

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members present: David Heeres, Bob Wilson, Karen Barga, 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. Laura Sexton former County Clerk addressed the Board to congratulate them on the passage of all four (4) ballot proposals and addressed the proposed closing of the Nifty Thrifty Resale Shop asking that the Board reconsider their decision. She also encouraged the Board to replace the 1978 chairs in the Board room for public seating, stating that they are very comfortable. Public comment closed at 9:14 a.m.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator reminded the Board that the Nifty Thrifty Resale Shop proposed closing date of October 1, 2016 is to be addressed at the Building, Lands and Infrastructure Committee meeting and will be addressed in September. Also he reminded the members that the Antrim County Fair starts today and will run through the 13th of August.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Barga requested that the Capital Improvements Plan 2017-2022 with the change that the estimated network switch replacement cost be \$54,360.00 for 2017, \$25,000.00 for 2018 and \$25,000.00 for 2019 be removed from the consent agenda.

It was moved by Stanek, seconded by Johnson the Claims and Accounts totaling \$213,021.00 be approved and paid. 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 Johnson that the Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to make the appropriate line item transfers from the employee wage account, Staff Technician 101-257-704 and benefit line items attached to the position to the contractual line item 101-257-802 in the General Fund, Equalization Department #257. 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 Johnson that the Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to make a 2016 budget amendment for the Airport Fund #581 to increase the Employee Annuity Benefit account #581-295-741 in the amount of \$5,000.00 and that she decrease the Funds for Health Insurance account #581-295-716 in the amount of \$19,500.00. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Barga, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Commissioner Stanek announced the upcoming 2017 Budget meetings of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee of the Whole.

James Rossiter, Antrim County Prosecutor presented the 2015 Prosecuting Attorney Office Annual Report.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Wilson that the 2015 Prosecuting Attorney Office Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried all present voting yes.

Jim Peters gave a presentation to the Board on Hydrologic Fracturing “Fracking”, a scientifically safe and sound process that has been used in Michigan in over 12,000 wells over the past 60 years without any instances of adverse environmental impact from the process. Some operations use more water than others although overall mining, including oil and gas production uses an estimated 1% of the nation’s commercial water.

It was moved by Bargy, seconded by Johnson that the minutes of July 14, 2016 be approved. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Smith that the 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Plan with the change that the estimated network switch replacement cost be \$54,360.00 for 2017, \$25,000.00 for 2018 and \$25,000.00 for 2019 be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bargy, Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that Mark Stone, Operator of Dams be approved to participate with the Three Lakes Association to apply for and implement an aquatic habitat improvement grant, at no cost to the County. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson; No – Bargy, Marcus; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Smith that the request being made from Grass River Natural Area to add the Grass River Natural Area kayak launch to the Chain of Lakes Water Trail Map 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 communications from Wonderland Holdings, LLC be addressed by civil counsel with the request for options regarding resolving ownership of the former Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company located in Custer Township legal address T29N-R7W, Section 6: South ½ abandoned railroad right-of-way. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargy, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Johnson that the matter regarding removal of parcel 05-01-136-007-00 in Section 36 of Town 32 North, Range 9 West documented in Attachment “A” of the Forestry Property Area Ordinance with the parcel being considered in a land swap, be sent to legal counsel as the Ordinance language states that a sale or disposal of forest lands in attachment “A” to be submitted to the qualified voters of the County and be approved by a three-fifths (3/5) majority vote of the electors be **TABLED**.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the Equalization Departments public counter/window be closed by installing a temporary wall to close off the service window and that a sign be posted directing the public with Equalization questions to enter the office through the office door, with the funding for the project to be paid from the General Fund, County Building & Grounds Department #265 line item #932 Building Maintenance be approved. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson, Bary; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Heeres that the proposed reimbursement agreement between Antrim County and former employee Casey Guthrie for the reimbursement of costs associated with receiving the Michigan Advanced Assessing Officer (MAAO) Level 3 certification through the Michigan Certified Assessing Officer Program paid by the County in the amount of \$3,311.01,. Mr. Guthrie shall payback the cost per contract agreement over a one (1) year period, at the rate of \$275.94 per month starting in August 2016 and ending July 2017. 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 Marcus that Bryan Smith be appointed as the Commissioner representative for the civil case having been filed in the 13th Circuit Court File No. 16-9005-CH Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Co., a Delaware limited liability company v. Domingo Benitez and Maria Benitez husband and wife; Antrim County Housing Committee, a committee of the Antrim County Housing Department; and Alden State Bank, a state-chartered bank. 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 Stanek that the County Parks seasonal employees hourly rate be increased by one dollar (\$1.00) per hour effective Friday, August 12, 2016 and that the Financial Fiscal Officer, Deb Haydell be authorized to make the appropriate budget amendments. Motion carried as follows: Heeres, Bary, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Wilson; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek that the funds be released and authorize the Sheriff to begin the hiring process to fill the position of a full-time 911 Dispatcher. 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 County Administrator be authorized to request other insurance carrier option plans to offer the County employees, due to the double digit increases in premiums of the County employees current health insurance plans through current provider Priority Health and that the administrator seek two (2) additional Health Insurance Plan quotes. 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 Equalization Clerk II full-time position be filled by applicant Keegan Bengel at the 2016 two (2) year wage scale of the General Union contract rate being paid in the amount of \$15.28 per hour, and with all benefits afforded per contract. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – Bary; Absent – None.

