternity clothes, baby clothes, diapers and other baby items. Thirdly, the Center provides a program called Earn While You Learn, teaching parenting skills, life skills, and much more. Time earned in the program can be used to select new car seats, new cribs, and other baby furniture. Presently the Center has a director, assistant director and 30 trained volunteers serving about 450 active clients. In 2015 the Center began offering the education program Willing to Wait to area middle school classrooms. This program is designed to encourage students to postpone sexual activity, and

WHEREAS, the Good Samaritan Family Services exists for the following purposes:
1. To improve the quality of life for families by providing goods and services to families, pregnant young women and single mothers with unmet needs.
2. To assist families, pregnant young women and single mothers in accessing services by referring them to appropriate governmental and non-profit agencies in our service area.
3. To provide collaborative opportunities with county agencies, local churches, other organizations and individuals in meeting the needs of the "whole person" regardless of race, religious conviction or other conditions. There is no test to access the services of the Center other than need, and

WHEREAS, The Good Samaritan Family Services has been a helping hand in the lives of many Antrim County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Antrim County, expresses sincere appreciation to the Good Samaritan Family Services for 25 years of dedicated service to the communities of Antrim County.

Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus;
No – None;
Absent – Boettcher.

RESOLUTION #20-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Stanek that the request from Michigan Technological University geology student Ashley Miller to waive the fees and approve the provision of the parcel line spatial data from the County Geographical Information System (GIS) database. Motion carried all present voting yes.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Stanek that the funds be released and the Prosecuting Attorney begin the hiring process to fill the vacant second Assistant Prosecutor position and that the wages be up to $55,000, and the new hire be afforded all benefits of a full time employee. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Smith that the request of Laura Rogers, Clerk II in the Equalization Department, to extend the period of time in which she is temporarily working as a regular part-time employee in the Equalization Department, at 32 hours per week, be three months starting August 24, 2015 and ending November 20, 2015, with the stipulation that if the arrangement is not working out for any reason, the position will be restored back to full-time immediately be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson, Bargy, Stanek; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Stanek that Laura Rogers, Clerk II in the Equalization Department, be authorized to enroll in the Michigan Certified Assessing Officer (MCAO) Education Class starting in January 2016, in St. Ignace and that she enter into an agreement with the County with terms and tuition reimbursement be stipulated to and identical to previous educational tuition reimbursement contracts for the Equalization Department. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Stanek that the Equalization Director's position top wage scale be increased in the amount of $10,000.00 making the salary range $56,669.00 to $66,660.00, and that the position be advertised to reflect the new salary range. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the minutes of July 9, 2015 be approved with corrections. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

The Chairman made the appointments of Professional Surveyors to the Remonumentation Peer Group as required by P.A. 345 of 1990, the State Survey and Remonumentation Act as amended.

Scott Papineau, PS	County Representative/Surveyor	Central Lake, MI
Terry Smith, PS	Peer Group	Bellaire, MI
Art Lennox, PS	Peer Group	Bellaire, MI
Ron Brand, PS	Peer Group	Gaylord, MI
Neil Way, PS	Peer Group	Kewadin, MI
Dean Farrier, PS	Peer Group	Kalkaska, MI

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Bargy that the appointment of Scott Papineau, Terry Smith, Art Lennox, Ron Brand, Neil Way and Dean Farrier to the Remonumentation Peer Group be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Stanek that the Antrim County Purchasing & Bid Policy be adopted and that the previous Antrim County Bid Policy and the Antrim County Purchasing Policy-Phase One be rescinded. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Marcus to go into closed session to discuss union contract negotiations for the Sheriff Department units: Corrections/Cooks/Clerical, Deputies/Dispatchers and the Command Unit; and the Antrim County Transportation with the County Administrator, Peter Garwood and the County Clerk, Sheryl Guy to remain in closed session. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

The Board retired to Closed Session at 2:00 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:29 p.m.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator commended his employee Janet Koch on the Board assignment to seek proposals for the Sound Systems for the Board of Commissioners Room and the Meeting Room 211. On short notice she did a great job working with the vendors and the Ad Hoc Committee.

Bob Wilson added that Karen Bargy also put a lot of time and effort into the research as well, and he traveled to test out the equipment installed at other sites. The project should have been addressed much sooner as the American Disabilities Act is a very serious matter and the County is obligated to meet the requirements of the Act and suggested that the courtrooms be addressed.

The Chairman requested Public Comment: There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. to the Call of the Chair.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday, September 10, 2015

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

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Invocation offered by Randy Bishop

The Chairman request Public Comment: There was none.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Stanek the Claims and Accounts in the amount of $242,064.82 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Stanek that the bid from Matt's Underground in the amount of $19,455.00 for the demolition of the three structures and a dock at the Grass River Natural Area be accepted, contingent upon a successful post bid interview, to be paid from the Grass River Fund #223 – Grounds Maintenance and that the County Accountant make the corresponding budget amendment. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Stanek that the remaining funds for the month end of September, 2015 in the Meadow Brook Construction Fund #451 be released to the Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility and that the County Accountant be authorized to close Fund #451. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Stanek that the budget amendment to increase the revenue in the amount of $188,312, the line item "Transfer In from Meadow Brook Operating" Fund #351-000-699.512 for a total transfer amount of $899,125 and a budget amendment to increase in the amount of $188,312 the line item "Interest" Fund #351-671-922 for a total interest amount totaling $399,125 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the minutes of August 13, 2015 be approved. Motion carried – Unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS

Peter Bigford's, Chief Operating Officer of Shanty Creek Resorts letter in support of the PACE Program.

Peter Garwood spoke on the newly installed Sound System being used for the first time and equipment tuning may be needed, let him know and he will see that the adjustments are completed.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson that the 2015 Antrim County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as updated be approved and adopted. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the proposed 2015 Child Care Fund Budget be approved as presented totaling $269,000 and that the budget be submitted to the State of Michigan prior to October 1, 2015 deadline. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that John Strehl, Antrim County Airport Manager be approved to sell two (2) airport snow plows. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY2016-FY2021 under the Michigan State Block Grant Program with an expected County match of $6,438 for 2017, $73,363 for 2018 and $18,600 for 2021 and that the Finance Committee create the mechanism for future funding of the five-year Airport Improvement Plan projects be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Boettcher; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the County Administrator, Peter Garwood be directed to draft a resolution regarding the importance of revising the current Veteran's Administration policy regarding diabetes and present to the Board at the next meeting. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the purchase of a recorder for the 911 Dispatch Center and Sheriff Department from DSS Corporation at an initial cost of $9,091.65, (split fifty-fifty) between Fund #262 to pay $4,545.83 and Fund #101 Capital Outlay Sheriff to pay $4,545.82 and an annual cost in year two through five at the rate of $7,516.65 per year total cost of Recorder Project $39,158.25 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the Chairman be authorized to sign Contract No. 16-CCF-05001 between Antrim County and Wellspring Lutheran Services to administer the Family Support Program effective October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson that the Chairman be authorized to sign the First Amendment to the Medical Examiner Facility Use Agreement between Antrim County and Spectrum Health Hospitals which increases the autopsy fee from nine hundred-eighty two ($982.00) dollars per autopsy to one thousand eleven and 46/100 ($1,011.46) dollars for each autopsy ordered by the designated Antrim County Medical Examiner effective October 21, 2015. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent - None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson that the Chairman be authorized to execute an amendment #1 to the Child Support Enforcement Agreement No. #CSPA 12-05002-A1 between the State of Michigan –Department of Health and Human Services and Antrim County effective October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, State to pay $32,487.77, while the County's obligation is $16,736.13 for the fiscal year 2016. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Tim McGuire, Executive Director Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), presented an update on the funding and policy issues that the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) is advocating for and on behalf of Michigan's 83 counties. He thanked the Board for their support and participation with the Michigan Association of Counties.

Mark Hitchcock, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance – Business Attraction & Growth, introduced Kyle Peczynski of Levin Energy Partners. Mr. Peczynski spoke on the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE), a financial tool to finance energy efficiency improvements. To move forward, Mr. Peczynski asked that the Board support and pass a resolution of intent.

The matter of establishing a new Building Department " Working Without a Permit Fee" in the amount of $100.00 be assessed by the Building Department was **Tabled** and referred back to the Buildings, Lands & Infrastructure Committee.

RESOLUTION #21-2015 By Chuck Johnson, seconded by Christian Marcus

COUNTY OF ANTRIM
STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM AND CALLING PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners intends to authorize the establishment of a property assessed clean energy program ("PACE Program") and create a PACE district pursuant to Act No. 270, Public Acts of Michigan, 2010 ("Act 270"), for the purpose of promoting the use of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by owners of certain real property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners intends to find that financing energy projects is a valid public purpose because it reduces energy costs, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, stimulates economic development, improves property values and increases employment in the County; and

WHEREAS, the types of energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy systems that may be financed under the PACE Program include, but are not limited to: insulation in walls, roofs, floors, foundations, or heating and cooling distribution systems; storm windows and doors; multi-glazed windows and doors; heat-absorbing or heat-reflective glazed and coated window and door systems; and additional glazing, reductions in glass area, and other window and door system modifications that reduce energy consumption; automated energy control systems; heating, ventilating, or air-conditioning and distribution system modifications or replacements; caulking, weather-stripping, and air sealing; replacement or modification of lighting fixtures to reduce the energy use of the lighting system; energy recovery systems; day lighting systems; installation or upgrade of electrical wiring or outlets to charge a motor vehicle that is fully or partially powered by electricity; measures to reduce the usage of water or increase the efficiency of water usage; any other installation or modification of equipment, devices, or

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materials approved as a utility cost-savings measure by the PACE Program; a fixture, product, device, or interacting group of fixtures, products, or devices on the customer's side of the meter that use one or more renewable energy resources to generate electricity. Renewable energy resources include, but are not limited to: biomass (including a biomass stove but not an incinerator); solar and solar thermal energy; wind energy; geothermal energy and methane gas captured from a landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners intends to create a PACE district having the same boundaries as the County's jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners intends to join Lean & Green Michigan™, and intends to utilize Levin Energy Partners, LLC as PACE administrator (the "PACE Administrator") to administer its PACE Program; and

WHEREAS, the report referenced in Section 9(1) of Act 270 (the "PACE Report") shall be available on the County's website at http://www.antrimcounty.org/, and shall be available for viewing at the office of the County Clerk located at: 203 E. Cayuga St., Bellaire, MI 49615.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of Commissioners, being fully apprised of the PACE Program, finds that financing energy projects is a valid public purpose because it reduces energy costs, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, stimulates economic development, improves property values and increases employment in the County.

