

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. Mike Bertram spoke on the Community Mental Health (CMH) Services & Jail Diversion Agreement and he spoke of concerns that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board had been dissolved at the last Board meeting and suggested that the Board reconsider their decision. He also spoke on the Director of Commission on Aging, Judy Parliament's proposal to request a full time activities coordinator position and if the current Commission on Aging 2016 budget have funds to provide for the position. Public comment closed at 9:04 a.m.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Heeres that the minutes of February 11, 2016 be approved. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator informed the Board that mediation had been held with Local Teamster 214 – Sheriff Command Unit and an agreement was reached. Mr. Garwood also made reference to a communication all the Commissioners received from Jan Boss of Charlevoix Michigan. In the communications Ms. Boss expressed concerns about a recent experience with the Antrim County Animal Shelter. Mr. Garwood indicated Sheriff Dan Bean has been researching the complaint and it will be addressed at the next Health and Public Safety Committee meeting.

Commissioner Bargy reported that the Community Mental Health (CMH) Services & Jail Diversion Agreement is not recommended at this time and will be discussed at the next Public Health and Safety Committee meeting. Ms. Bargy spoke to the members regarding Milton Townships proposed grant application to the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund for the land acquisition of the Maplehurst property and asked members to approve a letter of support for Milton Township to the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund prior to April 1, 2016.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus that the County Administrator, Peter Garwood be directed to write a letter in support of Milton Township land acquisition grant application to the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund for the Maplehurst property and that the Chairman be authorized to sign a letter of support prior to the deadline of April 1, 2016. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Wilson that claims and accounts in the amount of \$130,873.75 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 Wilson that the County Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to make a 2016 budget amendment not- to -exceed \$4,000.00 in the Forestry Fund #230 for the purchase of a permanent forestry easement to access the property gifted to the County by the Prince family, the easement be only for forestry purposes, not a public easement and be paid to the Warren family. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Barga, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Wilson that County-wide orthophotography be collected in the spring of 2016 at a cost not- to -exceed \$13,000.00 and that the Chairman be authorized to execute the Michigan Statewide Authoritative Imagery and LiDAR Program (MiSAIL) Partner Agreement between the State of Michigan and Antrim County after review by civil counsel, and that the Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to make the following Budget Amendment, required transfer for the County Treasurer, Sherry Comben to make the general fund transfer in 101-000-699.516 from the tax payment fund #516-000-999.101, with the expenditure to be posted in the general fund #101-901-980.257 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Barga, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Wilson that the Chairman be authorized to execute the communication to the Department of Management Technology and Budget (DMTB) to continue the lease agreement #10171 on a month-to-month basis with the Department of Human Services (DHHS) at the monthly rate of \$6,512.06 plus any adjustments consistent with the Antrim County Cost Allocation Plan beginning April 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, or until a new lease is approved by both parties or the State of Michigan elects to move the DHHS out of the County Building, whichever comes first be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Barga, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith to rescind all previous action regarding the provision of an “Antrim County resident discount” when camping at the Antrim County Barnes Park and approve an Antrim County Barnes Park camping fee discount of \$14.00 for Antrim County residents after an Antrim County resident has stayed at the campground six (6) days in a calendar year, with the discount to be used in that same calendar year. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Barga, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the event schedule for Art Rapids! at the Elk Rapids Day Park be approved as follows: Art Beat, June 4, 2016 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Art Camp, July 11 -14, 2016 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; and Concert in the Park, the evening of July 28, 2016. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the Recycling Program funding be submitted to the Antrim County qualified electors the question to fund or not fund at the rate of 0.25 mills (\$0.25 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) to fund the current Recycling Program and that ballot language be drafted and submitted for approval and the question be placed on the ballot at the Primary Election to be held on August 2, 2016. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson, Barga, Stanek; Absent – None.

Dewey Benson presented the Medical Examiner 2015 Annual Report.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith the Medical Examiner 2015 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Mark Stone, Antrim County Drain Commissioner and Operator of Dams presented the Operator of Dams and Antrim County Drain 2015 Annual Reports.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Marcus the Antrim County Drain and Operator of Dams 2015 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