It was moved by Boettcher, seconded by Stanek to authorize immediately on an emergency basis, and approve retrospectively, contracting with Allison Thompson, Michigan Certified Assessing Officer (MACO,) to perform the duties of deed entry consistent with Computer Aided Mass Appraisal (CAMA) guidelines; and correct the County sales database back to September 30, 2014 to the ending of the contract, in the Equalization Department; and the contract cost in the amount of \$12,480.00 for a three month period; and that two (2) audits be performed by the State of Michigan, one which will be on September 15, 2016, approximately midway through the corrections, the other which will be performed on or about October 15, 2016 upon completed work; and that payment be made at the rate of \$6,240.00 and after each successful audit and no payments to be paid if audit is unsuccessful. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Wilson, Bargo, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Bargo, seconded by Wilson that an additional one (1) full time employee staff member be authorized to the 13th Circuit Court Community Corrections to be paid for by the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Corrections Grant and at no additional cost to Antrim County for the 2017 grant year, nor for two (2) subsequent years. Motion carried as follows: Yes- Heeres, Wilson, Bargo, Boettcher, Smith, Crawford, Stanek, Johnson, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

RESOLUTION # 20-2016 By Karen Bargo, seconded by Christian Marcus

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
PLAN AND GRANT APPLICATION FISCAL YEAR 2017
ANTRIM COUNTY 13TH CIRCUIT COURT
RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR FY 2015**

13th CIRCUIT COURT CORRECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION TO MDOC FOR FY 2017

WHEREAS, THE YEARLY Plans and Services Grant Application to the Department of Corrections, Office of Community Alternatives, has been submitted to the Board of Commissioner for approval, and

WHEREAS, the grant is for one (1) year starting with October 1, 2016 and is consistent with the funding amount of \$269,186.00 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 and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that Antrim County approves the submission of the 13th Circuit Court Community Corrections FY 2017 Grant Application as presented.

Yes – David Heeres, Bob Wilson, Karen Bargo, Ed Boettcher, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson, Christian Marcus;

No – None;

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION # 20-2016 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Commissioner Johnson requested that the Prince Property easement agreement continue to be **TABLED** until the September 8, 2016 Board meeting, with other land owners involved that legal counsel review proposed easement agreement and provide legal opinion.

Commissioner Bargy spoke on the information provided to seven (7) of the nine (9) Commissioners regarding the presentation of Mr. Peters – Hydrologic Fracturing “Fracking” all commissioners should have received this information. Commissioner Wilson reported that the 911 Board will make a recommendation to the Health and Public Safety Committee that the MCC7500 console upgrade be considered and request their approval. Commissioner Crawford announced that the Village of Central Lake has received a Rising Tide grant an initiative envisioned by the Governor and implemented by Talent and Economic Development (TED) with the mission of supplying at-risk communities with the tools needed to design and build a successful economic framework. The County should be talking to Charlevoix to discuss high speed internet collaboration. Corey Copeland from Benzie County has requested that our Airport Manager, John Strehl be allowed to spend a day at the Benzie County Airport due to the recent downgrade of their Airport, they are looking for input and direction from Mr. Strehl whom has a very good reputation as an Airport Manager.

It was moved by Wilson, seconded by _____ that the 13th Circuit Court Judges be waived appearing in person to present their 2015 Annual Report. **MOTION FAILS – NO SUPPORT**

Public Comment: There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Michael Crawford, Chairman

Sheryl Guy, County Clerk