2. The Board of Commissioners, by adoption of this Resolution, formally states its intention to establish a PACE district having the same boundaries as the County's jurisdictional boundaries and a PACE Program as described in and for the reasons set forth in this Resolution.

3. The Board of Commissioners formally states its intention to provide a property owner-based method of financing and funds for energy projects, including from owner-arranged financing from a commercial lender, which funds and financing shall be secured and repaid by assessments on the property benefited, with the agreement of the record owners, such that no County moneys, general County taxes or County credit of any kind whatsoever shall be pledged, committed or used in connection with any project as required by and subject to Act 270.

4. The Board of Commissioners, by adoption of this Resolution, formally states its intention to join Lean & Green Michigan™, and to utilize Levin Energy Partners, LLC as PACE Administrator.

5. The Board of Commissioners will set a public hearing for a future date, in the Board of Commissioners office, 203 E. Cayuga St., Bellaire, MI 49615, to receive comments on the proposed PACE Program, including the PACE Report.

RESOLUTION 21-2015 Continued.

6. The County Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a notice of intent to establish a PACE district and a PACE Program, and a notice of the public hearing set by this Resolution in a newspaper of general circulation in the County as a display advertisement prominent in size. The County Clerk shall maintain on file for public review a copy of the PACE Report and shall cause the PACE Report to be available on the County's website in accordance with the requirements of Act 270.

7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

YEAS: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus;
NAYS: None;
ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION #21-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Bob Wilson reported that he had requested to be placed on the Administrative & County Services Committee Agenda for their regular scheduled meeting on September 3, 2015 to discuss the letter of reprimand that he provided to committee at their Special Committee meeting held August 25, 2015 and that the letter was not attached to either set of minutes nor accepted for filing. He was denied placement on the agenda by the Chairman of Committee and seeks policy and procedure when Board members address conflicts with the Administrator and Department Heads.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the funds be released and the Sheriff be allowed to begin the hiring process for the position of the 911 Dispatch Sergeant that will become vacant upon the retirement of 911 Dispatcher Sergeant Steven Bratschi and in the event the position is filled from within the bargaining unit, that funds be released to fill the newly vacant position caused by a promotion and in the event that there is a subsequent promotion from the Deputy/Dispatcher Bargaining Unit to fill the newly created vacant 911 Dispatcher position that the funds be released for the vacant position. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent –None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that the two (2) year renewal with Mutual of Omaha for life, accidental death & dismemberment and short-term disability insurance coverages for employees paid by the County from October 1, 2015 to October 1, 2017 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – none.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that the proposed amendment to the Appointment Process for Boards, Commissions and Committees which allows an exception to the current process when the position has special qualifying requirements be approved. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the Chairman appoint Joe Short to the Northern Lakes Economic Board of Directors and that the Amendment to the Appointment Process for Boards be applied. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson; Absent – None.

The Chairman requested that the Appointment Process Exception be applied to his appointment of Joe Short from Short's Brewing Company to the vacant position on the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) Board of Directors.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Johnson that the appointment of Joe Short to the vacant position on the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Board of Directors be accepted. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the revised Description of Essential Duties for the County Administrator and the Description of Essential Duties for the County Accountant/Chief Administrative Officer of the Budget be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson, Bargy; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by that the Board immediately eliminate committee structure, meet as a full Board the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month as outlined and that an increase in per diem for commissioners be increased to $150 per full Board meeting.

The matter to immediately eliminate committee structure, meet as a full Board the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month as outlined and an increase in per diem for commissioners be increased to $150 per full Board meeting be **Tabled** to the next regular Board meeting by Boettcher.

It was moved by Wilson, seconded by Bargy that the letter of reprimand as presented to the County Administration & County Services Committee on August 25, 2015 be placed in the County Administrator's personnel file and filed with the County Clerk.

The matter of the letter of reprimand be **Tabled** to the next regular Board meeting by Smith.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the revised Economic Development Corporations Strategic Plan be approved as presented. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Janice Olach to the Board of Canvassars as a member from the Democrat Party and Bradley Brown to the Board of Canvassars as a member from the Republican Party.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Marcus the re-appointment of Janice Olach and Bradley Brown to the Board of Canvassars, term to expire 10/13/2019 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Bargy requested an update from the County Administrator on the status of funding for the Recycling Program with the Townships. County Administrator replied that the Board members were to approach their Townships to inform them that the County Recycling Program ballot proposal question had been voted down by the Board. Future funding will require Interlocal public agency agreements that impose a certain surcharge per household to fund the Countywide Recycling Program. The County's General Fund can't continue to support the program and after October 2016 there is no funding identified or available.

The Chairman directed the County Administrator, Peter Garwood be the point person and prepare a letter that will effectively communicate with all the Townships, to inform them of the current and future status of the Countywide Recycling Program and inform them of the options available to them.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Stanek that the County Administrator prepare the draft letter for the Townships and that the draft be presented to the Finance, Ways & Means Committee as a whole for approval at the next committee meeting. Motion carried - All present yes.

The Chairman requested Public Comment at 12:20 p.m.

Randy Bishop spoke on the progress of the US-131 Corridor reporting that various groups continue to work to identify promotional and developmental growth, topics that have been discussed are train rides, transport docks, Christmas Town theme for Mancelona and Land banks. The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) proposed the survey, "Understanding Communities" to increase communication between various boards and councils in the County to identify goals for promotion and development. Sherry Comben, County Treasurer stated that the DURA Property was shifted to the Brownfield Authority. Public comment closed at 12:30 p.m.

Peter Garwood announced that the AscomNorth, Sound System Technician is available to assist all members with questions, concerns and will assist with settings for those with personal hearing devices to assure that the system is working as intended.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the minutes of the closed session dated August 13, 2015 be approved. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF C OMMISSIONERS Thursday, October 8, 2015

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

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Invocation offered by Michael Bertram.

The Chairman requested Public Comment: Mike Bertram spoke on the proposed 2016 General Fund and Other Fund budgets and that the balancing of these budgets is done by taking from the County Fund Balance and that this can only continue for a limited time before the County has no Balance and concern over the exuberant cost of insurances. Public comment closed at 9:09 a.m.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the minutes of September 10, 2015 be approved. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Wilson that the matter previously tabled at the last Board meeting be addressed for the Building Department, "Working without Permit" fee of $100.00. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Wilson that the Building Department, "Working without a Permit" fee in the amount of $100.00 be approved and added to the fee schedule. Motion carried as follows: Yes- Heeres, Wilson, Boettcher, Smith, Stanek, Johnson; No – Bargy, Crawford, Marcus; Absent – None.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator spoke on the following: That a request made by Kevin Peterson, University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment student conducting a lakeshore study and has made the request for shared data from the Equalization Department, GIS, and that Leslie Meyers, Director Emergency Management has learned that a Resolution is required rather than the motion as approved at the last meeting of the Board for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. That Mark Stone will be presenting the Antrim County Parks Study on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. and to be held at the Antrim County Commission on Aging/Senior Center, and that the Grass River Natural Area Demolition project update from contractor Matts Underground has reported that there is a great chance that the structure log ends may contain lead and it is probable the floors contain asbestos. The testing will have to be completed and necessary removal processes taken, these two (2) issues are not part of the bid for the demolition and the cost for time and material will need to be addressed.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher that the request made by Kevin Peterson, a student from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment to receive the shared parcel data from the Equalization Department, GIS and to be limited to the information that is currently available and that the request be approved. Motion carried – Unanimous.

RESOLUTION # 22-2015 By Laura Stanek, seconded by Ed Boettcher

ANTRIM COUNTY
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, ANTRIM COUNTY, Michigan has experienced risks that may damage commercial, residential and public properties, displace citizens and businesses, close streets and impair infrastructure, and present general public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the community of ANTRIM COUNTY has prepared a *Hazard Mitigation Plan* that outlines the community's options to reduce damages and impacts from natural and technological hazards; and

WHEREAS, the *Hazardous Mitigation Plan* has been reviewed by community residents, business owners, and federal, state and local agencies, and has been revised where appropriate to reflect their concerns; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Commissioners, The *Hazard Mitigation Plan* is hereby adopted as the official plan of ANTRIM COUNTY.

Yes – David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus;
No – Karen Bargy;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #22-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Johnson to **table** the proposed Elk Rapids Hydroelectric Resolutions offered by Mark Stone, Operator of Dams until the end of the meeting. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Chairman be authorized to sign the communication to the Department of Management Technology and Budget to continue lease agreement #10171 on a month-to-month basis with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), at the monthly base rate of $6,512.06 plus any adjustments consistent with the Antrim County Cost Allocation Plan beginning October 1, 2015 until a long term lease agreement can be finalized. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

The Chairman directed Peter Garwood, County Administrator to contact Advantage Electric, the company chosen to upgrade the server room to connect to the generator and inform the contractor to stop all work until further notice, to permit the Board time to address the existing generator.

The Public Hearing on the approved millage for 2016 county operations and the 2016 General Fund and other budgets opened at 10:00 a.m. Laura Stanek explained the various elements of the Proposed 2016 General Fund and Other Fund budgets. David Schulz spoke on the proposed budget for 2016 and asked how the budget compares to the audited 2014 General Fund and Other Funds budgets. Deb Haydell, County Fiscal Officer and County Accountant offered the audited figures to Mr. Schulz and offered to meet with him if he had any questions. Michael Bertram spoke on his concerns of taking funds from the County Fund balance to continue to balance budgets each year and fund balances will not be there forever. Laura Stanek thanked the public for their input. Public hearing closed at 10:10 a.m.