John Strehl, Antrim County Airport Manager presented the Antrim County Airport 2015 Annual Report.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Smith the Antrim County Airport 2015 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Mike Meriwether, County Forester and Heidi Shafer, Soil Erosion Officer presented the Antrim County Conservation District, Antrim County Forestry and Antrim County Soil Erosion 2015 Annual Reports.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith the Antrim County Conservation District, Forestry and Soil Erosion 2015 Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Sheryl Guy, Antrim County Clerk presented a Qualified Voter File (QVF) update to address the Public Interest Legal Foundation alleging that Antrim County and twenty three (23) other Michigan Counties are in violation of Section 8 of the National Voting Registration Act. She explained that Michigan Election Law and Federal Law are followed which prohibits removal without voter proof and request or having not voted for six (6) consecutive years, which presents a second November General election in which the voter does not vote. All of the twenty-four (24) Counties listed are vacation spots, and voter registration doesn't always match up with primary residence as documented in the U.S. Census. Our office works with all fifteen (15) local clerks diligently to provide the very best updated data for their voter files.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the Commission on Aging Director, Judy Parliament having made the request to re-establish the full-time Activities Coordinator position and that the funds be released and authorize the hiring process to begin at a first year cost of \$31,976.54, to be paid from the Commission on Aging Fund #297 and that the Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell make the necessary transfers to line items in Fund #297 to accommodate this position and that the position of the part-time Bellaire Meal Site Coordinator be eliminated and approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bary, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the Commission on Aging Director, Judy Parliament post the position internally for five (5) days as prescribed by the General Bargaining Unit and if interest is shown from within the department that Ms. Parliament be allowed to interview and fill the position. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bary, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded Marcus that the Commission on Aging Director, Judy Parliament be authorized to begin the hiring process of the vacant position due to the full-time Activities Coordinator being hired from within the Commission on Aging and with an inter-departmental transfer of the position this may cause the full-time Commission on Aging Assistant Cook position to become vacant and pending this scenario that the funds be released and approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bary, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the funding for the Sheriff, Dan Bean be released for a Corrections Officer when the position is vacated on March 27, 2016 by the retirement of Tim Tilley, and that the funding be released for the vacant dispatcher position which will allow the Sheriff to engage in the hiring process for both positions be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bary, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement (MERS) Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreement to merge Division HA into Division HB providing all new employees of the Deputies/Dispatchers and Corrections/Cooks/Clerical bargaining units hired after January 1, 2016 with a 60-day waiting period to be effective January 1, 2016. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bary, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Marcus that the resolution be approved that Antrim County Board opposes Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for FY 2017 as proposed by the State of Michigan Health and Human Services budget that would decrease funding for North Country Community Health and transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to the Antrim County Board of Commissioners nor to persons and/or family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services from North Country Community Health. Vote as follows: Yes – Crawford, Stanek, Marcus; No – Heeres, Wilson, Bary, Boettcher, Smith, Johnson; Absent – None. **MOTION FAILS**

The Chairman directed the proposed Resolution Opposing Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for FY 2017 be sent back to the Administration and County Services Committee.

**RESOLUTION #12-2016** By Laura Stanek, seconded by Bryan Smith

**WHEREAS**, Pipeline 5, which began operation in 1953 and now owned by Enbridge, has transported Alberta crude oil and natural gas liquids from Superior, Wisconsin through 18 Michigan Counties to refineries primarily in Sarnia, Ontario – a distance of 645 miles crossing numerous wetlands, 20 rivers, the Straits of Mackinac and the St. Clair River at Marysville, Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan and Enbridge are parties to an Easement Agreement requiring Enbridge to operate the pipeline in a reasonable and prudent manner and to guarantee payment of all damages and costs from its operation of said line; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of pipeline leaks shows that there is a significant risk of severe damage and economic loss to government entities, individuals, businesses, and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Petroleum and Pipelines Task Force has recommended independent risk analysis, adequate financial assurances and independent analysis of alternatives to the existing Straits pipelines, together with disclosure of inspection data and other information; which recommendations have not yet been satisfied.

**NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The Antrim County Board of Commissioners hereby request that Governor Snyder utilize the State's authority by acting immediately to cause Line 5 to be restricted to not more than 300,000 bbl per day and its cargo be limited to non-oil products until the recommendations of the Michigan Petroleum Pipeline Task Force have been satisfied and an independent panel of pipeline experts have certified that Line 5 is safe.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Snyder, the Pipeline Advisory Board and Task Force, Attorney General Bill Schuette, U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, Senator Wayne Schmidt, and Representative Triston Cole.

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

**RESOLUTION #12-2016 DECLARED ADOPTED.**

The Chairman directed the Antrim Conservation District (ACD) Contracts be sent back to the County Administration and County Services Committee.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Jim Bertram spoke on the Board's decision to put the Recycling Program funding proposal on the ballot in the amount of 0.25 mills. Public comment closed at 12:10 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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Sheryl Guy, County Clerk

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Michael Crawford, Chairman