RESOLUTION #23-2015 by Laura Stanek, seconded by David Heeres

Resolution to Adopt the 2016 Antrim County Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millages

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners has set the millage rate of 5.40 for General Operating, 0.40 for Commission on Aging, 0.50 for 911 Central Dispatch and 1.00 for Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility Operating and Renovations, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has prepared and is recommending a General Fund budget based on the millage rate of 5.40 for General Fund operations,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners reaffirms the following millage rates are 5.40 for General Operating, 0.40 for Commission on Aging, .50 for 911 Central Dispatch and 1.00 for Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility Operating and Renovations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners adopts the following General Fund and Other Funds budgets for 2016:

Beginning Fund Balance January 1, 2016		$7,542,832
Revenue		
From Taxes	$9,513,522	
From Licenses & Permits	179,300	
From Other Agencies	762,510	
From Current Services	985,870	
From Other Sources	1,023,662	
		12,464,864
TOTAL REVENUE		$20,007,696
Expenditures		
County Commissioners	$ 286,043	
Circuit Court	395,146	
Family Division-Circuit Court	522,681	
Circuit Court Probation	3,000	
Family Court – Detention Support	12,000	

Resolution #23-2015 – General Fund budget continued

District Court	686,981
Friend of the Court	89,434
Probate Court	306,445
Jury Commission	3,238
County Administration	256,154
Accounting	71,244
Budget/Accounting Services	93,600
County Clerk	360,061
Communications	104,770
Computer	198,577
Purchasing	30,230
Tax Allocation Board	377
County Treasurer	255,525
Equalization	269,250
MSU Extension	161,611
Elections	100,811
Grove St. Annex	13,200
’05 Courthouse	109,716
County Building & Grounds	499,634
Prosecuting Attorney	541,321
Register of Deeds	196,450
Microfilm	9,750
Plat Board	250
Pros. Atty. – Victims’ Rights	46,101
P.A. Child Support/IVD	26,276
Drain Commissioner	584
Abstract Department	152,717
Survey & Remonumentation	46,600
Sheriff	3,235,211
Marine	123,690
Secondary Roads	50,210
Jail	417,644
Zero Tolerance	71,650
Emergency Services	70,663
Animal Control	190,307
Dams & Dams Operator	59,891
Health	557,329
Medical Examiner	23,850
Welfare	120,587
Aging – not reimbursed	3,609
Veterans Affairs	121,917
Housing Administration	2,750
Housing Projects	0
Resource Recovery	21,484
Planning Commission	6,015
Planning Department	66,984
Economic Development Commission	4,310

Resolution #23-2015 – General Fund budget continued

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board	1,978	
Parks-Cedar River, Mohrmann, Murphy	500	
Parks-Noteware's, Wetzel, Willow Day	4,225	
Parks – Barnes, etc.	239,102	
Parks – Elk Rapids	16,227	
Insurance & Bonds	388,000	
Special Projects – Other	365,805	
Capital Outlay	198,698	
Appropriations	1,117,367	$13,329,780

Ending Fund Balance December 31, 2016 6,677,916

TOTAL EXPENDITURES $19,329,780

Budgets – Other Funds

Fund #105 – Self Insured Reserve Fund

Beginning Fund Balance	$	279,565
Revenue		500
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		280,065

Fund #129 – Victims' Rights Reserve

Beginning Fund Balance	$	8,459
Revenue		20
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		8,479

Fund #137 – Capital Outlay Reserve

Beginning Fund Balance	$	107,287
Revenue		200
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		107,487

Fund #142 – Dams Reserve

Beginning Fund Balance	$	571,786
Revenue		1,023
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		572,809

Fund #144 – Gas & Oil Royalties Reserve

Beginning Fund Balance	$	523,736
Revenue		30,800
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		554,536

Resolution #23-2015 Other Funds - continued

Fund #161 – Grant Match Revenue		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	87,772
Revenue		250
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		88,022
Fund #165 – Antrim Conservation District Reserve		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	54,007
Revenue		100
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		54,107
Fund #182 – Special Projects Reserve		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	261,781
Revenue		425
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		262,206
Fund #215 – Friend of the Court		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	710
Revenue		9,620
Expenditures		9,500
Ending Fund Balance		830
Fund #218 – Technology Transition Fund		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	64,379
Revenue		200
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		64,579
Fund #220 – Special Assessment – Dams		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	400
Revenue		10
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		410
Fund #223 – Grass River		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	42,860
Revenue		40,250
Expenditures		40,700
Ending Fund Balance		42,410
Fund #225 – Animal Control Donations		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	15,292
Revenue		3,220
Expenditures		500
Ending Fund Balance		18,012

Resolution #23-2015 – Other Funds - continued

Fund #226 – County-Wide Recycling		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	40,647
Revenue		344,680
Expenditures		344,980
Ending Fund Balance		40,647
Fund #230 – Forestry		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	273,550
Revenue		44,400
Expenditures		5,750
Ending Fund Balance		312,200
Fund #234 – Antrim Creek		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	73,018
Revenue		6,850
Expenditures		3,266
Ending Fund Balance		76,602
Fund #235 – Petoskey Stone Festival		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	4,432
Revenue		5,851
Expenditures		6,350
Ending Fund Balance		3,933
Fund #236 – Park Fundraiser		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	7,402
Revenue		2,500
Expenditures		2,200
Ending Fund Balance		7,702
Fund #238 – Glacial Hill Grant		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	17,054
Revenue		720
Expenditures		720
Ending Fund Balance		17,054
Fund #240 – GIS Operating		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	25,543
Revenue		1,030
Expenditures		3,900
Ending Fund Balance		22,673
Fund #242 – Energy Savings		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	3,422
Revenue		2,500
Expenditure		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		5,922

Resolution #23-2015 Other Funds – Continued

Fund #249 – Construction Code Enforcement		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	395,770
Revenue		456,167
Expenditures		499,433
Ending Fund Balance		352,504
Fund #255 – Homestead Property Tax Exemption Audit		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	5,000
Revenue		-0-
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		5,000
Fund #256 – Register of Deeds Automation		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	22,887
Revenue		53,102
Expenditures		58,500
Ending Fund Balance		17,489
Fund #257 – Budget Stabilization		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	665,836
Revenue		1,200
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		667,036
Fund #259 – 911 Training		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	19,122
Revenue		10,031
Expenditures		10,030
Ending Fund Balance		19,123
Fund #261 – E-911 Operating		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	650,870
Revenue		880,394
Expenditures		827,732
Ending Fund Balance		703,532
Fund #262 – E-911 Wireless		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	322,797
Revenue		148,512
Expenditures		79,000
Ending Fund Balance		392,309

Resolution #23-2015 – Other Funds - continued

Fund #263 –Concealed Pistol Licensing		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	1,505
Revenue		3,508
Expenditures		5,000
Ending Fund Balance		13
Fund #264 – Local Corrections Officers Training		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	31,619
Revenue		9,649
Expenditures		9,500
Ending Fund Balance		31,768
Fund #265 – Drug Law Enforcement		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	13,400
Revenue		-0-
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		13,400
Fund #266 – O.R.V. Ordinance Training		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	150
Revenue		50
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		200
Fund #267 – Jail Inmate Proceeds		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	17,321
Revenue		26,019
Expenditures		24,647
Ending Fund Balance		18,693
Fund #268 – Michigan Justice Training		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	20,486
Revenue		3,800
Expenditures		6,000
Ending Fund Balance		18,286
Fund #269 – Law Library		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	9,928
Revenue		13,500
Expenditures		10,000
Ending Fund Balance		13,428
Fund #275 - Housing Project Income		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	36,812
Revenue		28,610
Expenditures		60,000
Ending Fund Balance		5,422

Resolution #23-2015 – Other Funds – continued

Fund #278 – Antrim County Housing CDBG Grant		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	655
Revenue		155,000
Expenditures		85,000
Ending Fund Balance		70,655
Fund #279 – Snowmobile Grant		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	30,668
Revenue		61,154
Expenditures		61,154
Ending Fund Balance		30,668
Fund #282 – Housing CDBG		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	7,775
Revenue		9
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		7,784
Fund #285 – Revenue Sharing Reserve		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	1,934,032
Revenue		-0-
Expenditures		490,739
Ending Fund Balance		1,443,293
Fund #286 - Probate Grant		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	4,030
Revenue		-0-
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		4,030
Fund #287 – Emergency Services LEPC Grant		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	4,686
Revenue		2,150
Expenditures		2,150
Ending Fund Balance		4,686
Fund #292 – Child Care		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	389,018
Revenue		298,000
Expenditures		445,000
Ending Fund Balance		242,018
Fund #293 – Veterans Relief		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	7,326
Revenue		36,000
Expenditures		36,000
Ending Fund Balance		7,326

Resolution #23-2015 – Other Funds – continued

Fund #294 – Veterans Trust		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	1,268
Revenue		2,184
Expenditures		2,184
Ending Fund Balance		1,268
Fund #297 – Commission On Aging		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	293,471
Revenue		1,099,657
Expenditures		1,142,252
Ending Fund Balance		250,876
Fund #298 – Meadowview Senior Housing		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	59,373
Revenue		105,700
Expenditures		96,605
Ending Fund Balance		68,468
Fund #351 – Meadowbrook Project Debt Retirement		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	100,144
Revenue		884,425
Expenditures		884,396
Ending Fund Balance		100,173
Fund #468 – Grass River Center Construction		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	214,737
Revenue		-0-
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		214,737
Fund #470 – Capital Projects – County Buildings & Structures		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	282,709
Revenue		-0-
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		282,709
Fund #516 – Tax Payment Funds Combined		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	9,665,872
Revenue		-0-
Expenditures		-0-
Ending Fund Balance		9,665,872
Fund #581 – Airport Operating		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	2,379,552
Revenue		536,758
Expenditures		536,758
Ending Fund Balance		2,379,552

Resolution #23-2015 – Other Funds – continued

Fund #582 – Elk Rapids Hydro Utility System		
Beginning Fund Balance	$	448,686
Revenue		25,614
Expenditures		5,000
Ending Fund Balance		469,300

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners adopts the following policies for implementation of the 2016 General Fund budget:

1. That any increase in Total Receipts or Total Expenditures shall be approved in advance by action of the Board of Commissioners.
2. That any increase of the total budget of any General Fund Cost Center must be accompanied by a proposed budget amendment and must be approved in advance by the Board of Commissioners.
3. That any position or supplement adopted for 2016 which is reimbursed by grants or other monies from an outside unit may be terminated if the grant and/or other reimbursements are discontinued.
4. That, if any position should become vacant any time after November 2015, the position shall immediately and automatically be deleted from the 2016 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 is established.
5. That any Capital Outlay and Equipment purchases are consistent with the Antrim County Purchasing and Bid Policy.
6. That computers shall be grouped together, when possible, and purchased through a competitive quote process. Computers will be treated as a depreciating capital outlay through the fixed asset program.
7. That no appropriation be paid to a non-profit Organization not affiliated with Antrim County as a governmental entity until such time as a contract between Antrim County and the non-profit organization in question is approved.
8. That the Accountant is authorized to make transfers between line items (excluding salaries, wages, overtime, all fringe benefit line items, capital outlay, and specific appropriations) 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.
9. That the Finance Committee is authorized to make transfers between Cost Centers within the General Fund as long as it does not result in an increase of the overall General Fund Budget, and from fund to fund of up to $10,000.
10. That any question concerning assignment of GL account to any purchase will be decided by the Accountant.

Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus;
No – None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #23-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Laura Stanek requested that the item be removed from the consent agenda as follows:

The resolution to adopt the 2016 Antrim County Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millages.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher that the Claims and Accounts in the amount of $197,029.54 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher that a 2015 budget amendment be made to the General Fund in the amount of $7,499 be added to Capital Outlay 101-901-980.756 for the purchase of a truck for Barnes Park. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher that two (2) – 2015 budget amendments be approved for the jail intercom system, that the amount of $29,304.40 to increase the General Fund 101-901-980.351, for the expenditures to Advanced Satellite Communications, Inc. and that the MMRMA grant check that reimburses the County for the jail intercom system in the amount of $34,311.16 in the revenue account 101-000-582.004. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher to approve a 2015 budget amendment to the General fund in the amount of $63,562.29 to the Department of Insurance and Bonds 101-851-912.003 for an insurance reimbursement. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher to approve a 2016 budget amendment in the amount of $10,000 to increase the General fund, Capital Outlay line item for equipment county building 101-901-980.265. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent- None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher to approve the funding in the 2016 General Fund budget for the County Building for the boiler replacement in the amount of $50,000; and the Jail for an EKG machine in the amount of $10,000; and Orthophotography in the amount of $15,000 for a total of $75,000 to be funded from the Delinquent Tax Fund #516. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent- None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Boettcher to approve a 2015 budget amendment for the invoice from Ralph Hines for the cleanup of the storm debris at the Grass River Natural Area in the amount of $1,400 and to be paid from the Forestry Fund #230-285-934.223 as a budget amendment. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Wilson requested that the Finance Committee minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting be corrected as follows #11 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee Recommendations, that he had seconded the motion made by Bargy to fund the new boiler at $50,000 from Fund #470 Capital Projects, County Building & Structures the motion was discussed and there was no action; and that he voted no on the motion by Crawford, seconded by Smith to recommend of funding of the boiler replacement, the jail EKG machine, and the orthophotography projects in 2016 for a total of $75,000 through the funding from the Delinquent Tax Fund #516.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Bargy that the County sponsor a grant application to the Grand Traverse Tribe of Ottawa Chippewa Indians for a 2% Tribal Grant for the second half of 2015 for $5,000 to assist with the Area 2 athletes participating in the 2016 Special Olympics Michigan Summer Games to be held at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the Chairman be authorized to sign the revised contract between Antrim County and W.A.S., LLC (Polly Cairns) for the Equalization Director Services effective November 1, 2015 for a two-year period at the rate of $6,666.67 per month. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that Casey Guthrie, Appraiser for the Equalization Department receive an increase in his hourly rate in the amount of fifty cents beginning October 12, 2015 for the additional responsibility as a “go-to person”, in the Equalization Department for a three-month period at which time the practice will be re-evaluated and continued, adjusted or discontinued as appropriate be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No - Marcus; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the Chairman be authorized to execute the “Agreement for Shared Networks between the State of Michigan and Antrim County, Michigan.” The agreement is that the State of Michigan will install additional fiber to the County’s excess broadband capacity and will be responsible for payment of installation at no cost to the County and that the County will then own and maintain the additional fiber installed by the State of Michigan. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Polly Cairns, Equalization Director, presented the 2015 Apportionment Report. (See pp 19-28)

It was moved by Wilson, seconded by Johnson that the 2015 Apportionment Report be accepted. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #24-2015 by Karen Bargy, seconded by Christian Marcus

To Support a Change in the Guidelines Used by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for Diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus (DM) for Rating Purposes

WHEREAS, the Veteran Affairs follows American Diabetes Association (ADA) guidelines that were published December 29, 2009 in the January supplement of Diabetes Care when diagnosing Diabetes Mellitus, and

WHEREAS, based on the American Diabetes Association guidelines lab values must show one of the following:

- Two fasting glucose tests at 126 or higher
- A non-fasting glucose test of 200 at any time with symptoms
- Two A1C tests of 6.5% or higher within a 2-3 month window, and

WHEREAS, if a veteran who has previously been diagnosed with Diabetes Mellitus, has lab values on record that fail to indicate whether or not the veteran meets the criteria, the veteran will be asked to undergo a glucose tolerance test at his or her veteran's compensation exam, and

WHEREAS, not only does the Veteran Affairs refuse to recognize a previous Diabetes Mellitus diagnosis from an outside primary care provider, they also refuse to recognize a previous diagnosis from a Veteran Affairs primary care provider, and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Affairs will require that the veteran make counter intuitive dietary changes as well as discontinuing diabetes medication for up to 2 weeks before the test, and

WHEREAS, these requirements are at the very least emotionally distressing, physically uncomfortable, and may be detrimental to the veteran.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the guidelines should include a caveat that allows: In the event a veteran has been previously diagnosed with Diabetes Mellitus by a primary provider, regardless of whether or not the diagnosis was conducted using the American Diabetes Association guidelines as listed above, the veteran will be considered as having a diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus for Veterans Affairs rating purposes.

Yes – David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus;
No – None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #24-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION #25-2015 By Ed Boettcher, seconded by Bryan Smith

DECLARATION OF SUPPORT
BY
ANTRIM COUNTY
FOR THE
ELK RAPIDS HYDROELECTIC POWERHOUSE

WHEREAS, the Elk Rapids Hydroelectric Powerhouse (ERHP) and Dam in the Village of Elk Rapids, Antrim County, Michigan, has provided valuable, renewable electricity, and a barrier for invasive species starting 1916 for the Village, the community of Antrim County, and the entire Elk Rapids Chain of Lakes; and

WHEREAS, ERHP is an important green energy producer that hosts educational tour and school groups on the topic of renewable energy in general and clean hydroelectricity in specific; and

WHEREAS, ERHP provides significant financial revenues to Antrim County and recreational venues for the community residents; and

WHEREAS, the ERHP hydroelectric facility provides enhanced fishing opportunities as well as major adjacent property value for the residents of the Village and those around Elk/Skegemog Lakes, and has done so for 99 years; and

WHEREAS, ERHP provides critical flood control and reservoir level control for the residents and property owners around Elk/Skegemog Lakes, and has done so for 99 years; and

WHEREAS, ERHP provides significant electric grid support and increases the reliability of the electric system in the immediate geographic area; and

WHEREAS, ERHP's continued, successful operation depends upon the sale of electric capacity and energy from its hydroelectric facility; and

WHEREAS, ERHP's Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") with the Consumers Energy Company ("Consumers Energy") will expire in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy has a legal obligation to abide by the requirements of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA"), 16 U.S.C. § 2601 *et seq.*, and the rules promulgated thereunder (18 CFR Part 292, *et seq.*), including its mandatory purchase obligations for Michigan's small power production and cogeneration facilities; and

WHEREAS, ERHP is established as a "Qualifying Facility" of under 20 MW of capacity, subject to the PURPA requirements; and

WHEREAS, as of this date, Consumers Energy has refused to renegotiate or renew any of the expiring Qualifying Facility renewable Power Purchase Agreements at a fair and just rate; and

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WHEREAS it is in the best interests of Antrim County and the Village of Elk Rapids and its residents that the ERHP hydroelectric facility remains operational and viable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of Antrim, in the State of Michigan, memorializes its support for the ERHP hydroelectric facility and encourages Consumers Energy to negotiate this year in good faith for a new Power Purchase Agreement with ERHP in a timely manner and upon economically fair conditions for a term of 20 years or more.

Yes – David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus;
No –None;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #25-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson that the matter previously tabled at the September 10, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting as proposed by Commissioner Bargy which addresses the immediate elimination of the current committee, structure, meeting as a full Board the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and increasing the per diem for commissioners to $150.00 per full Board meeting be removed from the table. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners Committee structure be eliminated and that the Board meeting be the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month and increase the per diem to $150.00 per full Board meeting and that the process outlined in the proposal distributed by Commissioner Bargy at the September 10, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting be implemented. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Stanek, Marcus; No – Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson; Absent – None.

The Chairman asked for Public Comment: Linda Gallagher spoke of her concerns that the Equalization Department has a notice posted on their gate stating that the office is closed until Monday and has concerns with the change in the Board meeting structure will cause the loss of contact with the public, and that the Board agenda should provide more detail so that the general public can understand the issues before the Board. David Schulz spoke of the meeting structure stating that the change will free up the County Administrator and that the committee meetings are not well attended by the public. Michael Bertram spoke on the meeting structure and that maybe one meeting could be during the day and one in the evening. David Schulz stated that the Village of Bellaire meets at night and are not well attended by the public. Public comment closed at 12:05 p.m.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Smith that the Board addresses the readiness of the proposed changes as outlined in the elimination of the current committee structure. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Wilson, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy; Absent – None.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Boettcher that the committee structure elimination as outlined be addressed in detail and phased in and that each topic of proposed outline be addressed at the Thursday, November 12, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson, Bargy, Stanek; Absent – None.

Bob Wilson requested that the Board parliamentarians review Roberts Rules of Order and the Antrim County Board Procedures and Rules to clarify the action to table a matter and to take matters from the table.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Marcus that the Demolition Project at Grass River Natural Area, the contractor Matt's Underground Utility Construction has identified asbestos and lead in the log cabin and abatement is necessary at a cost not to exceed $10,000, be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the matter previously tabled at the September 10, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting as proposed by Commissioner Wilson which addresses a letter of reprimand be placed in the County Administrator's personnel file be removed from the table. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

County Administrator, Peter Garwood requested that the Board move to closed session to address this discussion.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres to go into closed session on the request made by the County Administrator, Peter Garwood to discuss Commissioner Wilson's request that a letter of reprimand be placed in his personnel file, filed in the County Clerk's office. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

The Board retired to Closed Session at 12:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 12:47 p.m.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson that the letter of reprimand proposed by Commissioner Wilson be placed in the County Administrator, Peter Garwood official personnel file located in the County Clerk's office. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Wilson, Bargy, Stanek; No – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; Absent – None. **MOTION FAILED**

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Heeres that the County having been notified as a property owner within 300 feet of property located at 5029 Old Park Road, Eastport, MI and that the owner having requested a Zoning Variance Appeal to the Torch Lake Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), seeking a variance to encroach five (5) feet into the fifty (50) foot lake side setback and that a letter be sent to the township objecting to the zoning variance request. Motion carried – Unanimous.

The Chairman directed the County Associate Planner, Janet Koch to notify Torch Lake Township of the Board's objection to the zoning variance appeal and also that she research the request for re-zoning to parcels #05-14-650-014-00, and #05-14-301-003-10 also located in Torch Lake Township.

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 to the call of the Chair.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday, November 12, 2015

Chairman Michael Crawford called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Present: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson.

Absent: Ed Boettcher, Christian Marcus

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Moment of Silence

The Chairman requested Public Comment: Mike Allison spoke to the Board requesting that his interest notification form for the Antrim County Economic Development Corporation be withdrawn. Mike Bertram spoke in support of the two (2) interest notifications that he submitted for the 911 Board and the Commission on Aging Board and spoke of qualifications for these positions. He also spoke on the Board's action to change their meeting practices and structure, requesting that this be rescinded and action be taken at the organizational meeting in January. He has heard from the public that a Board member has stated that there is arsenic in the MAWSA water and this is just not true. Jim Gurr spoke on his concerns regarding that the Board be aware of private corporations' involvement in various issues that concerns the Antrim County Departments and employees when managing local issues and that the decision making be kept at the local level and not allow special interest groups to impact local decision making. Ed Martel spoke of his concerns with the Antrim County Park Study presented and written by Mark Stone and suggested that the Board send the document to the Antrim County Planning Commission for their review of contents and determine future Master Plan amendments. Public Comment closed at 9:22 a.m.

Consent Agenda

Stanek requested that the Economic Development Corporation matter be removed from the consent agenda.
Crawford requested that the Nifty Thrifty matter be removed from the consent agenda.
Bargy requested that the Claims and Accounts be removed from the consent agenda.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the sealed bid requirement be waived as permitted in the purchasing and bid policy for the Sheriff to allow the Jail Shower Resurfacing Project to move forward without a formal request for bids or request for proposals. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the Prince Property #05-02-034-010-00 delinquent and current taxes as follows; delinquent taxes in the amount of $1,293.55, and the Summer 2015 taxes in the amount of $303.27 and the Winter 2015 taxes in the amount of $97.74 for the total cost of $1,694.56 be approved and paid from the Forestry Fund #230-285-802.007. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Boettcher, Marcus.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the Chairman be authorized to execute the five-year lease agreement for a Xerox 3615 printer for the Register of Deeds' office at the cost of $35.01 per month for a lease total of $2,100.06 be paid from the General Fund Register of Deeds budget. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Boettcher, Marcus.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the Chairman be authorized to execute contracts for the 2016 appropriations with the following: Antrim County Fair, Conservation Resource Alliance, Traverse Area District Library, The Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay, and that the Chairman execute the 2016 fiduciary agreements with Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan, Inc. and the Antrim County Community Collaborative. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Boettcher, Marcus.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the invoice from Asbestos Demolition Services, Inc. in the amount of $4,975.00 for the removal and disposal of asbestos and lead at the log cabin off Brake Road to be paid from the Grass River Natural Area Fund #223-756-934 and that the County Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell make the appropriate corresponding budget amendment. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Boettcher, Marcus.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the County Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to make the 2016 General fund budget amendment to increase the Equalization Department "other wages" line item #101-257-705 and the associated benefits in the amount of $1,893.00 and authorize the hiring process for a Clerk I position in the Equalization Department, with the additional funds to be taken from the General fund ending fund balance. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – None; Absent – Boettcher, Marcus.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Johnson that the minutes of October 8, 2015 be approved. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Christian Marcus arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator spoke on the County building currently known and housed by Nifty Thrifty. The Board will be faced with making a decision as to the future of the building whether the use continues to be Nifty Thrifty, or that the building is leased out, sold or torn down. All of the options have to be considered on the building's future.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Johnson that the County will continue to fund Nifty Thrifty until October 1, 2016 and to work with the community to find an alternative and that Commission on Aging Director, Judy Parliament continue to oversee the operations and employees until October 1, 2016. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

Mark Stone, Dams Operator presented the Elk Rapids Hydro Renovations Project with estimates from Northern Restoration totaling $208,500.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the Dams Operator, Mark Stone proceed with the Elk Rapids Hydro Renovations Project to seek bids for the resurfacing of the floor, for the lead abatement and repainting, and for the door replacement not to exceed $165,000.00, to be paid from the Elk Rapids Hydro Fund #582 in 2016. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson; Absent – Boettcher.

The Public Hearing on The Establishment of a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program ("PACE Program") and create a PACE district pursuant to Act No. 270, Public Acts of Michigan 2010 ("Act 270"), for the purpose of promoting the use of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by owners of certain real property opened at 10:09 a.m.

Comments in support for the program were heard from Ed Martel and Tom Erhart.

The Public Hearing closed at 10:25 a.m.

The Board continued discussion of the proposed PACE program.

RESOLUTION # 25-2015 by Chuck Johnson, and seconded by Bryan Smith

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM (PACE) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Antrim County, Michigan previously has adopted a Resolution of Intent to authorize the establishment of a property assessed clean energy program ("PACE Program") and create a PACE district pursuant to Act No. 270, Public Acts of Michigan, 2010 ("Act 270"), for the purpose of promoting the use of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by owners of certain real property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that financing energy projects is a valid public purpose because it stimulates economic development, improves property values, reduces energy costs, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and increases employment in the County; and

WHEREAS, the types of energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy systems that may be financed under the PACE Program include, but are not limited to: insulation in walls, roofs, floors, foundations, or heating and cooling distribution systems; storm windows and doors; multi-glazed windows and doors; heat-absorbing or heat-reflective glazed and coated window and door systems; and additional glazing, reductions in glass area, and other window and door system modifications that reduce energy consumption; automated energy control systems; heating, ventilating, or air-conditioning and distribution system modifications or replacements; caulking, weather-stripping, and air sealing; replacement or modification of lighting fixtures to reduce the energy use of the lighting system; energy recovery systems; day lighting systems; installation or upgrade of electrical wiring or outlets to charge a motor vehicle that is fully or partially powered by electricity; measures to reduce the usage of water or increase the efficiency of water usage; any other installation or modification of equipment, devices, or materials approved as a utility cost-savings measure by the PACE Program; a fixture, product, device, or interacting group of fixtures, products, or devices on the customer's side of the meter that use one or more renewable energy resources to generate electricity. Renewable energy resources include, but are not

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limited to: biomass (including a biomass stove but not an incinerator); solar and solar thermal energy; wind energy; geothermal energy and methane gas captured from a landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 10:09 a.m., in the Board of Commissioners office, 203 E. Cayuga St., Bellaire, MI 49615, to receive comments on the proposed PACE Program, including the Report referenced in Section 9(1) of Act 270 (the "PACE Report"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners intends to establish a PACE Program as described in the PACE Report, so as to provide a property owner-based method of financing and funds for energy projects, including owner-arranged financing from a commercial lender, which funds and financing shall be secured and repaid by assessments on the property benefited, with the agreement of the record owners, such that no County moneys, general County taxes or County credit of any kind whatsoever shall be pledged, committed or used in connection with any project as required by, and subject to Act 270.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The PACE Program for the County is established and approved.

2. The PACE district, having the same boundaries as the County's jurisdictional boundaries, is established.

3. The PACE Program constitutes a valid public purpose because it stimulates economic development, improves property values, reduces energy costs, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and increases employment in the County.

4. The PACE Report is incorporated herein in full by reference, and is approved and adopted.

5. The County formally joins Lean & Green Michigan™ and designates Levin Energy Partners, LLC as PACE administrator to administer the PACE Program.

6. In accordance with the PACE Report, amendments to the PACE Program shall not require a public hearing.

7. In accordance with Act 270, an assessment imposed under the PACE Program, including any interest on the assessment and any penalty, shall constitute a lien against the property on which the assessment is imposed until the assessment, including any interest or penalty, is paid in full. The lien runs with the property and has the same priority and status as other property tax and assessment liens. The County has all rights in the case of delinquency in the payment of an assessment as it does with respect to delinquent property taxes. When the assessment, including any interest and penalty, is paid, the lien shall be removed from the property. Antrim County Board of Commissioners or his/her designee is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any special assessment agreement, document or certificate necessary or appropriate to create, establish and record an assessment under the PACE Program.

8. In accordance with Act 270, installments of assessments due under the PACE Program may be included in each summer and winter tax bill issued under the General Property Tax Act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.155 ("Act 206"), and may be collected at the same time and in the same manner

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as taxes collected under Act 206. Under owner-arranged financing, the County may impose an assessment and forward payments to the commercial lender or the record owner may pay the commercial lender directly. In all projects where the property owner will pay the installments of assessments through periodic payments to the County, the PACE special assessment agreement will provide for the County to be reimbursed for the actual costs of administering the billing and payment process.

9. The County may join with any other local unit of government, or with any person, or with any number or combination thereof, by contract or otherwise as may be permitted by law, for the implementation of the County's PACE Program, in whole or in part, and the Antrim County Board of Commissioners or his/her designee is authorized to execute and deliver such documents, agreements or certificates as may be necessary or advisable to permit the cooperative implementation of the PACE Program as provided by Act 270 or other applicable law.

10. The Antrim County Board of Commissioners or his/her designee is authorized to sign necessary documents, agreements or certificates, and to take all other actions necessary or convenient to implement a PACE Program consistent with the PACE Report.

11. All resolutions and parts of resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

YES: David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus;
NO: None;
ABSENT: Ed Boettcher

RESOLUTION #25 -2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Brad Gerlach, employee of the Glacial Hills Recreation Board presented the Glacial Hills 2015 Report, the Glacial Hills Annual Work Plan for 2016 and the Glacial Hills Trail Maintenance Plan.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Crawford that the request for funds in the amount of $10,000.00 be approved and taken from the Glacial Hills Grant Fund #238 to assist with the cost of the Glacial Hills operations on the basis that this is a one-time expenditure. Motion as follows: Yes – Heeres, Smith, Crawford; No – Wilson, Bargy, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; Absent – Boettcher. **Motion Fails.**

Tom Erhart, from Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA), Business Retention and Growth introduced Laura Galbraith, Venture North Executive Director to the Board. She presented the Venture North Business Financing Options Program, providing needed financing alternatives when traditional lending institutions are unable or unwilling to provide business loans.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson that claims and accounts in the amount of $420,941.72 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres that the Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to make a 2016 budget amendment in the amount of $2,577.00 from the General Fund #101 Contingencies 101-895-999 and create the Department for the Antrim County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in the General Fund with cost center and expenditure line items in the amount of $2,577.00 for the purpose of preparing all documents necessary for proposed Brownfield projects. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that fees for outside construction code inspectors be set at $150.00 for a single inspection, $200 for two (2) to four (4) inspections, and when there are five (5) or more inspections, an additional payment of $50.00 for each inspection per contract to be paid from the Construction Code Enforcement Fund # 249. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Wilson, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Heeres, Bargy; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the low bid and contract from Wade Trim to perform the survey of the forestry property at the cost of $950.00 to survey the property gifted to the County by the Prince Family and with the condition that Wade Trim accept the changes proposed by civil counsel. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Barnes Park camping fee be increased in the amount of $2.00 per night (from $22 to $24 for the rustic sites and $26 to $28 for the electric sites) and that these changes to take effect in the 2016 park season be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Barnes Park dump fees for average- sized motor homes increase from $10 to $15 and increase larger motor homes and trailers that could dump 100 or more gallons to $20, and that campers that camp at Barnes Park continue to use the dump service at no cost and that these changes to take effect in the 2016 park season be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the residents of Antrim County camping at Barnes Park receive a discount in the amount of $2.00 per day and that the previous discount practices be eliminated and that these changes to take effect in the 2016 park season be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Wilson, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Heeres, Bargy; Absent – Boettcher.

Resolution #26-2015 by Chuck Johnson, and seconded by Bryan Smith

DECLARATION OF SUPPORT
BY
ANTRIM COUNTY
FOR
ENHANCING NET METERING IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, electric generation near the point of consumption is also known as Distributed Generation (DG) or Net Metering, and has many benefits, and

WHEREAS, these benefits include: the reduction of the strain on distribution systems, the improvement of grid stabilization, the decrease of losses in long-distance electricity transmission and distribution; and

WHEREAS, these benefits also include: a lessening of the effects of fuel supply cost uncertainty, a drop in out-of-state fuel purchases, a reduction of energy generated by less efficient centralized power plants; and

WHEREAS, these benefits further include: an increase in employment and downstream economic effects, an increase in public health benefits from reduced pollution and emissions, and a reduction of water usage and consumption that would otherwise be needed for cooling of central power plants; and

WHEREAS, these benefits are shared by all of Michigan's electricity ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, there are several dozen former hydroelectric plants in the state that have been decommissioned, and several hundred non-powered dams that could be retrofitted for DG and provide needed capacity and affordable, carbon-free energy for compliance with the Clean Power Plan; and

WHEREAS, one site in particular, that would be well suited, is the former powered Bellaire Dam in the Village of Bellaire, Antrim County, which has been studied and considered for this very application; and

WHEREAS, current law does not allow Antrim County to Net Meter at the Bellaire Dam; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Antrim County and its residents that the County be able to Net Meter at the Bellaire Dam;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Antrim, in the State of Michigan, encourages the Michigan State Legislature to increase the current state-wide utility capacity cap on DG from the current 1% to at least 5%; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that solar, wind, anaerobic, and hydroelectric forms of renewable energy as well as Combined Heat and Power systems up to 2 MW be allowed; and

Resolution #26-2015 continued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that fair value rates for the DG energy should be established by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), and not the state's Investor Owned Utilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MPSC should also determine fair and equitable costs for DG interconnection with the utility, as well as fair and just demand and standby charges.

Yes – David Heeres, Robert Wilson, Karen Bargy, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus;
No – None;
Absent – Ed Boettcher.

RESOLUTION #26-2015 DECLARED ADOPTED.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the contractor Advantage Electric be authorized to move forward with the contract work for the wiring of the computer server rooms to the existing generator and that further research be conducted regarding the options available to the County for the continued use of the existing generators or for replacement generators. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johns, Marcus; No – Wilson, Bargy; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres that the vacant position of the Building Official due to the resignation of Robert Massey dated October 23, 2015 be offered to current employee and inspector Mark Haynes at the six (6) month salary step of $56,434.00 and to be retroactive to the effective date starting October 26, 2015 and continue all full time employee benefits. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator reported that he has not received a legal opinion from the County's legal counsel in the matter of the personnel grievance filed by Todd Johnson. The County through negotiations of the Union Contract provides Sickness and Accident Insurance with carrier Mutual of Omaha who has denied Mr. Johnson's claim. Mr. Johnson appealed the denial and the insurance company again supported their denial of his claim of appeal. The Sickness and Accident Policy states that their company will sometimes require the claimant to be examined by a Physician or vocational rehabilitation expert of their choice and will pay the expenses. This section of the policy was never offered to Mr. Johnson by the carrier Mutual of Omaha.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the Chairman appoint Michele Nerone, Carl Veenstra and Jean Engstrand to the Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Michele Nerone, Carl Veenstra and Jean Engstrand to the Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the appointments of Michele Nerone, term to expire 01/01/2019, Carl Veenstra term to expire 01/01/2019, and Jean Engstrand term to expire 01/01/2018 to the Antrim Creek Natural Area Committee be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the Chairman appoint Sally Hannert, Jeanette Hayes, Beverly McCamman and Rick Teague to the Commission on Aging Advisory Board. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Sally Hannert, Jeanette Hayes, Beverly McCamman and Rick Teague to the Commission on Aging Advisory Board.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the appointments of Sally Hannert, Jeanette Hayes, Beverly McCamman and Rick Teague to the Commission on Aging Advisory Board and that the terms expire 12/31/2016 be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the Chairman appoint Ron Grammer to the Construction Code of Appeals Board. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Ron Grammer to the Construction Code of Appeals Board.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the appointment of Ron Grammer to the Construction Code of Appeals Board, and that the term expire 12/31/2018 be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the Chairman appoint Michael Paradis to the Department of Human Services/Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility Governing Board.

The Chairman appointed Michael Paradis to the Department of Human Services/Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility Governing Board.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the appointment of Michael Paradis to the Department of Human Services/Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility Governing Board, term to expire 10/31/2017 be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres that the Chairman appoint Bill Drollinger to the Emergency 911 Board. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Bill Drollinger to the Emergency 911 Board.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres that the appointment of Bill Drollinger (citizen at large), to the Emergency 911 Board and that the term expire 01/01/2019 be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the Chairman appoint Dawn LaVanway and Bob Ferguson to the Economic Development Alliance/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board (EDC/BRA). Motion carried – All present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Dawn LaVanway and Randy Bishop to the Economic Development Alliance/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board (EDC/BRA).

It was moved Marcus, seconded by Smith that the appointments of Dawn Lavanway and Randy Bishop to the Economic Development Alliance/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board (EDC/BRA) be accepted. Motion as follows: Yes – Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; No – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Stanek; Absent – Boettcher. **MOTION FAILS**

The Chairman appointed Dawn LaVanway to the Economic Development Alliance/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board (EDC/BRA).

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the appointment of Dawn LaVanway to the Economic Development Alliance/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board (EDC/BRA) and that the term expire 12/31/2021 be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the Chairman appoint Rick Diebold and Peter Garwood to the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Board (NLEA). Motion carried – All present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Rick Diebold and Peter Garwood to the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Board (NLEA).

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the appointments of Rick Diebold and Peter Garwood to the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Board (NLEA) and that the terms expire 12/31/2017 be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the Chairman appoint Stan Moore, Don Schuiteman and David Atkins to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The Chairman appointed Stan Moore, Don Schuiteman and David Atkins to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the appointments of Stan Moore, Don Schuiteman terms to expire 01/01/2019 and David Atkins term to expire 01/01/2017 to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the Chairman appoint Bill Bailey, Jill Barnard and Rick Teague to the Antrim County Planning Commission. Motion carried – All voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Bill Bailey, Jill Barnard and Rick Teague to the Antrim County Planning Commission.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the appointments of Bill Bailey, Jill Barnard and Rick Teague to the Antrim County Planning Commission and that the terms expire 12/31/2018 be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the Chairman appoint Mike Domsic, Mike McPherson and Kathleen Peterson to the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee (SWRC). Motion carried – All present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Mike Domsic, Mike McPherson and Kathleen Peterson to the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee (SWRC).

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the appointments of Mike Domsic, Mike McPherson and Kathleen Peterson to the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee (SWRC) and that the terms expire 12/31/2018 be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the Chairman appoint Mike Hayes to the Veterans Affairs Board. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

The Chairman appointed Mike Hayes to the Veterans Affairs Board.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Smith that the appointment of Mike Hayes to the Veterans Affairs Board and that the term expire 12/31/2019 be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres that the request from Torch Conservation Center for the provision of the parcel line spatial data from the County Geographical Information System (GIS) database be approved and that the fees be waived. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres to approve the request from Great Lakes Energy to swap data with the County for the County's parcel line spatial data for their data layers of overhead lines, underground lines and substations in Antrim County at no cost to either party. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Smith that the Chairman appoint Ed Sayre, Antrim County Emergency Services (ACES) organization representative to the E911 Board for the 2016 term. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

The Chairman re-appointed Ed Sayre, Antrim County Emergency Services (ACES) organization representative to the E911 Board.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Smith that the appointment of Ed Sayre, Antrim County Emergency Services (ACES) organization representative to the E911 Board and that the term expire 01/01/2017 be accepted. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Heeres that the Administration & County Services Committee interview applicants for the position of Clerk I and that the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and the County Administrator be authorized to hire the position of Clerk I for the Equalization Department. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent- Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Heeres that the Administration & County Services Committee interview applicants for the position of the Plumbing Inspector and that the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and the County Administrator be authorized to hire the position of Plumbing Inspector for the Antrim County Construction Code Enforcement Office. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent- Boettcher.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Smith that the motion from the Board meeting dated Thursday, October 8, 2015 that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners Committee structure be eliminated and that the Board meeting be the 2nd and the 4th Thursday of each month and increase the per diem to $150.00 per full Board meeting and that the process outlined in the proposal distributed by Commissioner Bargy at the September 10, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting be implemented be **Rescinded.** Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson, Bargy, Stanek; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Smith that the motion from the Board meeting dated Thursday, October 8, 2015 that the committee structure elimination as outlined be addressed in detail and phased in and each topic of proposed outline be addressed at the Thursday, November 12, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting be **Rescinded.** Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson, Bargy, Stanek; Absent – Boettcher.

Point of Order - Chairman stated that the Board rules to rescind a motion have been met with a majority vote.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator spoke on the Recycling Funding proposal sent to the Townships to consider entering in an agreement with Antrim County to participate in Public Act 69 of 2005, allows for a household surcharge on property tax bills to pay for recycling. Less than half of the Townships have replied.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Wilson that the Chairman be authorized to execute the Emergency Management Performance Grant agreement with the State of Michigan for the fiscal year 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent- Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Heeres that the Emergency Services Coordinator, Leslie Meyers be authorized to apply for a Paddle Antrim's "Ripple Effect" Grant to purchase a rescue mannequin to be used by all fire departments, the Recreation Division of the Sheriff and any other relevant non-profits within Antrim County. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Heeres that the Chairman be authorized to execute the contracts for services for snow plowing the parking lots, shoveling the walkways and removal of snow piles as necessary at the Bellaire Senior Center from 11/1/2015 -04/30/2016 with Union Designs & Landscaping, LLC and to execute contracts for services for snow removal at private senior residents in various locations throughout Antrim County from 11/1/2015- 04/30/2016 with the following contractors:

C & K, Inc.
Dream Acres Services, LLC
Garrett Landscaping
Marshall & Sons Contracting
SJ & Family Lawn Care
Union Designs & Landscaping, LLC
Carl Ayoub

Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Stanek that the Chairman be authorized to execute the subcontractor agreement with Northern Health Care Management for home and community based services for the elderly and disabled (MI Choice Waiver), and that the Chairman execute the business associate agreement with Northern Lakes Community Mental Health/Northern Michigan Health Care Management, and that the Commission on Aging Director, Judy Parliament be authorized to execute the subcontractor enrollment agreement with the Michigan Department of Community Health. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the sale of the two (2) Antrim County Airport plows through www.GovDeals.com with bids in the amount of $7,148.00 and $4,565.00 totaling $11,713.00 be accepted and approved with the funds being deposited into the Antrim County Airport Enterprise Fund #581. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Stanek that the Chairman be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) effective January 1 through December 31 each calendar for Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) sub-account County Child Care Fund services. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Boettcher.

It was moved by Wilson, seconded by Marcus that the County Administrator, Peter Garwood immediately contact the County's legal counsel to determine the options that the County has in the matter of the short term disability claim which had been denied, appealed and again denied by the Sickness and Accident Insurance carrier Mutual of Omaha for the Sheriff Department employee Todd Johnson, and that contingent upon legal counsel's directive that the County make payment to Mr. Johnson, and if needed that a Special Board meeting be called. Motion carried as follows: Yes- Heeres, Wilson, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy; Absent – Boettcher.

The Chairman, Michael Crawford left the meeting at 1:45 p.m.
The Vice-Chairman, Laura Stanek assumed the position for the remainder of the meeting.

The Vice Chair asked for Public Comment. Jim Gurr spoke to the Board on Parks and Recreation Advisory Board should remain the same and no need to reorganize, the County hasn't any land use policies and many Townships have zoning ordinances which they enforce, the Mr. Stone's Park Study/Proposal spoke in favor of promoting involvement of special interest groups which would create a negative impact on County controls. Bill Bailey spoke of Mark Stone's presentation agreeing with Mr. Gurr's statements. Although, did disagree with the statement made by Mr. Stone that there are no available contractors in our area. Todd Johnson thanked the Board for listening and support. Public comment closed at 2:00 p.m.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Stanek the Board retire to Closed Session to discuss union negotiations for the Wage-Reopener with the Antrim County Transportation Unit and that the County Clerk and County Administrator remain in closed session. Motion called all present voting yes.

The Board retired to Closed Session at 2:05 p.m.
The Board returned to Open Session at 2:20 p.m.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Heeres that the wage re-opener be ratified and the individuals in the Antrim County Transportation (ACT) collective Bargaining Unit be approved a 2% increase in wages. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent –Boettcher.

Wilson reported he has concerns with his County issued tablet, stating that his table has been hacked and has spoken to the Information Technology Director, Valerie Craft with security concerns.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Bargy that the Closed Session minutes of October 8, 2015 be approved. Motion carried – All present voting yes.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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Laura Stanek, Vice-Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Friday, November 20, 2015

SPECIAL MEETING

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present: David Heeres, Bob Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Steve Olds, President of the Star Township Fire Board spoke to the Board of his concerns for the Emergency Communications System and that their system had been disconnected due to a storm. The disconnection of the paging and radio connections has affected response times for the teams and is putting the public and fire fighters at risk. This problem needs to be resolved and fixed immediately. Bob Marsh a member of the Star Township Fire Board asked why the problems with the Emergency Communications System have not been resolved; and that with every storm that comes through our community there is a potential that disconnected radios and pagers will create a danger to our fire fighters and the public that we serve. He also stated that the Board needs to stand up and take care of Officer Johnson. Bob Weesner spoke in support of the urgency to fix the Emergency Communication System. Public Comment closed at 11:10 a.m.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator spoke on the history of the short term disability claim filed by Mr. Johnson dated June 9, 2015 the carrier Mutual of Omaha denied and continued to deny claim appeal and again through a "courtesy review" process of the claim. Mr. Johnson was on leave without pay from June 22, 2015 to October 1, 2015. Mr. Johnson filed a grievance through his Union the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM). The grievance was denied at both verbal and written steps and was then appealed to the Administration & County Services Committee. Mr. Johnson spoke to the committee regarding all of the special circumstances and the lack of support from insurance carriers. Priority Health Insurance carrier changed the allowable coverage for his treatment which decreased his doses causing him to become so sick that he was unable to work, time was needed to recover and to find a therapy that works well for him. Meanwhile the lack of short term disability payment has caused him financial hardship. The Administration & County Services Committee directed the County Administrator to contact the County's legal counsel to get a legal opinion and that the Board call a special meeting to review the opinion and take necessary action. Mr. Johnson spoke to the Board at the meeting of November 12, 2015 pleading that the Board authorize payment only in the amount that the insurance carrier would have paid if approved which is 70% of gross pay.

Options available:

The County Administrator, Peter Garwood can work with civil counsel to verify if the insurance company followed their own rules and protocol in the denial of Mr. Johnson's claim. Although a cost is involved for the County for the attorney's time it may be worth the cost to ensure that the benefits which the employees are getting are indeed the benefits that the County pays for. The County's counsel cannot represent Mr. Johnson in any action against the Short Term Disability insurance company, but the Board can authorize the County counsel to help Mr. Johnson with the research.

The County Board can enter into a Letter of Understanding with the Union which will enable the Board to make payment for lost wages at the rate of 70% of his gross wages and stating that "this payment be a one time basis and without precedent," as other employees in the future in a similar situation may request the same treatment.

The Board may choose to do nothing and determine that the issue be determined between Mr. Johnson and his care givers and the Short Term Disability insurance carrier Mutual of Omaha. The County has fulfilled its responsibility under the bargaining agreement and it's up to Mr. Johnson to pursue the next step.

Discussion followed regarding this matter.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Boettcher that Todd Johnson provide his entire claim file to the County Administrator so that they may assist and investigate whether or not Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company followed its own rules and protocol in the denial of Mr. Johnson's claim and that the file be shared with the County's legal counsel and that legal counsel be authorized to assist with research without representation and that the cost be paid by the County. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Todd Johnson spoke to the Board regarding his claim and the frustrations that he has endured with the life threatening disease with no cure and that he has been able to work for the last five (5) years but when the Health Carrier changed what was covered under the Health Insurance Plan which meant that the allowable and approved doses had to be decreased and that while acclimating to the reduced dose he became very sick and was unable to work and his physician refused to approve his return to work. That he was relying on the County provided Short Term Disability Insurance carrier to provide the lost wage benefit in the amount of 70% of gross wages that is afforded through the County and POAM Bargaining Unit. His claim was denied then he reapplied, his claim was again denied and then he appealed the decision of Mutual of Omaha to their Appeals Board. He emailed the County Administration on August 6, 2015 asking for assistance with his claim and Mr. Garwood spoke to the insurance carrier without remedy. This is when he contacted Scott Boni, POAM President-CCC Unit out of desperation to file a grievance. The County Administrator denied his grievance on October 2, 2015 and at that time he was forced to appeal the decision to the Administrative & County Services Committee. This is when the committee learned of the situation and a Special Meeting was called to address his appeal after his grievance was denied both verbally and written. Administrative & County Services Committee met October 29, 2015 with the outcome that County legal counsel get involved and provide an opinion. He addressed the Board at the November 12, 2015 Board Meeting asking for the Board's help and asked why it has taken three (3) months for the Board to become aware of this situation and again thanked the Board for listening.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that a payment in the amount of $7,930.95 be authorized to Todd Johnson, Court Security Officer, to be distributed through the County payroll dated November 25, 2015 and that this payment (reflects 70% of the gross wages) for the wages denied by Mutual of Omaha from June 22, 2015 –October 1, 2015 and that Mr. Johnson proceed with an appeal or file suit as he is the injured party that experienced a loss; and that the County cannot take any legal action for denied short-term disability benefits; and that the Board authorize the County Administrator and the County's legal counsel to help with the research; and that if Mr. Johnson is awarded short-term-disability from Mutual of Omaha, and that Mr. Johnson be required to, reimburse the County. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy; Absent- None.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Johnson that the Letter of Understanding between Antrim County and Police Officer Association of Michigan Corrections/Cooks/Clerical Unit for Short Term Disability Pay and long term employee Todd Johnson receive payment and that the payment is being made on a one time basis and without setting precedent be approved and executed as amended. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that Karl Schmidt be hired to fill the vacant Equalization Department, Clerk I position, pending the results of the background check and employment physical and that Mr. Schmidt be paid at the hire-in rate of $14.63 and be afforded all full time benefits per the General Bargaining Unit Agreement. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy; Absent – None;

The Chairman requested Public Comment: Steven Olds and Bob Marsh spoke of their concerns regarding the Antrim County 911 Communication System and public safety. Currently when drops happen it's more than likely due to storms and the use of basic text messaging is being used when the radios are down.

Sheriff Dan Bean spoke on the problems with the 911 Communications System and that many issues are being reviewed with Tel-Rad, Michigan Department of Information Technology who manages and operates the Michigan Public Safety Communications System and Antrim County. These issues that have been discussed have also affected Central Lake Township, Mancelona Township and Star Township. The cable has been replaced thinking that this was the problem but this is not the problem and Tel-Rad determined that the problem is not the equipment and is currently checking on the programming of the State's tower.

Karen Bargy spoke on the current issues of the Antrim County 911 Communications System, and that Tele-Rad, the Michigan Public Safety Communications System, technician from the State and the County are all working together to diagnose and resolve the problem.

Christian Marcus requested that the Sheriff and County Administrator make a few calls and gather additional information and report to the Health & Public Safety Committee. In the meantime contact Senator Wayne Schmidt to request his support and assist in prompting the State to get involved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

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Mike Crawford, Chairman

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Missy Titus for Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday, December 10, 2015

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

Present: David Heeres, Bob Wilson, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus.
Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Moment of Silence

The Chairman requested Public Comment: Michael Allison spoke to the Board requesting that his interest notification for the vacant position on the Antrim County Economic Development Corporation and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board be reconsidered, and asked that the Board support and approve his request. He stated that he withdrew his interest notification last month because his application may eliminate a current member's request to be reappointed. Tyler Bevier introduced himself to the Board as an independent contractor and Director for the Bellaire Downtown Development Authority. Public Comment closed at 9:05 a.m.

Consent Agenda:

Stanek requested that the three (3) items from Building, Lands and Infrastructure be removed from the consent agenda. 1) That up to $2,000.00 for the cost of an appraisal for parcel #05-05-031-002-01 to be paid from Forestry Fund #230 and to authorize the corresponding 2016 budget amendment. 2) To increase the General Fund, County Building Capital Outlay line item by $5,896.00 to $15,896.00 for countertops and authorize the corresponding 2016 budget amendment with the funds to come from the General Fund. 3) That the payment of $8,500.00 from the Glacial Hills Fund #238 to the Glacial Hills Committee with the corresponding 2015 budget amendment.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that claims and account in the amount of $181,875.97 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that the Probate Court Unrepresented shall receive a 2% increase in salaries for the year 2016 and that the Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to make the corresponding 2016 budget amendment from the General Fund – Special Projects – Contingencies 101-895-999 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that the Prosecuting Attorney Unrepresented employees, the Elected Officials, the General Unrepresented employees, the Part-time/Seasonal employees, and the County Administrator, receive a 2% increase in salaries and wages for the year 2016 and that the County Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to make the corresponding 2016 budget amendments from the General Fund – Special Projects – Contingencies 101-895-999 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that parity increases be approved for 2016 salary and wage increases for the following department head positions; Parks Manager 3%, Maintenance Director 3%, Commission on Aging Director 3%, Veterans Affairs Director 4%, the Emergency Services Coordinator 6.5% and the IT Director 6.5%, and that these wage increases be calculated after the addition of the 2% approved for the General Unrepresented, and that the County Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to make the corresponding 2016 budget amendments from the General Fund- Special Projects – Contingencies 101-895-999 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek to approve a three-month extension of the fifty cents per hour wage increase for the Equalization Department employee, Casey Guthrie and that Julie Weston, Equalization Department employee also be provided with the same fifty cents per hour increase to start January 12, 2016, as recommended by Equalization Director Polly Cairns, and that the County Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to make the corresponding 2016 budget amendments from the General Fund- Special Projects – Contingencies 101-895-999 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that the County Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to make the necessary 2015 General Fund Revenue Budget Amendments in the amount of $240,715.09, and to make the necessary 2015 General Fund expenditure budget amendments in the County Departments in the amount of $83,714.08 and that the 2015 Other Fund revenue and expenditure budget amendments be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that the County Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to, after consultation with the Finance Chairman or the Board Chairman in the absence of the Finance Chairman and the County Administrator, make any necessary amendments to avoid negative fund balances for both the General Fund and Other Funds at year end and present the results to the next Committee of a Whole, Finance, Ways and Means Committee. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator spoke to the Board on the Recycling Proposal presented to the Townships and the responses to date are eight (8) Townships not in support of proposal for PA 69 which assesses annual charge of up to twenty five dollars ($25.00) per year per household, four (4) Townships are in support of proposal and have not received responses from two (2) Townships, being Elk Rapids and Mancelona. He also announced that Mark Stone, Operator of Dams has been working on the FERC licensing project that began in 2003 and has finally been approved and issued.

Mark Stone, Operator of Dams spoke on the FERC Licensing process and the many people that offered their assistance, commitment and expertise to the re- licensing process. Also thanked the Board for their support and the Stockhausens that have been committed and continue to be a pleasure to work with, it's been a long haul and finally the license has been issued.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Marcus that the minutes of November 12, 2015 be approved. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Marcus that the minutes of November 20, 2015 be approved as corrected. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Lori Sak, Chairman of the Grass River Natural Area Board spoke to the Board on the Antrim County Parks and Conservation Study presented by Mark Stone at the public forum in November and wanted to express the Grass River Natural Area Board's concerns. She stated that not all the statements were factual and that communication is the key to continued success for all Antrim County Parks and Public Lands and an investment for the future. She suggested that a committee be formed to create a Development Plan, Strategic Plan and a Marketing Plan to secure continued funding and that if an appointment is to be requested for the representation of Grass River Natural Area, that the request be directed to the Grass River Natural Area Board.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the proposed Soil Erosion fee schedule for earth changes be increased based on the square footage be accepted and approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – Marcus; Absent – None.

Wilson requested that the matter to make appointments to a Park Study group be **TABLED** until the February 2016 meeting of the Board.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Level 1 Maintenance Agreement with Wolverine Power Systems for the 911/Jail generator backup power system at a cost of $435.00, for a one-year period be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the County Administrator be authorized to sign the grant application for the 2016 Remonumentation Program totaling $31,350.00 and approve the submission of the application. Motion carried as follows: Yes- Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Robert Wilson left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to increase the 2016 General Fund, County Building Capital Outlay line item (101-901-980.265) budget by $5,896.00 to $15,896.00 for the countertops project and authorize the corresponding 2016 budget amendment with funds from the General Fund ending fund balance. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson; No – Bargy, Stanek, Marcus; Absent – Wilson.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Chairman be authorized to execute a contract with RCI/Richter Construction, Inc. in the amount of $15,896.00 to purchase and install the countertops, sinks, and fixtures for the Antrim County Building. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson; No – Bargy, Stanek, Marcus; Absent – Wilson.

Bargy requested that the matter to execute three (3) transmission line right-of-way easement agreements with Wolverine Power Cooperative from Graves Crossing to Central Lake be **TABLED** to the February 2016 Board meeting.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Chairman be authorized to execute a contract with Lakeshore Energy Services, LLC DBA Continuum Energy as Antrim County's natural gas provider from April 2016 through March 2017 at a cost of $0.335 cents per Ccf. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Wilson.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the payment in the amount of $8,500.00 from the Glacial Hills Fund #238 to the Glacial Hills Committee be approved and that the Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell make the corresponding budget amendment. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson; No – Bargy, Stanek, Marcus; Absent – Wilson.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that an appraisal for parcel #05-05-031-002-01 at a cost not to exceed $2,000.00 be approved and paid from the Forestry Fund #230. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy, Stanek; Absent – Wilson.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the Chairman be authorized to execute the fiscal year 2016 MIPPA ADRC Agreement (Medicare Improvement of Patients and Providers Act/ Aging and Disability Resource Collaboration) – Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance Services Sub-Contract Agreement between the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan and the Antrim County Commission on Aging. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Wilson.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the Chairman be authorized to execute an airport land lease with Bill Jamnick, a/k/a William P. Jamnick, Trustee of the Bill Jamnick Trust retro-active from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2035. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Wilson.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the Chairman be authorized to execute the service agreement with Tele-Rad, Inc. to maintain the Antrim County Sheriff Department radio system from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at the rate of $2,303.60 per month. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Wilson.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that the Chairman be authorized to execute the Agreement for Extension Services provided by Michigan State University to Antrim County Annual Work Plan for fiscal year 2016. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Wilson.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that the Antrim County Sheriff be authorized to execute the inmate services contracts for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 with David May, DO as correctional facility physician at the rate of $1,500.00 per month and Jennifer Held, R.N. as correctional Facility nurse at the rate of $24.00 per hour. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Wilson.

The Chairman appointed Michael Allison to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board term to expire 12/31/2021.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Smith that the appointment of Michael Allison to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board and that the term expire 12/31/2021 be accepted. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; No – Heeres, Bargy, Stanek; Absent – Wilson.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the Chairman be authorized to execute the Tuition Reimbursement Agreement between Antrim County and Julie Weston, GIS Technician, employed by the Equalization Department for enrollment costs associated with the Michigan Advanced Assessing Officer Level 2 Certification through the State Tax Commission certified Assessing Officer Training Program. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Wilson.

Ed Boettcher spoke on a Strategic Planning Workshop he attended and provided members with a copy from the training that could be helpful to the Board; Components of Extraordinary Governance: Background and Development.

The Chairman requested Public Comment: Randy Bishop spoke to the Board on concerns for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Baseline Environmental Assessment (BEA) Study for the property formerly known as Dura property located at 310 Palmer Park Drive, Mancelona MI, with a tax foreclosure now under the County's jurisdiction, stating that a Baseline Environmental Assessment Study is not required. Asked who has the authority to order and pay from County funds the same report that he obtained at no cost. Public Comment closed at 11:20 a.m.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Johnson the Board retire to Closed Session to discuss union negotiations for the Police Officers of Michigan (POAM) Deputies/Dispatchers Unit and the Corrections/Cooks/Clerical Unit and the Teamsters Local 214 Unit Command Unit and that the County Clerk, County Administrator and the Sheriff remain in closed session. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – Wilson.

The Board retired to Closed Session at 11:30 a.m.
The Board returned to Open Session at 12:07 p.m.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Smith the Union contracts with the Sheriff Deputies/Dispatchers and the Cooks/ Clerical/ Corrections be ratified for three (3) years 2016, 2017 and 2018 and that the Chairman be authorized to execute the contracts. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy; Absent – Wilson.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson that the closed session minutes of November 12, 2015 be approved. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Sherry Comben, County Treasurer addressed to the Board to dispute the statements made during public comment by Mr. Bishop. She informed the Board that as the County Treasurer, her duties in this elected position are by statute to follow the Michigan Compiled Laws; Transcripts and Abstracts of Records (Excerpt) Act 161 of 1895 MCL 48.101 Transcript and abstract of paper or record; request; fees; disposition of money; imposition of fees by certain charter counties; maximum charge per parcel record; electronic copy of records; resale for commercial purposes prohibited; "qualified data file" defined Sec. 1. Except as provided in subsection (6), a county treasurer shall make upon request a transcript of any paper or record of file in the treasurer's office for the following fees: (c) For 1 copy of any paper or documents, at the rate of 25 cents per 100 words. (7) Copies of records obtained under subsection (6) may not be resold for a commercial purpose and MCL 211.78 PA 206 of 1893 "General Property Tax Act." As the County Treasurer she requested and approved from Foreclosure Funds the assessed cost for the Baseline Environmental Assessment Report and is not sure how Mr. Bishop received a copy at no cost from Mr. Rothe.

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

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Michael Crawford, Chairman

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk